

Easy Hooping Instructions for Small and Large Cosmetic Bags

The following are a few tricks of the trade to make hooping our Small and Large Cosmetic bags easy!

The basic procedure is one known as the “hoopless” method and works well for many small or hard to hoop items or items you prefer not to hoop. It is accomplished by hooping the stabilizer, but not the actual item, then sticking the item to the hooped stabilizer using a temporary adhesive spray.

Here are the basics:

First, hoop a piece of mid-weight tear-away style stabilizer.

Next, spray the hooped stabilizer with a temporary fabric adhesive like the 505 Spray we offer at www.embroiderthis.com.

Then adhere the area of the item to be embroidered directly to the sticky surface of the hooped stabilizer and you are ready to stitch!

If your embroidery machine offers a basting function, you may want to baste around the design area before you start stitching out the design for added security. If the item is extremely bulky I have found it easiest to hand baste the item to the stabilizer. For most items, the fabric adhesive spray is enough to hold the item securely without the added basting step.

Now that you understand the basics, here are the details on how to get a nice flat exposed area for stitching on items like the cosmetic bags.

To expose and flatten the design area for stitching, first turn the item inside out! This makes it quite easy to flatten and isolate the area to be stitched. Roll any excess material out of the way and secure. I have used double sided tape, pins, and binder clips (available at office supply stores) to secure the extra material out of the way. My recent discovery and by far my favorite choice is either Duct Tape or Super Sticky Dap® StikArounds™ adhesive dots. Both products have great temporary adhesive power and will hold the extra fabric out of the way while you stitch. The duct tape and StikArounds™ are easy to remove cleanly after stitching is complete. These products are widely distributed by hardware, office supply and large general retail stores.



Happy Stitching!

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