

Embroidered Caddy for Janome America

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Materials:

Before cutting red fabric, apply a soft fusible web to the back of the fabric. Then cut pieces as needed below.

- Janome 15000
- White fabric: 12x12 inch piece cut into to and trimmed to size
- Red fabric for caddy: fat quarter
- Red fabric for divider
- By Annie's Soft and Stable (or other foam stabilizer) 13 x 18 inches or other foam or somewhat rigid stabilizer that will keep its shape
- Hoop S_23
- Embroidery Stabilizer: I used white felt which I left in the project
- Red embroidery thread: I used Superior Threads Trilobal 40-wt. Polyester
- Red bobbin thread: I used Superior Threads Bottom Line
- White thread if stitching in the ditch on the handles.

Since it would be fun to make each side coordinating but different, I am providing materials and measurements for each side. You can make them the same as I did as a gift for a friend who loves red, or mix and match.

Side 1 -- Initials and Heart:

Red 40-wt shiny Poly or rayon thread

Matching bobbin thread

5 x 10 inch piece of white fabric (or larger to fit hoop)

Embroidery Stabilizer—I used white felt

Two 5 x 1 ½ inch pieces of red fabric (sewn to sides of white panel)

2x10 inch piece of red fabric (sewn to bottom of Heart)

7 ½ x 10 inch piece of red fabric (sewn to top and lining)

5x8 inch piece of Foam Stabilizer; I used By Annie's Soft and Stable

Side 2 -- Sewing Machine, on p. 169 in the Manual (shown in black)

Red 40-wt shiny Poly or rayon thread

Matching bobbin thread

5 ½ by 10 inch piece of white fabric (or larger to fit hoop)

Embroidery Stabilizer—I used white felt

Two 6 x 1 ½ inch pieces of red fabric (sewn to sides of panel)

1 ¼" x 10 inch piece of red fabric (sewn to bottom of sewing machine panel)
6 ½ or 7 x 10 inch piece of red fabric (sewn to top and lining)
5x8 inch piece of Foam Stabilizer

Ends—make two; if you want both ends in the same fabric, double the amount below

5 x 12 inch piece of red fabric
4x5 piece of foam stabilizer

Base:

Two pieces of red fabric, each 5 ½ by ten inches: make sure it is pre-fused.
4x8 inch piece of foam stabilizer

Handles:

White fabric 1 ½ " wide by 20 inches long (or two pieces, each 10" long)
Stabilizer—leave-in kind
Two strips red fabric 2 ½ inches by 8 inches
Two squares 2 ½ inches each.

Instructions:

Prepare each piece of white fabric for embroidery.
Embroider the sewing machine design using instructions in manual using hoop S_23.
Trim to 5x8 inches.

Using the built-in capabilities of the machine, create your design for the other side of the caddy. Stack two or three initials on the left. I used the Galant font (p. 173 in manual). Center the heart on the right so that it is even with the center initial. Embroider design. Do not cut away stabilizer.

Using a lightweight fusible web (Mistifuse is my favorite), fuse the embroidered panels to the foam stabilizer using low heat. The sewing machine panel is the same size as the foam. The initials and heart white fabric is smaller, so be sure to center it on the panel.

Optional: machine quilt the white background.

Sew 5 x 1 ½ inch pieces of red fabric to each side of heart panel. Trim to be even with white at top and bottom. Finger press, then iron press fabric away from center.

HINT: your presser foot may drag on the fusible that has been applied to the back of the red fabric. Layer a strip of tissue, parchment or tracing paper between the fabric and the presser foot. The foot will feed easily over the paper, and the stitching will

perforate the paper and make it easy to remove before pressing and assembling the caddy.

Sew 2 x 10 inch piece of red fabric to bottom of heart panel. Trim and press as above.
Sew 7 ½ x 10 inch piece of red fabric to top of heart panel. Trim and press as above.

Sew 6 x 1 ½ inch pieces of red fabric to each side of sewing machine panel. Trim and press as above.

Sew 1 ¼ x 10 inch piece of red fabric to bottom of sewing machine panel.

Sew 6 ½ x 10 inch piece of red fabric to top of panel sewing machine panel.

Carefully wrap the top/lining around the top of the foam stabilizer and fuse to the back of the foam stabilizer.

From the front, press the fabric that extends beyond the edge of the foam ; the seam allowances will fuse together. Trim seam allowances to ½ inch.

Ends and base:

Ends: finger crease fused red fabric to find center. Place center on top edge of one piece of 4x5 foam stabilizer. Fuse in place. Wrap fabric to inside and fuse, then press the excess fabric together from the front as you did with the embroidered panels. Trim seam allowances to ½” .

Bottom: center one piece of fabric on foam stabilizer base and fuse in place. Flip over and repeat fusing and trimming process.

Handles:

Select a decorative stitch no wider than 1/2” and sew two columns 8 inches long , leaving an inch between the two. I used Stitch 54 with the stitch length reduced to 1.3.

Trim white fabric into two strips one inch wide, with the decorative stitch centered.

Sew 2 ½” x 10 inch strip to each side of each strip. Press to side. Fold red fabric and wrap to back side. Hand stitch in place or stitch in the ditch on the top on the white.

Cut two straps about 7 inches long. For each handle, Wrap bottom with red square, turning under the edges. Center on the top of each end panel about 1 inch below top. Stitch in place.

Bag Construction:

Sew the four sides of the bag together using a zipper foot with the needle snugged to the far left to get your stitching as close as possible to the foam without stitching into the foam.

STOP stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the bottom of the bag and backstitch or use the lock stitch.

Before sewing the fourth seam, if desired use an overcast or satin stitch to clean finish the saw seam edges. If desired, hand sew the overcast seam allowances to the inside of the bag. Sew the fourth seam; if desired clean finish the edges. Leave the sides with the outside facing in.

Carefully pin the bottom to the sides. Again, use the zipper foot and stitch as closely as possible to the foam stabilizer. Optional: clean-finish the seams.

Turn right side out.

Optional divider:

Cut one piece of mat board or other very rigid board 8 x 5 inches tall.
Cut two pieces of mat board or similar $4\frac{1}{4}$ x 5 inches tall.

In the center of the small pieces, cut a $\frac{1}{8}$ " opening that is $2\frac{1}{2}$ " tall going vertically. On the large piece of mat board, cut two openings of $\frac{1}{8}$ " at desired location.

Cut pre-fused red fabric (I used one in the same color as my bag but was a different print) as follows:

For large board: cut fabric 9 inches wide by 11 inches tall.
For smaller pieces, cut two pieces, each is $5\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by 11 inches tall.

Fuse fabric to one side of the board, allowing a half inch "wrap/seam" allowance on the bottom and side edges. Snip the seam allowance at the top edge. Wrap side and bottom seam allowances to the unfinished side of board and press. Wrap the rest of the fabric snugly around the top, fuse to the second side, then fuse the seam allowances as before. Feel for the $\frac{1}{8}$ " opening you cut in the board and cut a slit there.

Fit the three boards together (like in a carton of wine) and tuck into your caddy.

Enjoy!