

Hurray For the Array Tote

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The Array Tool in Artistic Digitizer is a great way to create multiples at a click of a mouse. You can create a focal fabric for bags table runners or anything you can think of. Focal fabric can be a fun way of adding interest and texture to any project.

Skill level: Advanced beginner

Time: 1 Day

Note: Measurements for this pattern is based on an embroidery design 6.5" x 7.75". Some adjustments may need to be made if your design is not the same size.

Janome Supplies:

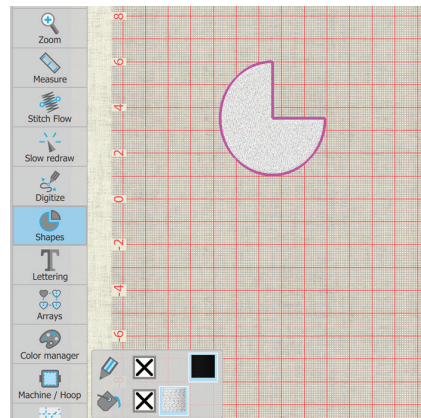
- Artistic Digitizer
- Embroidery and sewing machine
- 1/4" Seam foot O
- Edge Guide foot

Fabric, Notions:

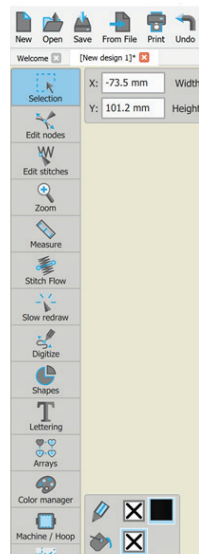
- 1/2 yard of lining fabric
- 1/4 yard for straps
- 1/3 yard canvas
- 1/4 yard of Leather, cork, or a sturdy accent fabric
- 30 wt. cotton thread or embroidery thread
- Fabric marking pen
- Wonderclips
- Tearaway stabilizer
- Embroidery thread
- Spray adhesive
- Basic sewing supplies

Software Directions:

1. Open Artistic Digitizer.
2. Open a new page.
3. Create a shape, either by free hand drawing or picking a shape from the Shape Tool.

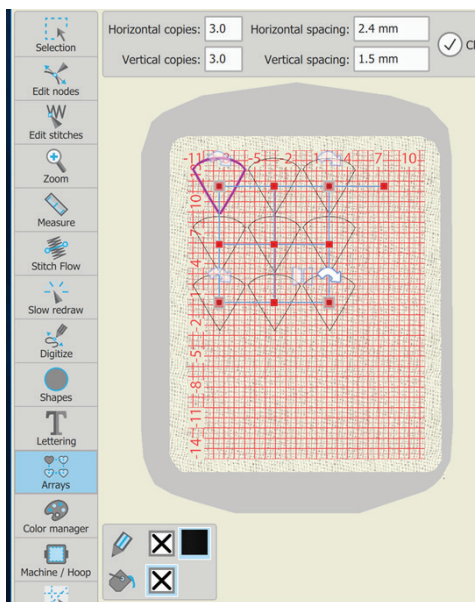


4. Edit your shape, by changing the size, angle.
5. Deselect the Fill button, to create just an outline of your shape.

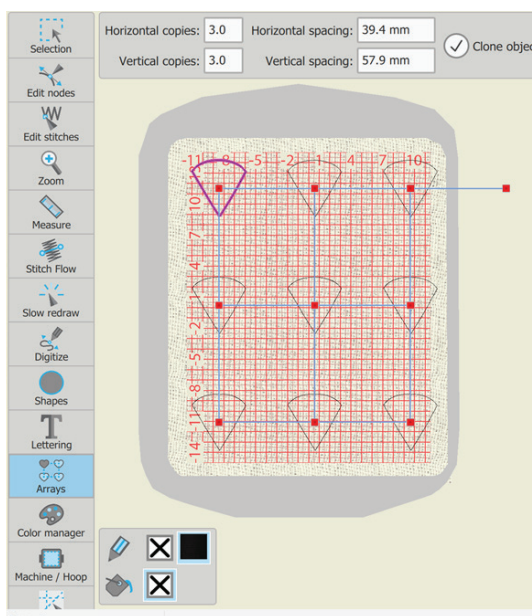


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6. Select Edit Nodes Tool to do even more editing if you would like.
7. Once you're are happy with your shape, place it in top left-hand corner of your work area.
8. Select Array Tool – select rectangle array.



9. This will multiply your design, you can also change the number of repeats.
10. You now can change the spacing between each design- by moving the bottom right Handle (red square node).



11. Each design has a red node in the center of it- place your cursor next to the node and you can change the direction of the shape.
12. Once you are happy with your design select Apply.
13. You can continue to edit your design on the main work screen.
14. Save design as a .Draw file and save it again as a .JEF file.

Fabric Cutting Directions:

1. Canvas cut (2) 19.5"x 8"
2. Leather cut (2) 19"x 8.5"
3. Lining cut (2) 19"x 16.75"
4. Straps cut (2) 36"x 4.5"
5. Main fabric cut (2) 24"x 10.5"
6. Draw a line one inch from the raw edge of the top (24") side
7. Draw a line one inch from the raw edge on the left (10.5") side
8. This will create a 90-degree angle in the top left-hand side of the fabric.

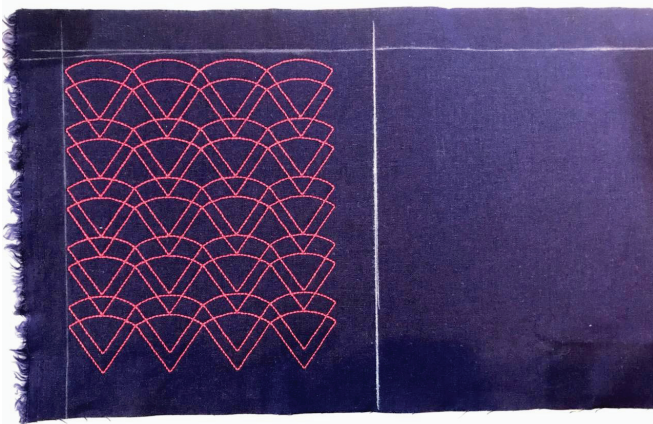
Embroidery Directions:

1. Load design on to your Janome embroidery machine.
2. Hoop tearaway stabilizer.
3. Spray a thin layer of Spray Adhesive on stabilizer.
4. Place main fabric (24"x 10.5") on top of the stabilizer, lining up the drawn lines on the fabric to the lines on the plastic removable grid that came with the hoop.

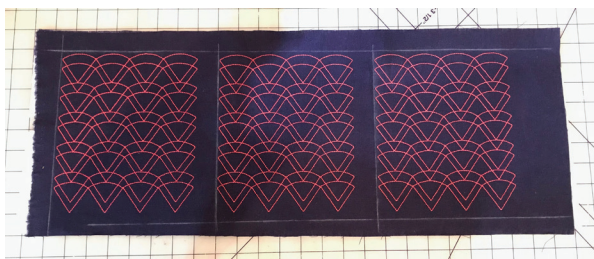


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5. Once the lines match up, press in place to secure fabric to stabilizer.
6. Remove plastic grid and load on machine.
7. Stitch out your digitized design.
8. Remove hoop from machine and remove from hoop.
9. Tearaway any extra stabilizer.
10. Draw a line one inch from the right side of the stitched-out design.



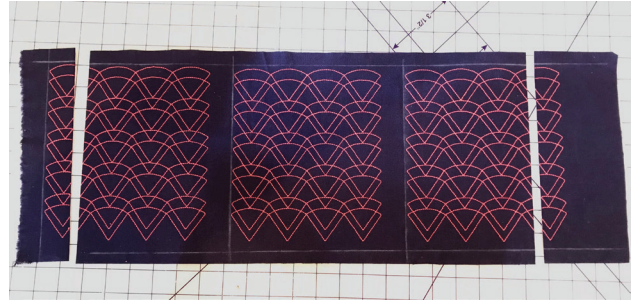
11. Repeat steps 2 – 9 creating a second design one inch from the first.
12. Draw a line one inch from the right side of the last stitched out design.
13. Repeat sets 2 - 9 creating a third design one inch from the second design.
14. You will now have three designs stitched out one-inch apart.



15. Repeat above steps for the other side of the bag (24" x 10.5" main fabric).

Trim:

1. Trim the top of the embroidered fabric .75" along the 24" side.
2. Trim the bottom of the embroidered fabric 1" along the 24" side.
3. Trim both sides evenly so the width measures 19.5".



4. Repeat steps 1 - 3 for other side of bag.

Sewing Instructions:

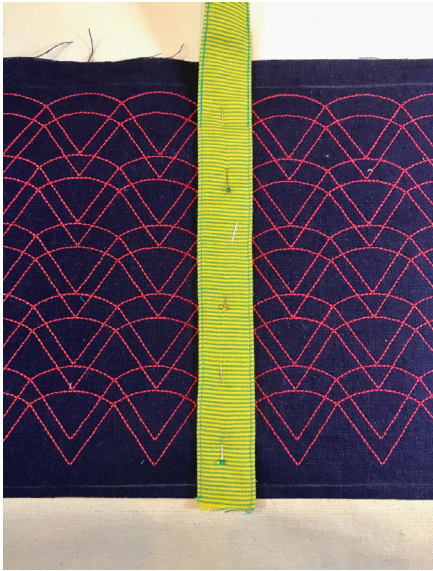
1. Sew canvas to the bottom of the embroidered fabric.



2. Press seam open.
3. Repeat step 1 and 2 to other side of bag.
4. For the 4.5" x 36" straps, fold and press strap in half, matching the two 36" sides, creating a center fold. Unfold.
5. Refold and press the raw edges of the 36" side to the center fold line.

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6. Fold strap along the original fold line.
7. This will make a 1" strap.
8. Repeat steps 4 – 7 for remaining strap.
9. With the edge guide foot topstitch both straps on both sides using an 1/8 seam allowance.
10. Place straps on embroidered fabric in the 1" openings.



11. Pin straps in place.
12. Topstitch straps in place (the triple stitch can be a nice stitch to use).
13. Sewing leather accent - Place leather over canvas, making sure to cover the raw edges of the straps.
14. Using edge guide foot topstitch 1/8" from edge.



15. Repeat for the other side of bag.
16. Lining - Sew around the bottom and sides leaving an opening in the middle of the bottom of the lining for turning later.

Sewing Bag Together:

1. Pin the exterior of the bag together, making sure to match to leather on sides.
1. Use Wonderclips to secure leather sides.
2. Sew the exterior of the bag together.
3. Place exterior of the bag inside of the lining right sides together..
4. Sew around the perimeter using a 1/4 seam allowance.
5. Turn bag inside out using the opening in the lining.
6. Press and topstitch around the top of the bag.

Give yourself a pat on the back because you are done! Enjoy!