

Sasher Bag



Fabrics and Supplies:

Main fabric-----10 ½" x 25 ½" (26 cm x 64 cm)

Lining fabric-----10 ½" x 25 ½" (26cm x 64 cm)

Wadding-----10 ½" x 25 ½" (26 cm x 64 cm)

Binding-----Skinny ¼ (25 cm)

The Pepper / Flange strip on the binding----Skinny 1/8th (13 cm)

A mix of scraps or fat ¼'s for the bias strips, flowers and the elastic straps

2 Buttons (flower center and bag fastener)

45" (115 cm) of half inch elastic

Sashing tools

Open Toe foot and ¼" foot



Draw or copy the Design to the top of the main fabric.

Sandwich / Baste together the main fabric, wadding and lining. Then quilt. I have done a cross hatch design but you can do any quilting pattern. Once the piece is quilted trim back to 9 ½" (24 cm) x 24 ½" (61 cm)

Cut the elastic in to 10" (26 cm) pieces

Cut 4----- 1 ¾" x 17 ½" strips from 4 different fabrics to cover the elastic.

Fold the strips RST length ways and stitch a ¼ inch seam along the length. Then turn out the right side. Press with the seam in the center of the strip. Thread the elastic through each of the fabric tube you have made. He seam stitche line will be in the back center of the covered elastic. Stitch the elastic at one end so it wont pull right through, gather up the fabric tube to fit the elastic. Stitch the second end. Make sure the fabric is evenly gathered along the elastic.

From the bottom of the bag. On each side measure up and mark at 3", 6 ½", 11 ½" and 20". Draw a line across the bag matching the measured marks you have made. Pin and stitch one end of the elastic to the marks on one side of the bag. Lay the elastic across the drawn line of the bag and pin and stitch to the other side. You may have a little extra of the elastic hanging over the edge. This can be trimmed away once you have the elastic stitched in place.

The sashers are all the same width 1 ½". Lay six sashers on the elastic strip evenly and mark between each sashers. This will be the stitch line to hold each of the sashers in place in the bag. I have used the Mono Poly thread in the bobbin and top so you cannot see the stitches on the bag. Do a double stitch to make it a little stronger. The second and third elastic strips have 4 sasher and the three Little Triangle rulers. The rulers go through both elastic strips. (Because they are so long.) Mark a stitch line between each sasher and the triangle rulers. Again, do a double stitch on the marked lines.

The 4th elastic strip is opinionable. At the moment the bag will carry 10 sashers and 3 triangle rulers. If you would like to carry more sasher you can place the 4th elastic strip at the 20" mark at the top section of the bag.

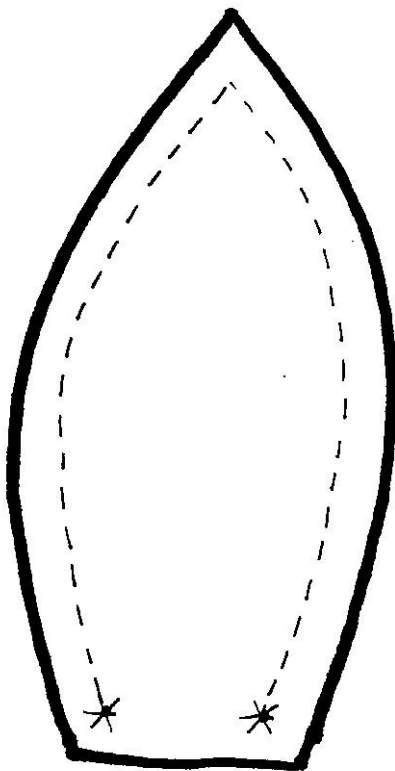
But first we have to do the design on the front of the bag.

The design should already be drawn on the front of the bag. This is just an idea for a design, you can change it if you like.

With 4 different colour fabrics make a small bias strip with the ¼" or ⅛" sasher tools. The instruction on how to use the tools come with the sashers. The QAYG Book also has all the instructions on how to use the tools.

Glue the bias strips on to the design you have drawn. Stitch down once all the strips have been glued in place. I like to use the Open Toe foot and that way you can stitch very close to the edge of the strip. Do a straight stitch on both sides of the bias strip. There are no rules you can do any stitch you like.

Flower petal template



With the template trace 10 flower petal on to the wrong side of your fabric. Cut out the flower petals. Place 2 petals RST (right sides together). Start from the bottom of the petal and stitch all the way around the shape leaving opening at the end. Don't stitch across the bottom.

Turn the petals out to the right side.

Run a hand gather stitch across the bottom of each petal. Gather up as much as you can. Doing it by hand you will get a closer / neater gather then doing it on the machine.

****If you would like to attach the 4th elastic strip** for Exeter sasher you can do that now.

At the 20" measured mark stitch the elastic to one sides. Lay across the bag to the other 20" mark and stitch in place Doing the Stitch lines between the sashes that will hold them in place is a little harder this time. Because you don't want to ruin the design on the front of your bag. Using the Molo Poly thread in the bobbin will help hide your stitches.

Go back to the design on the front of the bag and glue the petals in the center of the design to cover all the bias joins. Once you are happy with your placement of the petals stitch them to the bag.

You can use a large button or a yoyo to cover the center of the flower to hide all the petal ends. Again, this is your choice.

Single side Peeper Binding:

Binding--- Cut 2 strips across the width of the fabric at 1 ½"

Peeper strip---- Cut 2 strips across the width of the fabric at 1"

Loop to hold the bag closed----Cut a ½" strip x 6 ½"

Join the 2 binding strips together length ways with a mitered join. This will make one long strip. Do the same with the peeper strip.

Place the 1" peeper strip in the ½" sashing tool to fold and press it in half. Instructions on how to fold the fabric with the sahers come with the Sashing tools or you can find the instructions in the QSYG Book.

Stitch the folded peeper / flanges strip to one side of the binding strip. All raw edges to the outside of the strips. Folded edge to the center. Make sure the seam joins in the binding strip and peeper strip do not meet up. Stagger one strip to stop this from happening.

Use the 1 ½" sashing tool to fold and press out the peeper / flanges. The seam will be folded back on to the back of the binding strip.

Use the ¼" sasher to fold the 6 ½" strip to the center to make bias. Fold again, in half this time. To do this put the strip through the 1/8" sasher. Then stitch along the length of the strip. This is to make the loop for holding the bag closed.

Fold the 1/8" strip in half to make a loop. On the inside of the bag place the loop in the center at the bottom of the bag. Make the loop big enough to fit over the button you have to close the bag. Glue or stitch in place.

Stitch the binding to the inside of the bag. Leave a 10" tail before you start stitching. So, you can join the binding at the ends. Start half way down one of the long sides of the bag. Making sure you cover the ends of the loop strip as you go. Once you have stitched the binding all the way around the bag stop 10" from where you started. Take the bag out from the machine and join the ends together with a mitered join. Once the join has been done go back and finish stitching the binding in place.

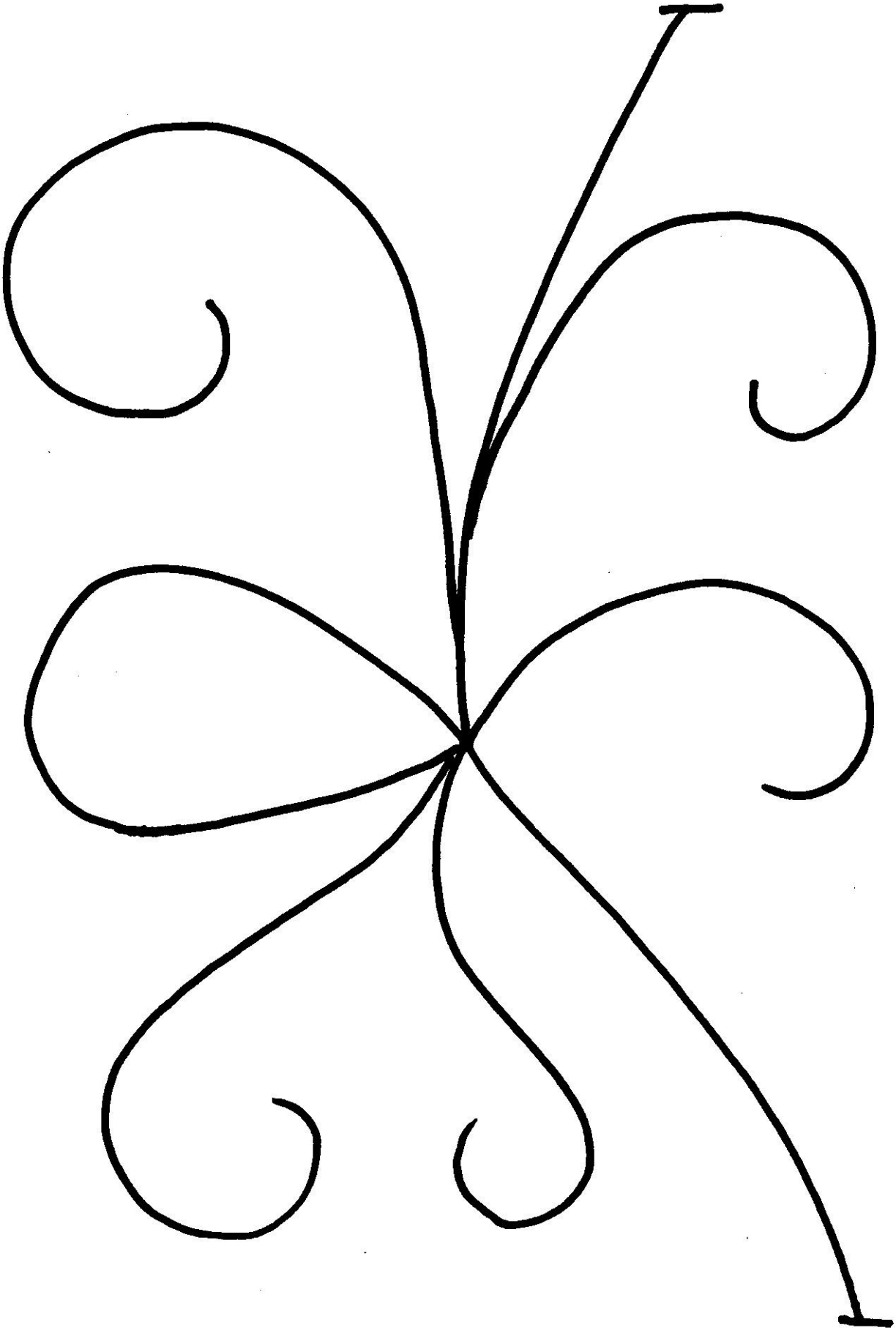
Fold the Peeper binding to the front of the bag so the seam of the peeper and binding sits right on the stitch line. Glue along the stitch line as you are folding. Once the seam stitched line is covered you can stitch the binding down. Use the Mono Poly thread so you can't see the stitches. Stitch in the ditch between the peeper and binding.

Fold the bag closed to find the placement for the fastening button.

Fold the bag up from the bottom between the two bottom rows of sashers. Now fold the top down over the bottom fold. The triangle rulers will govern how or where this fold will be.

Press the loop down from the inside of the bag. You can now see where you have to stitch the button. I have use a covered button and covered it in the same fabric as the bag front. Once you have the placement for the button stitch in place.

The Bags is all finished. You can now fill it with your wonderful sashing tools



Design lay out sheet for the front of the bag