

# SINGER<sup>®</sup> FUTURA<sup>™</sup> Sewing & Embroidery Machine Cosmetic Bag



Create this simple cosmetic bag using your SINGER<sup>®</sup> FUTURA<sup>™</sup> Sewing and Embroidery Machine. The software's built-in embroidery lettering feature not only allows you to create text, it offers many choices of text layouts so you can add that designer touch!

## Shopping List:

- □ ¾ yard fabric for outer bag
- □ <sup>5</sup>⁄<sub>8</sub> yard fabric for lining
- □ ½ yard fleece or low-loft batting
- One 12" zipper
- □ All-purpose thread for construction
- Rayon thread for embroidery
- Bobbin thread

- □ Air soluble or water soluble fabric marker
- □ One piece of tear-away stabilizer 18" x 12"
- □ Assorted beads for zipper pull (optional)
- □ Heavy duty thread (for sewing beads onto zipper pull)
- □ SINGER<sup>®</sup> Chromium Embroidery Needles (Style 2000, size 14)
- Hand sewing needle
- Ruler



## Fabric Preparation:

1. From outer fabric, cut one piece measuring 27" x 20". To mark position for embroidery, use fabric marker and a ruler. Mark a line 9" from top raw edge and at vertical center.



- 2. From the lining fabric, cut one piece measuring 13" x 181/2".
- 3. From the fleece or low-loft batting, cut one piece measuring 13" x 181/2".
- 4. Place outer fabric over 18" x 12" tear-away stabilizer, having one 12" edge matching the top, raw edge of the outer fabric piece.
- 5. Place them together in the large embroidery hoop, matching the lines drawn in step 1 with the vertical and horizontal markings on the inner embroidery hoop frame.

#### At the Computer:

- 1. Set the SINGER<sup>®</sup> FUTURA<sup>™</sup> Sewing and Embroidery Machine to embroidery mode. Connect the USB cable between the machine and the computer. Open the software for the SINGER<sup>®</sup> FUTURA<sup>™</sup> machine and then turn on the machine.
- 2. Click on the Lettering icon, located in the horizontal tool bar, to open the Lettering program. After clicking on the Lettering icon, the Lettering toolbar will appear on screen.





- 3. Select desired font. (**Times Large** font was used for the bag that appears in the photograph on page 1.)
- 4. Type in the word *cosmetics* in the frame. The word will appear in a "wire frame" mode in the hoop on screen.



5. If desired, change the layout, or "frame" of the text. There are 30 different frame styles from which to choose. To access the frame choices, in the Lettering toolbar, click on the frames icon. Select desired frame shape. (The upward curved banner was used in the bag that appears in the photograph on page 1.)

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6. Select desired height. It is possible to either select the height measurement from the drop down menu, OR type in the size desired. The height measurement used for our bag is 200mm (see below).



7. Right click anywhere on the screen. A pop-up menu appears, offering some options. Select **Advanced Spacing**.

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8. Type in **21** as the number between the first and second letter. This can be done to each space individually, OR select **Apply All** to register this change to all spaces of the text. Click **OK**. The change will be done automatically.

Note: If more spacing is desired between specific letters, this can be done individually by simply typing in the desired number in the space then click OK.

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9. Right click anywhere on the screen. A pop-up menu appears. Left click on **Stitch It!** The design frame will change to a stitched out view, OR select the **Stitch It!** icon on the Lettering toolbar to show a stitched out version of the design.





- 10. If desired, a realistic view of the design (as it will look when actually stitched out) can be previewed. To do this, in the main menu, go to **View**, and then scroll down to **Realistic View**.
- 11. Place a bobbin wound with bobbin thread into the bobbin case. For embroidery, a SINGER<sup>®</sup> Chromium Embroidery Needle (SINGER<sup>®</sup> Style 2000, size 14) is recommended. Thread the top of the machine with rayon embroidery thread, and use bobbin thread in the bobbin.



12. Attach the hoop to the machine. Transmit design to machine by clicking on machine icon on the tool bar. Send the design to machine for stitching, and then stitch out *cosmetics*.

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- 13. Remove fabric from hoop. Remove stabilizer following manufacturer's recommendations.
- 14. Cut the embroidered piece so it measures  $13" \times 18\%"$ , making sure the bottom edge of the embroidered design will be 5%" from the top cut edge and centered horizontally on the piece.

### At the Machine

- 15. Convert the SINGER<sup>®</sup> FUTURA<sup>™</sup> Sewing and Embroidery Machine to regular sewing mode (for more information, see instruction manual). Thread the top of the machine as well as the bobbin with all-purpose sewing thread.
- 16. Machine baste the fleece to the wrong side of the embroidered fabric piece  $\frac{3}{10}$ " from raw edge. Place a mark at the center of each  $18\frac{1}{2}$ " edge of the pouch piece.





17. Place the zipper foot onto the machine's presser foot holder. Center the right side of the zipper onto the right side of one top edge of the pouch piece. Machine baste in place.



- 18. Fold the zipper to the back side. Topstitch close to fold near the zipper teeth.
- 19. Repeat steps 17 and 18 for the other side of the zipper.
- 20. Unzip the zipper about half way. Fold the piece, right sides together, so zipper teeth match markings made in step 16.



- 21. Sew across each side using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
- 22. To box the corners, fold so that the side seam matches the crease at the bottom of the bag. Mark 1¾" from the point. Draw a line across fabric from fold to fold. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim off the excess from point, leaving a ¼" seam allowance.





- 23. Repeat step 22 for the remaining three corners of the pouch.
- 24. Place a mark at center of each 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" edge of lining piece. (see diagram from step 16).
- 25. Press under ½" on each 13" edge of the lining.
- 26. Fold the piece right sides together, so that the pressed-under edges match the markings on the 18½" edge. Stitch across each side.



- 27. To box corners of lining, fold so the side seam matches the crease at the bottom of bag. Mark 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from the point. Draw a line across fabric from fold to fold. Stitch on line. (see diagram step 22).
- 28. Place the wrong side of the lining to the wrong side of the cosmetic pouch, matching openings. Pin in place. Hand stitch the lining to the pouch zipper tape.
- 29. Turn right side out.
- 30. If desired, string beads onto heavy duty thread. Tie securely to zipper tab for a decorative zipper pull.

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