



“UNCLE SAM TOTE ”



Celebrate July 4th with this Uncle Sam tote bag, complete with a LetterWorks USA zippered coin bag.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Ellageo

Baby Lock Memory Card (BLDP-P04)

Various colors embroidery thread

Tear-away stabilizer

Bobbin thread

1/4-yard white cotton fabric for embroidered centerpieces

Two yards blue patriotic cotton

1/4-yard red cotton

Two 15" x 17" pieces of fusible batting

One yard of ostrich trim

All purpose thread to match fabrics

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler

Marking pen or chalk

Machine embroidery temporary spray adhesive

7" zipper

One button 1/4" to 3/4" in size

Instructions:

1/2" seams

Tote:

1. Hoop the white fabric piece and tear away stabilizer.
2. Select the Uncle Sam nutcracker design and embroider, using your preference of embroidery thread colors.
3. When the embroidery is complete, remove the design from the hoop and tear-away any excess stabilizer. Lightly press.
4. Using the rotary cutter, mat and ruler, trim the white fabric around the design. The block should measure approximately 9" x 13".
5. From the blue patriotic print cut the following:
 - Two 3" x 15"
 - Two 4-1/2" x 13"
 - Two 5" x 28"
 - Three 15" x 17" for bag back and lining
6. To make handles, press under 1/2" on both long sides of the 5" x 28" strips.
7. Fold the strips in half and stitch closed using a decorative stitch of your choice. Set the handles aside.
8. Stitch the 4 1/2" x 13" to the left and right sides of the embroidered Uncle Sam nutcracker.
9. Stitch the 3" x 15" strips to the top and bottom of the embroidered Uncle Sam nutcracker.
10. Square this piece for your bag front.
11. Press one piece of batting to the wrong side of the bag front.
12. Press the other piece of batting to the wrong side of one of the 15" x 17" print pieces.
13. Place right sides together and stitch the side seams.
14. Pull the corners and stitch across 2" from the point. This will make the bag sit.
15. Turn right side out.
16. Press the top raw edge to the inside 1/2".
17. Place the remaining two lining pieces right sides together stitch the side seams and the bottom.
18. Once again pull the corners to a point and stitch across 2" from the point.
19. Press the top edge to the wrong side 1/2".
20. Place the lining inside the bag, align the top edges together, insert ostrich trim in between the layers and, pin in place.
21. Slide the ends to the handles in between the layers, but behind the ostrich trim. Pin in position.
22. Topstitch along top edge through all layers to secure the bag edges, ostrich trim, and handles.

Zippered coin bag:

1. Open Designer's Gallery. Then go to *tools* then *gallery tools* and select *LetterWorks*.
2. Select the font Varsity Outline in the preferences.
3. Adjust the size so the embroidery is approximately 3 ½" long. Save the design. Exit LetterWorks.
4. Save the design again from Designer's Gallery onto a floppy disk for use in the Ellageo.
5. Hoop the white fabric piece and tear away stabilizer.
6. Select the USA design and embroider in red.
7. When the embroidery is complete, remove the design from the hoop and tear-away any excess stabilizer. Lightly press.
8. Using the rotary cutter, mat and ruler, trim the white fabric around the design. The block should measure approximately 5" x 5" on point around embroidery.
9. Stitch blue fabric to each side of the USA block.
10. Using the rotary cutter and mat, square the block to 6 ".
11. Border the 6 " square with red cotton the re square again to 8"
12. Cut three more 8" squares for the bag back and lining.
13. Place the USA block and one of the red cotton blocks wrong sides together. Baste the top edges together.
14. Fold the 2 ½" x 12" strip in half wrong sides together. Press in raw edges and topstitch the long edge and one end closed using a decorative stitch.
15. Stitch a buttonhole sized to match your button close to the finished end.
16. Place the remaining two red blocks wrong sides together and baste.
17. Insert zipper along the top edge.
18. Open zipper half way. This will make it easier to turn when the bag is finished.
19. With wrong sides facing stitch the sides if the bag closed inserting the raw edge of the strap into the top of one of the side seams.
20. Stitch the bottom edge of the bag closed.
21. Turn bag right side out.
22. Stitch the button on the strap close to the bag.
23. Wrap the strap around the Uncle Sam bag's strap and button.

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