

Directions for Sachet Project / February 2000

The design for the bag was created in the UK by Alison Taylor of Alison Designs (10 Braybrook Close, Harlaxton, Grantham Lincs.), and is courtesy of Craftmistress, Ltd., the manufacturers of "Romeo".

Step 1. Print the instructions.

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

Step 2. Download free design

This is a self-extracting zip file(.exe). The file is called Bag01.exe.

The following formats are supported, bundled together:

- .csd - Singer / P.O.E.M
- .dst - Tajima
- .exp - Melco expanded
- .hus - Husqvarna Viking
- .pcs - Pfaff
- .pes - Brother, Babylock, Bernina
- .sew - Janome/New Home, Elna

Save the file format that you need, and discard the rest.

Import the bag into your design software.

Step 3. Merge the sachet bag design and letter from the Monogram Set of your choice.

The sachet bag design is ideal for merging with a letter from one of our monogram sets. This project, given the size of the bag design, is best carried out with our smaller size letters.

Choose one letter (typically the letter first letter of a surname), and move it as required until you are happy with the overall design. (Note: for more information on how to import and merge designs together, consult your embroidery design software Help files.)

When you are happy with the overall design, save the file with a filename of your choice.

Step 4. Sew out the bag design.

The completed project requires two sewn elements, which are identical except that one

side will have the monogram letter, while the back is blank. You will sew out one side plain, and one side with a monogram design, utilizing the same basic embroidery file.

A. Place one layer of "Craftmistress" (see materials sources below) in the embroidery hoop, drum tight. Load the bottom bobbin with the same color thread, or choose a light thread color that isn't too much of a contrast with white bobbin thread. We used a pale yellow (Madeira 1123) for the body of the bag.

This is a two-color design, and you may choose to sew both parts of the design (bag body, top border and eyelets) as a single color, or do the embellishments in a second color - we used a light blue (Madeira 1227).

Note: Craftmistress produces two products that are both suitable for this project. "Romeo" is a heavy-weight water-soluble stabilizer (one layer required), and "Guliette" is a lighter weight version (two layers required).

B. Using a pair of sharp-tipped embroidery scissors, remove the excess "Craftmistress" stabilizer from the embroideries by cutting close to the thread, but being very careful not to snip away any stitches.

C. Cut away the jump stitches between the eyelet stitches. Carefully cut away the thread in the middle of the satin stitch circles, again being very careful not to snip any of the satin stitches.

D. Using a running stitch on your sewing machine (or stitching by hand), join the two halves of the bag together, face to face, stitching close to the edge.

E. Dissolve away the "Craftmistress" stabilizer by holding the bag under cold running water. For best results, follow this by soaking the bag in warm water for several hours. This will ensure that the finished product feels soft.

F. Leave to dry flat.

G. Turn the bag right side out.

H. Thread a piece of 1/4" (6mm) ribbon through the holes and tie a bow at the front.

Congratulations! Your project is complete.

If you are using this project as a sachet, fill the bag with your favorite potpourri

Sources for Materials

In the US, Romeo can be ordered online from:

Erica's Craft and Sewing Center
South Bend, IN

<http://www.ericas.com/embdesigns/romeo.htm>

SewSmart
Kirkland, AZ

<http://www.sewsmart.com/Catalog.html>

Also available in the US and Canada through many Pfaff dealers.

In Germany:

Nachmaschined Gabriel
Stepensweg 86
28217 Bremen

In Denmark:

Ana'r Sym Askiner
Amagerbrogarde 263,
2300 Kopenavn 5

In the UK, and for all other enquiries:

<http://www.craftmistress.com>