

LucyLu (Horizontal)

An in-the-hoop project

Requires 10.675 x 16" hoop

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Cutting Chart		
I suggest marking each piece of fabric with the corresponding letter		
Design Size 406 x 270 15.98 x 10.63"	Finished size 15.5 x 10.15"	Cut Size (in inches)
A. Side 1	Fabric 1	17 x 11.75
B. Batting	Optional	17 x 11.75
C. Lining	Fabric 2	(2) 17 x 11.75
D. Side 2	Fabric 3	17 x 11.75

2 oz. cutaway stabilizer – cut to fit in the hoop, 1 or 2 pieces.
1 - 18" Zipper: #3, nylon. Never use metal.
Transpore, scotch or masking tape
Kids wash away glue stick or temporary spray adhesive
Embroidery and bobbin thread. Poly thread recommended
See the [Links](#) page on my website for a list of my favorite suppliers.

Suggested fabrics: Cottons or quilting cottons. Linings may also be made from regular lining fabric to help reduce bulk. **Optional Batting:** Pellon fleece, Warm and Natural, fusible fleece, flannel.

If using fusible fleece, pre-fuse it the back of Side 1 (A). If using regular batting, I will remind you in the instructions when to place it. If you wish to have a firmer back (zipper side) place a piece of flannel over the placement stitches before applying Side 2(D).

You can further reduce thickness by using polymesh stabilizer for SIDE 1 instead of a thicker cutaway stabilizer. *I stitched on a Brother Luminaire with fusible fleece on Side 1 and flannel on Side 2 and had no issues.*

Preliminary Instructions

You only need to stitch **the Non-Zipper side**, page 3, if you plan on:

1. Stitching the quilting pattern
2. Adding a design or monogram
3. Both of the above

If doing neither, skip to the instructions for the **Zipper side** on page 4.


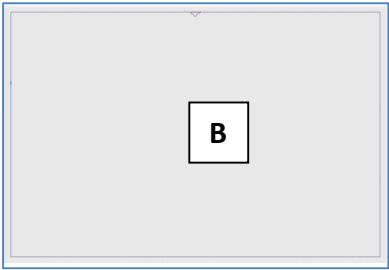
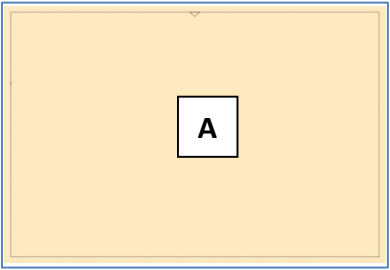
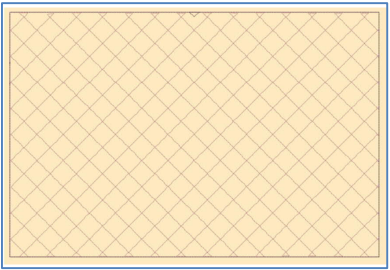
You may add a design or monogram using your favorite software or at your machine. Substitute it for the text in **Step #4, Non-zipper side**, on page 3.

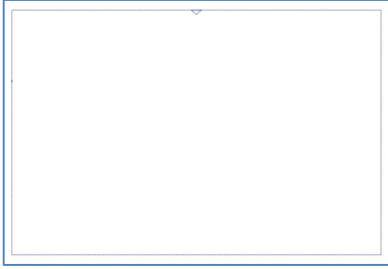
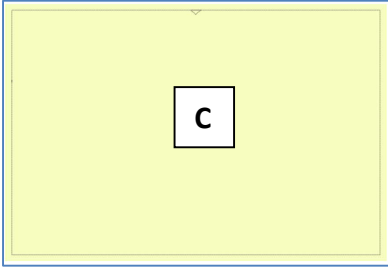
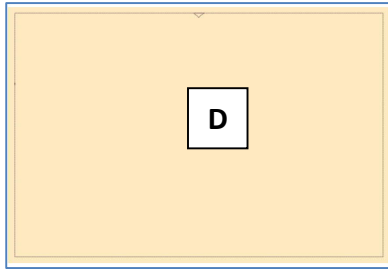
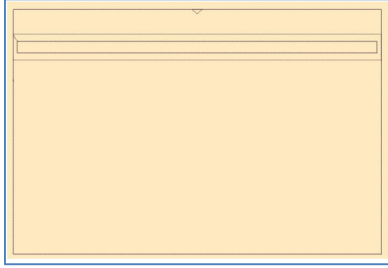


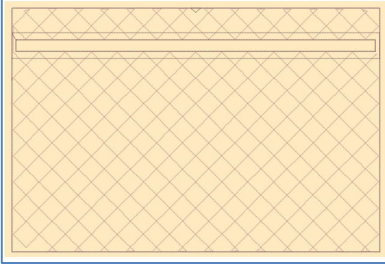
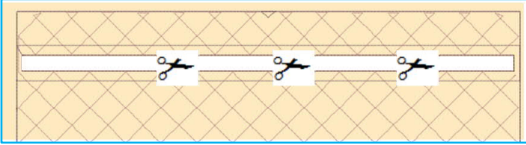
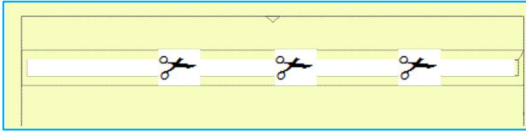
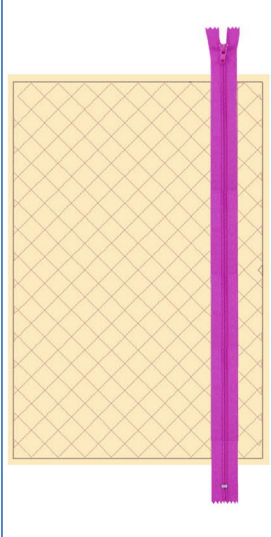
I purchase my zippers from www.zipperstop.com and www.wawak.com. Purchase all zippers in the longest length you think you will need. You will be cutting them off when making the case anyway. You get better prices when purchasing all one length and color.

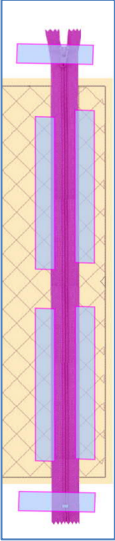



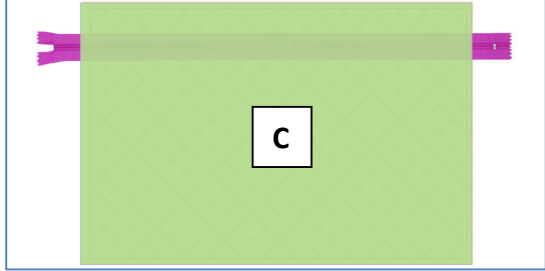

You may find it easier to place and/or trim fabric by taking the hoop off of the machine. Always place it on a **flat surface**, not on your lap. This will help keep the project from shifting in the hoop.

LucyLu Horizontal Side 1 Non-Zipper Side	
	Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Load the file LucyLuH_A into the machine.
1	Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1 , the placement outline. <i>Notch on one long side indicates top of bag.</i> 
2A	Center optional BATTING (B) over the placement lines, covering all stitching. 
2B	Center the SIDE A (A) FACE UP over the placement lines. Tape edges in place. 
2C	Stitch Color #2 , tacking down the fabric to the stabilizer.
3	Optional: Stitch Color #3 , the quilting pattern. <i>Advance to the next color if you don't wish to quilt the bag.</i> 
4	Stitch your design here , replacing the current text. <i>The text is included to help you place your design. It is not intended to be stitched.</i>
5	Remove the hoop from the machine. Remove the project from the hoop.
6	Cut away excess fabric and stabilizer from outside the rectangular stitching, leaving approximately ½" extra fabric on all sides.
7	Lay to one side and continue with Side 2 next page.

LucyLu Horizontal Side 2 Zipper Side	
	Hoop 2 oz. cutaway stabilizer. Do NOT use polymesh or tearaway. Load the file LucyLuH_B into your machine. If using custom stitches, the “B” will be replaced with the name of the pattern – LucyLuH_Bubbles, etc.
1	Place the hoop on the machine. Stitch Color #1 , the placement outline. <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div>
2A	Remove the hoop from the machine. Turn it over so the back of the hoop is FACE UP . Place on a flat surface.
2B	Center one LINING (C) FACE UP over the placement lines, covering all stitching. Use kids glue stick, temporary spray adhesive, or transpore tape to hold the lining in place. <p><i>I apply a little glue stick along the edges of the fabric (wrong side) to hold in place. Carefully smooth down the fabric (you can press it into the glue better once you turn the hoop over) and tape the corners in place to keep them from flipping back over.</i></p> <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div>
2C	Turn the hoop over and place it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.
2D	Center SIDE 2 (D) FACE UP over the placement lines, covering all stitching. <p>Tape edges in place.</p> <p><i>You may lay a piece of flannel or very thin batting underneath SIDE 2 to add some padding.</i></p> <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div>
2E	Return the hoop to the machine. Make sure that the lining is still laying smooth underneath the hoop. <p>Stitch Color #2, the tack-down to keep Side 1 and lining pieces in place and create the placement stitches for the zipper.</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div>

3	<p>Optional: Stitch Color #3, the quilting pattern. <i>Advance to the next color if you don't wish to quilt the bag.</i></p>	
4A	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine. Place it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
4B	<p>Carefully trim away the fabric inside the smaller rectangle in the zipper placement area. Remove the batting from this small area too.</p> <p><i>Do NOT trim into the stabilizer. You need it in there to help keep the zipper from shifting as it is stitched.</i></p>	
4C	<p>Turn the hoop over to the wrong side and place it on a flat surface.</p>	
4D	<p>Carefully trim away the lining fabric from inside the smaller rectangle inside the zipper placement stitching.</p> <p><i>Do NOT trim into the stabilizer. You need it in there to help keep the zipper from shifting as it is stitched.</i></p>	
4E	<p>DO NOT put the zipper down yet! Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #4, a zigzag stitching that covers the raw edges of the zipper opening.</p>	
5A	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine. Place it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
5B	<p>Place the zipper FACE UP, over the trimmed opening, centering the long edges between the outer placement stitching lines.</p> <p>You may place the tab at either end. <i>My preference is the top (vertical hoop) or left (horizontal hoop).</i></p>	

5C	<p>Use strips of transpore tape to hold the zipper in place along both long sides, catching just the edge. <i>You may use Dritz Wonder Tape on the back of the zipper instead of the transpore tape method if you prefer.</i></p> <p>Tape the zipper pull tab down so it points away from the case.</p>	
NOTE	<p>Not all zippers are the same width. It is up to you to get it centered and straight.</p> <p>Very Important - Make SURE that the metal zipper tab and the metal stop are placed well outside of the stitching area!!! You don't want the foot or needle hitting those hard pieces of metal.</p>	
5D	<p>Return the hoop to the machine. Stitch Color #5, the decorative stitching on the zipper.</p> <p>Stop the machine at the end of the straight tack-down run. Remove all of the tape before starting the fancy stitch. <i>If you forget to stop the machine, you will be picking tape out of the stitching, not a very fun job.</i></p>	
6A	<p>Remove the hoop from the machine. Place it RIGHT SIDE UP on a flat surface.</p>	
6B	<p style="text-align: center;">OPEN THE ZIPPER HALFWAY!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!</p> <p>Take a sharp pair of scissors and poke a small hole through the stabilizer showing in the zipper opening. This will make it easier to trim the backing away later.</p>	
6C	<p>Center prepared SIDE 1, or a piece of pretty fabric, over the project in the hoop, FACE DOWN. Match all four corners of the original placement lines on prepared Side 1 to those on Side 2. <i>I stick pins down into the corners to make sure they match!</i></p> <p>All edges will overlap the placement stitches about ½".</p> <p>Tape edges securely in place so it does not shift when stitching. <i>Remove any pins that were used to hold it in place before taping</i></p>	
6D	<p>If you have not added the BATTING (B) yet, center it over Side 1, covering placement lines.</p>	

<p>6E</p>	<p>Center the remaining LINING (C) FACE UP over the project in the hoop, covering the outer stitching lines.</p> <p>Tape in place.</p> <p><i>Want to see how I match the pieces up perfectly? Visit my blog at http://tinyurl.com/PW-PutTogether</i></p>	
<p>6F</p>	<p>Return the hoop to the machine.</p>	
<p>6G</p>	<p>Did I mention to double check that the zipper is open halfway? Stitch Color #6. It will go around the bag 3 times.</p> <p><i>I usually match the thread to the outside fabric, not the lining so it isn't seen on the edges once the case is turned right side out.</i></p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>The stitching part is done. Remove the hoop from the machine and the project from the hoop.</p> <p>One last time, check that the zipper is open halfway. It is too late to fix it after you trim! If you forgot to open it, carefully open the seam; push the zipper pull through to the inside. Stitch the case shut on your regular sewing machine.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Trim away all excess fabric and stabilizer trimming as close you can to the outermost stitching line without cutting thru it. Cut right thru the zipper but don't use your best shears!</p> <p>The narrower your seam allowance, the better your curved seams will look without having to clip them.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Trim away the excess stabilizer from the back of the zipper, starting in the slit you cut in the stabilizer earlier. Be very careful not to cut the zipper tape and don't snip any of the decorative stitches. Tip: Find the zipper tab and push the point of your scissors or a seam ripper in at that point. It will protect your zipper tape from an accidental slit.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Steam press the stitching lines to set the seam. Use a pressing cloth if necessary to protect the fabric and zipper.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Open the zipper the whole way. Tip: If the zipper won't move, reach in and flip the tab upward. The zipper is locked when the tab is pointed down. It sometimes helps to push the zipper closed a bit and then push it open.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Turn the case thru the opening in the zipper. Use a point turner to help turn the case and push the edges of the seams outward.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Steam press the case being very careful not to melt the zipper. Use a pressing cloth to protect the fabric and zippers.</p>	