

Bereavement Bags

For Pediatric Intensive Care

Below are directions for making an embroidered bereavement bag and it is constructed on a serger. However the hospitals are grateful for any decorated bereavement bags. They can be embellished, trimmed with lace, and sewn on a sewing machine. Do keep the embellishment simple, and not gaudy.

The finished size should be approximately 13 ½" X 10". The hospitals need to be able to put 8 ½" X 11" sheets of paper in these bags.

Supplies:

Solid pastel colored pre-quilted fabric

Angel embroidery design

Tearaway stabilizer

2 decorative threads for upper and lower loopers of serger (Sulky 12wt, Blendables, Pearl Crown Rayon

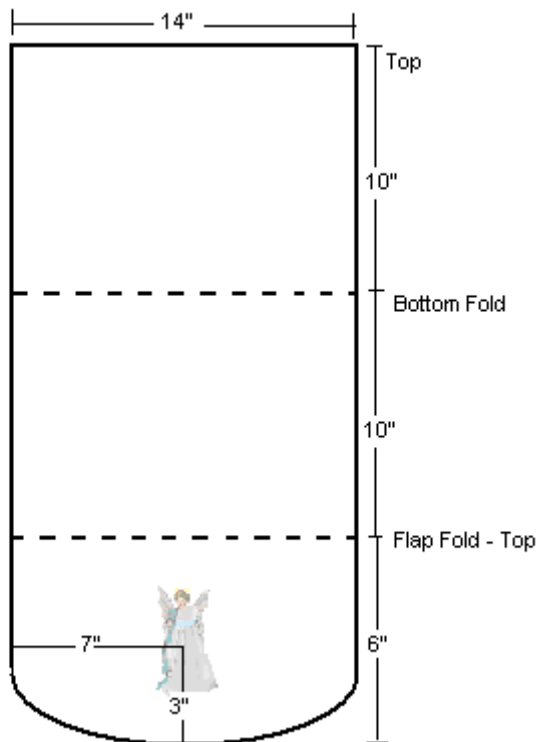
1 cone matching regular thread

Double eyed needle

General Directions:

Cut pre-quilted fabric 14" X 27".

Mark center of embroidery on bag flap, approximately 7" in and 3" up from bottom of flap. Embroider design.



Cut curved edges on flap. It will be easier to serge around.

Set up serger for 3 thread wide overlock, Width - widest width on your machine and Length 2.0. Put decorative thread in upper and lower loopers and matching regular serger thread in the needle.

Serge finish the top edge, trimming about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Fold bag, wrong sides together along bottom fold so the Top is along the Flap Fold – Top line. The flap extends above the bag top.

Starting at the bottom fold, serge trimming $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Serge up side, around flap, and down other side. Use double eyed needle to bury the thread tails.

Fold the flap down and the finished bag looks like an envelope.

