

# LAPTOP SHOULDER BAG

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Hydrangea Embroidery - digitized by OESD  
adapted from Hydrangea fabric by Jackie Robinson & Benartex LLC



Outer Fabric - 7/8 yd

Fusible Woven Interfacing - 1-3/4 yds if 40" wide  
or 3-1/2 yds if 20" wide

Pellon Fleece - 1/2 yd

Lining Fabric - 1/2 yd

Medium weight Tear-Away, preferably Ultra Clean & Tear from OESD

OESD Perfect Press Cloth

Begin by measuring your laptop – width, height, and thickness. MacBook is: 14.125 x 9.75 x .75

I wanted a 6" flap, 2" of gusset (it has to include that on top, plus 9.75" height for the back = 17.75" x 14.125. Add 1" to both measurements (1/4" seams plus ease for the included batting) = 18.75" x 15.125" That's the measurement I trimmed to after embroidery. Therefore, begin with a 20" x 17" for the Back & Flap. It's large, so fuse two layers of woven iron-on interfacing to the wrong side. Double interface all the pieces for strength, as well because of embroidery on the back as well as the flap. Use two layers of stabilizer also.

Flap embroidery is 5" x 12". At the Raw edge of the flap, mark center 2.5" + .5" = 1.125" + 4.125" up from the edge.

Strap - Cut fabric at least 7" x 42" Two layers of Interfacing. Place leaves as desired, with two layers of stabilizer. After stitching, trim to 6-1/8" x 36"

Cut front 10.75" x 15.125". Double Interface.

Cut Gusset 2.5" x 35.625" Double Interface.

Cut Pellon Fleece (or light batting)

(1) 15.125" x 18.75"

(1) 15.125" x 10.75"

(1) 2.5" x 35.625"

Embroider Back & Flap, plus Strap



Layer Fleece with the same outer pieces, and stitch together all around with a 1/8" seam. Trim any excess fleece so both edges are even.

With 1/4" seam, stitch gusset around the two sides and bottom of the plain front piece. One long edge (top) remains unstitched. Stitch a second time for strength, with a straight stitch, which will permit you to press these seams open before adding the lining.

Match the center of the bottom of the gusset to the center of the bottom of the Back + Flap piece. Stitch, stopping 1/4" from the upper edge of the gusset on both sides. Stitch twice, as before. Press these seams open as best as you can.

Cut Lining Back/Flap

(1) 15.125" x 18.75"

(1) 15.125" x 10.75"

(1) 15.125" x 8" pocket

(1) 2.5" x 35.625"

Double roll 1/4" on one long edge of the pocket piece. Stitch.

Place the 8" pocket on top of the Front lining, both right side up, keeping the sides and lower edges even. Attach the gusset with a 1/4" seam to the sides and bottom, catching the pocket in this seam.

Turn the outer bag right side out. Leave the lining inside-out and slide it over the outer bag, matching all around. Stitch around the flap area first. Then stitch across the gussets and front, leaving a good sized opening to pull it through. Trim the corners. Turn right side out and press the edges so the lining remains on the under side.

Top stitch all around. I did a double row - 1/4" and 1/16".

Trim the strap to 6-1/8" x 36" having a 1-7/8" fold-under on one side and 2-1/4" on the other. Press under 1/4" on the short ends. Then press under 1-7/8" on the correct side. Then 1/4" on the remaining side. Take that 1/4" fold to the opposite fold, and press hard, creating a 2" strap. Top stitch it like the bag, all the way around.

Place the ends of the strap overlapping the top of the gussets, and secure stitch in place.

Add a Free-standing Lace butterfly from Nature's Lace # 12474 to the strap, high on the shoulder.

