

SINGER® FUTURA™ – Chili Pepper Casserole Tote



Transport your special dishes in style with this casserole carrier. The chili pepper design is created using the AutoPunch™ software, then stitched using the endless hoop. Then, convert the machine from embroidery mode to sewing mode, and embellish with decorative stitching. This carrier is designed for a 9" x 13" pan. The "chili pepper" image file is included in your .zip

Shopping List:

- ½ yard of Fabric A (for embroidered strips)
- 1 yard of Fabric B (contrast on cover & inner panel)
- 1 yard of Fabric C (lining)
- 3 yards of 5/8" gross grain ribbon (for cover)
- 1 yard - Insul-Brite® batting (thermal)
- One 4" hook & loop fastener
- 1 yard of 1" wide ribbon (for handle)
- Chili pepper image file
- Two wooden dowels (½" width) & caps
- Machine embroidery threads
- All-purpose thread
- Fusible tear-away stabilizer
- Temporary fabric spray adhesive

Fabric Preparation:

1. Fabric A – Solid (Strips for embroidery)

- Cut two 8" x 33" strips

Fabric B – (Contrast)

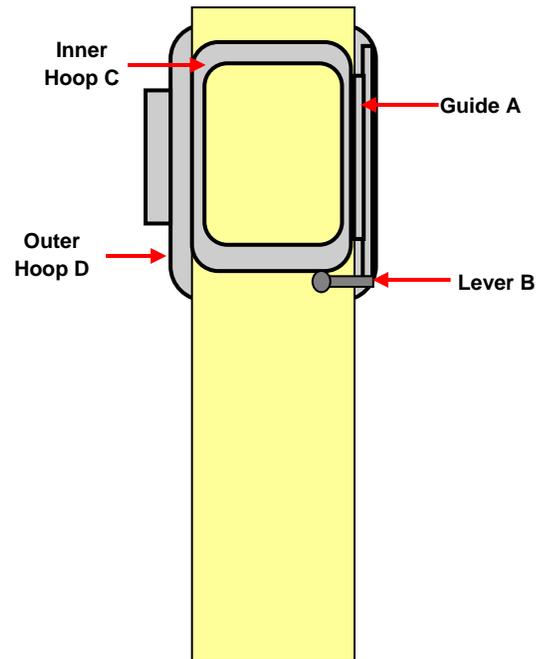
- One 4" x 24" (Cover - center strip)
- Two 4½" x 24" (Cover - side strips)
- Four 5" x 6" (Loop tabs)
- One 11" x 48" (Inner panel)

Fabric C – (Lining)

- One 17" x 34" (Cover lining)
- One 10½" x 45" (Inner panel lining)

Thermal Batting

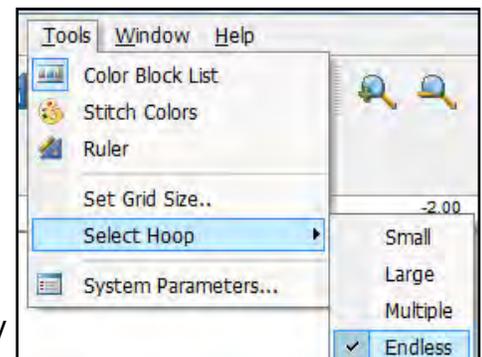
- One 17" x 24" (Cover)
- One 10½" x 45" (Inner panel)



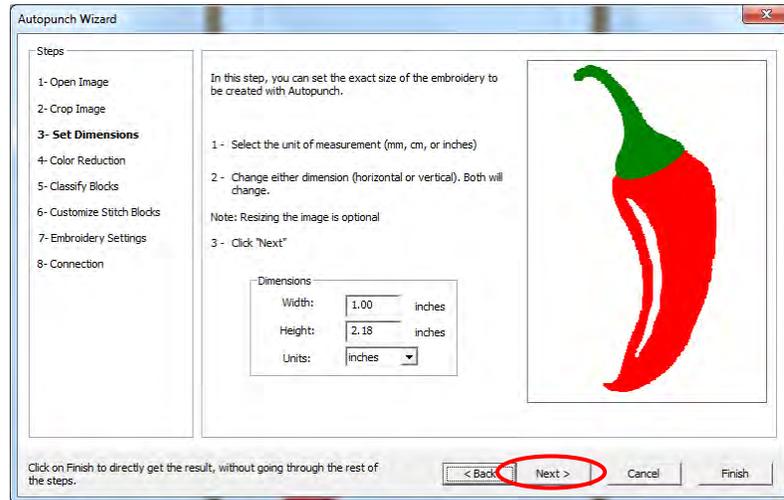
2. Apply tear-away stabilizer to the wrong side of the two 8" x 33" fabric strips, following the stabilizer manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Unclamp the hoop, (Lever B) and place one of the prepared strips between the inner hoop (C) and the outer hoop (D), aligning the right edge against the fabric guide (A) then clamp the lever to hold the fabric securely. Before attaching the embroidery hoop, turn on the power switch to move the embroidery arm to the stand-by embroidery position. Place a full bobbin in the bobbin case, replace the bobbin cover and then attach the prepared Endless Hoop.

At the Computer:

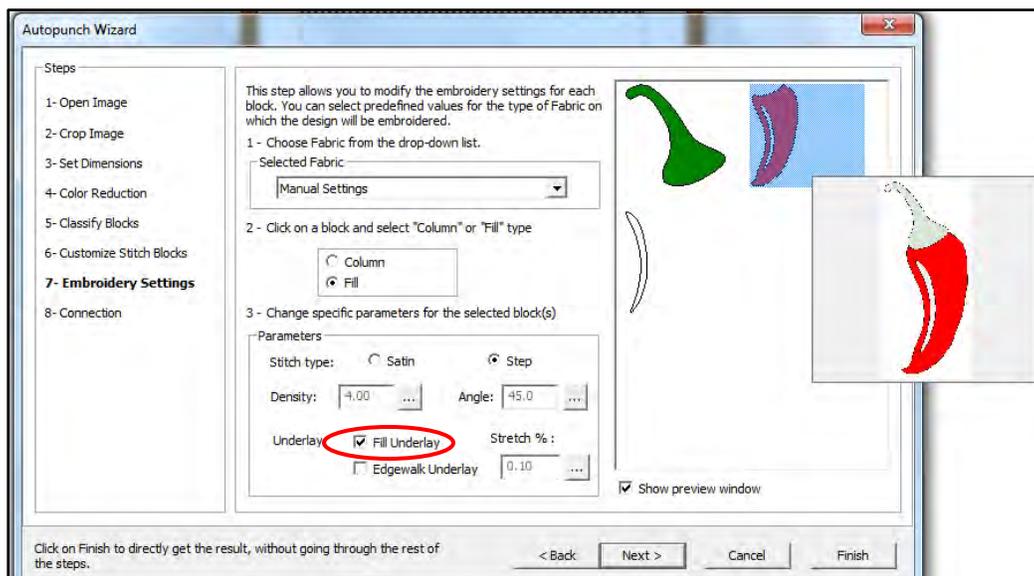
4. Download the **Chili Pepper** image file at www.singerco.com and save it to your computer.
5. Open the software for the SINGER® FUTURA™ sewing & embroidery machine. Select the Endless Hoop:
 - Select **Tools** from the main tool bar.
 - Select **Hoop**.
 - Select **Endless**.
6. Select the **AutoPunch** icon from the main tool bar.  Follow the steps in the AutoPunch Wizard. It is not necessary to make changes in some of the steps, and it is noted where this is the case. Select **Next** to skip to the next step.



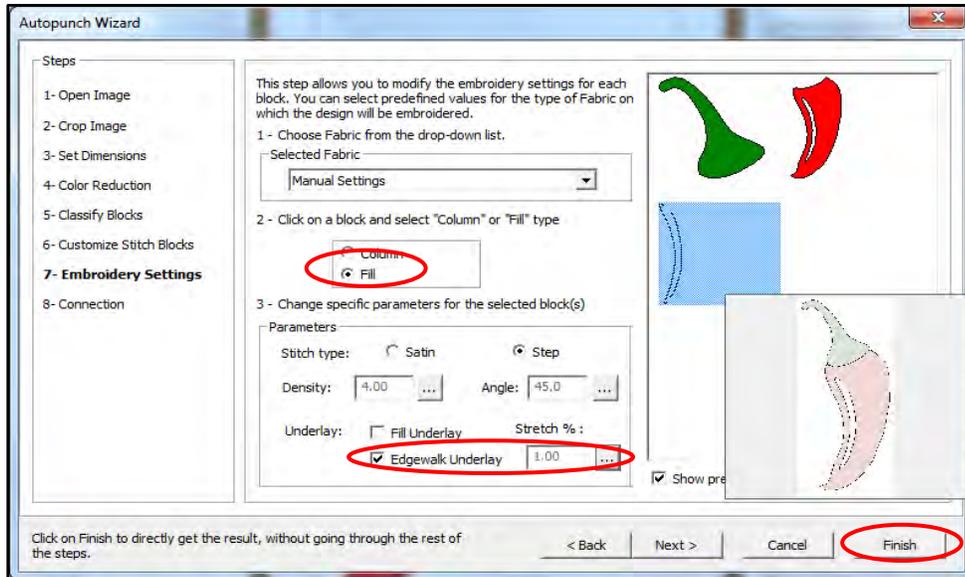
- **Step One:** Open Image – Select the **Chili Pepper** image from where you have saved it on your computer.
- **Step Two:** Crop Image – No change. Click on **Next**.
- **Step Three:** Set Dimensions – Change the unit of measure to inches, type **1.00** in the Width box.



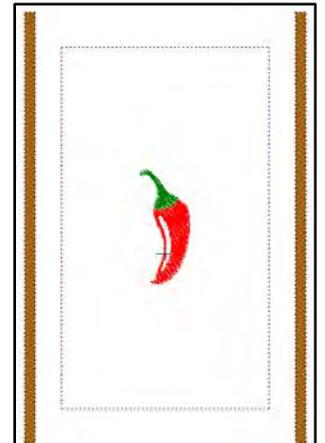
- **Step Four:** Color Reduction – No change, click on **Next**.
- **Step Five:** Classify Blocks – No change, click on **Next**.
- **Step Six:** Customize Stitch Blocks – No change, click on **Next**.
- **Step Seven:** Embroidery Settings – Some changes in this step.
 - Click on the **red** block (Chili Pepper body) to highlight it. Select **Fill Underlay**.



- Click on the **last block**, select **Fill, Edgewalk underlay** & change the Stretch to **1**.

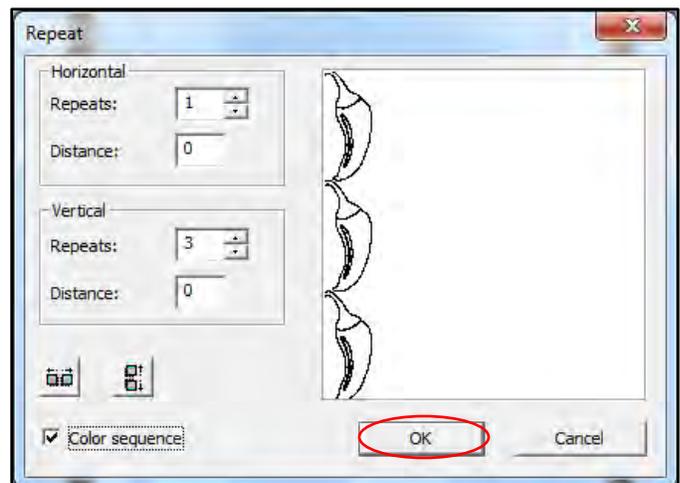
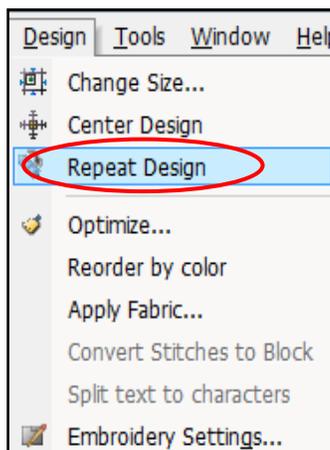


- Select **Finish**. The design now appears digitized in the hoop.
- Center the design in the hoop, select **Design** from the main tool bar, then select **Center Design**.



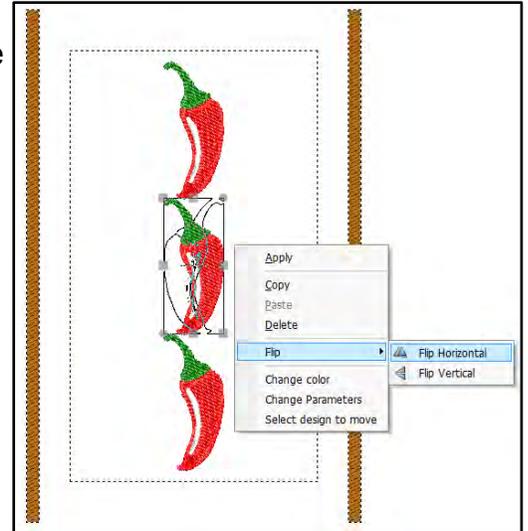
7. Repeat Design: The Chili Pepper design is going to be repeated to create a string of chili peppers.

- Select **Design** from the main tool bar.
- Select **Repeat Design**.
- Enter **3** in the **Horizontal Repeats** box.
- Select **Color sequence**.
- Select **OK**.



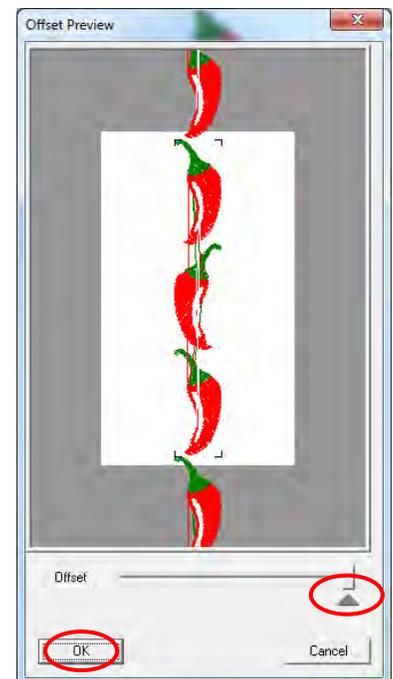
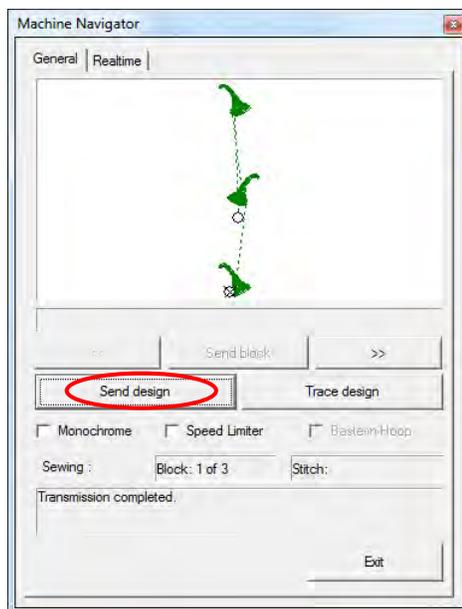
8. Flip center pepper horizontally:

- Highlight the center pepper; click and drag the cursor over the center pepper.
- Right click, select **Flip**.
- **Flip Horizontal**.
- Right click and select **Apply**.

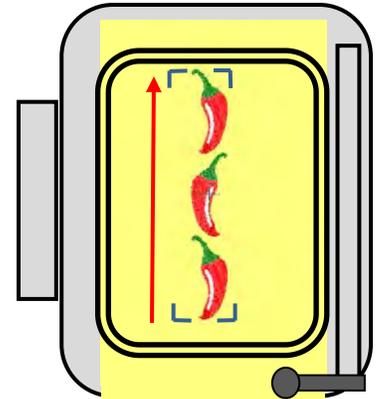


9. Transmit Design to the Machine: The design is ready to send to the machine for embroidery. Attach the prepared embroidery hoop to the machine.

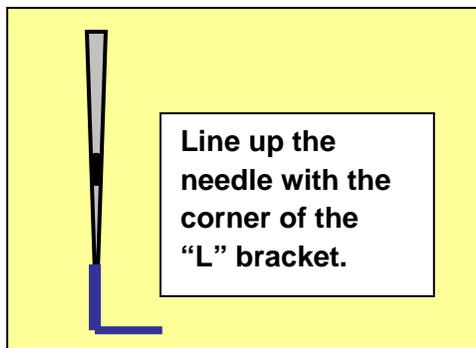
- Select the **Transmit to Machine** icon from the main tool bar. 
- Adjust the **Offset** slide bar below the grey box, to set the space between hoopings.
- Select **OK**.
- Select **Send design** from the **Machine Navigator**.



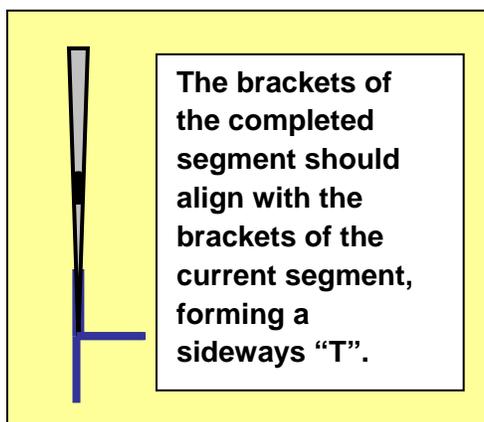
- Embroider the design, when the machine finishes stitching the first hooping (three peppers), it will automatically add “L-shaped” brackets at the end of the design. Press any button on the machine. This will reposition the needle to the beginning of the next pattern of three peppers.
- Unclamp the fabric, slide the fabric backward so that the needle lands in the center of the left bracket (where lines intersect) and the right edge of the fabric is flush with the guide bar on the right of the hoop.
- Re-clamp the fabric. Start the machine, the design starts by stitching the “L” brackets. The brackets of the completed segment should align with the brackets of the current segment, forming a sideways “T”. Stitch-out the next pattern of three peppers. Repeat this process to until you have 24” of fabric that is filled with peppers.



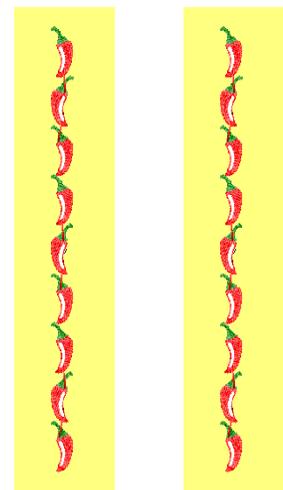
Unclamp the hoop, slide fabric backward to bring lower left bracket under the needle. Lower needle into the corner of the bracket.



Line up the needle with the corner of the “L” bracket.



The brackets of the completed segment should align with the brackets of the current segment, forming a sideways “T”.

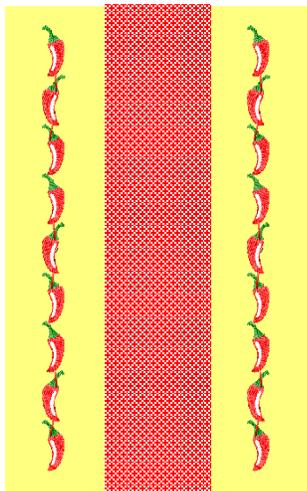


10. Repeat this process to create the other embroidered strip.

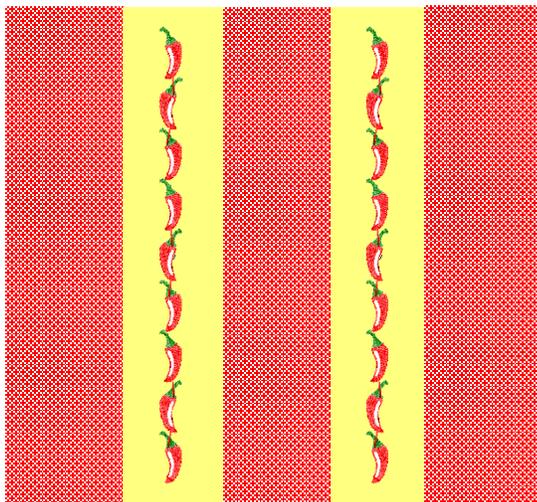
11. Trim the strips to 4” x 24”, centering the embroidery.

Sewing Directions:

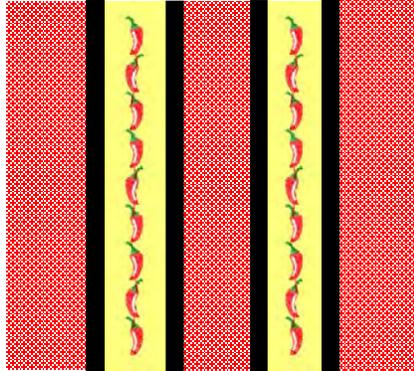
12. Thread the top of the machine and the bobbin with all purpose thread. Set the machine for straight stitch in center needle position. *Note: All seams will be ½" unless otherwise indicated.*
13. With right sides together, pin the embroidered strips to the 4" x 24" contrast strip, raw edges even. Stitch seams, press seams towards the contrast strip.



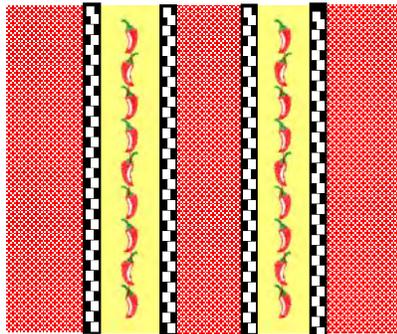
14. With right sides together, pin the 4½" x 24" contrast strips to the other side of the embroidered strips. Stitch, then press the seams towards the contrast strips.



15. Apply the ribbon along each edge of the embroidered strips. Stitch close to the edges to secure in place.

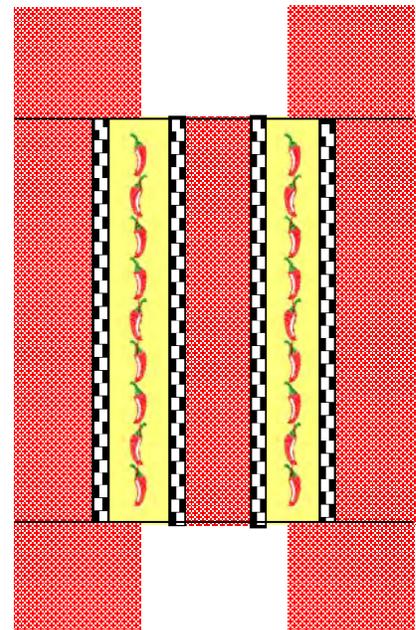
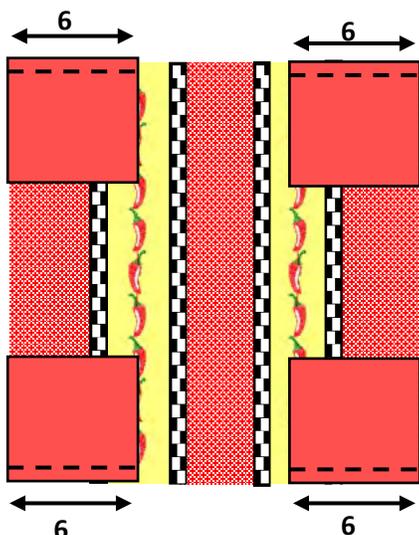


16. Thread the top of the machine with 12 wt. cotton thread. Select the domino stitch pattern #51, width 7.0 and length .5. Stitch the pattern down the center of the ribbons.

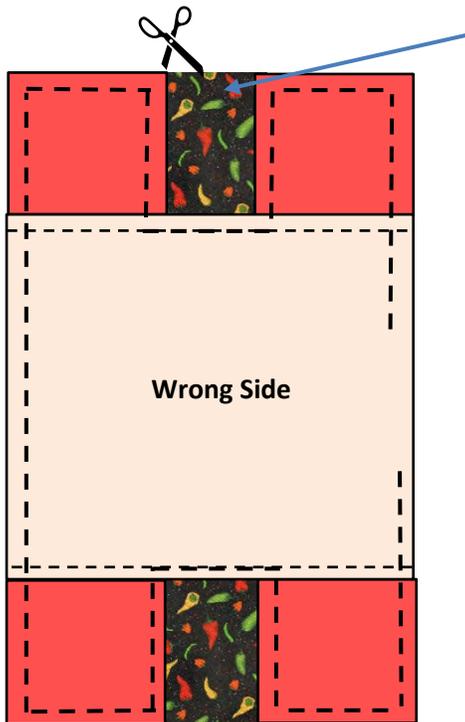


17. Spray one side of 17" x 24" batting piece with the fabric spray adhesive. Apply the batting to the wrong side of the embroidered piece.

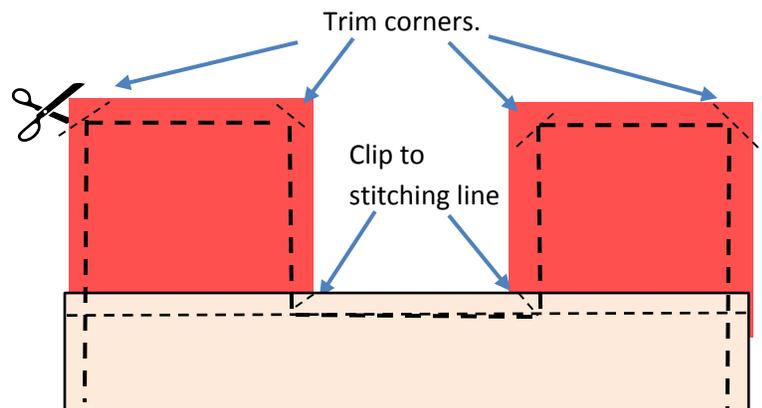
18. Re-thread the machine with the all-purpose thread. With right sides together, pin the 5" x 6" loop tabs to the top and bottom edges, positioning the 6" side even with the raw edges. Stitch in place. Press seams towards the loops.



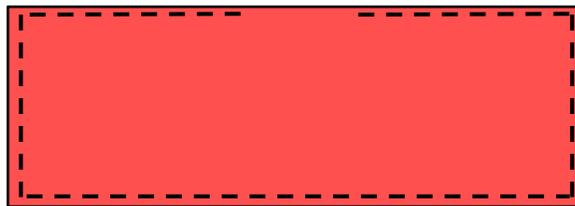
19. With right sides together, pin the cover to the lining. Stitch around the edges, leaving an opening for turning on the side. Trim the lining even with the raw edges of the cover. Trim corners and clip seams to stitching line as shown. Turn to the right side out. Edge-stitch around all sides, stitching opening closed.



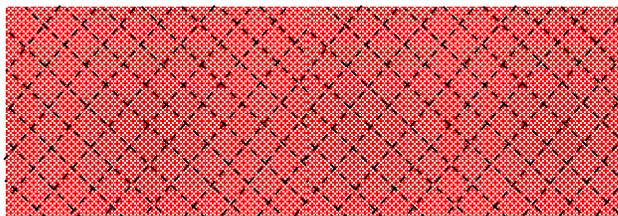
Trim lining even with raw edges of the cover.



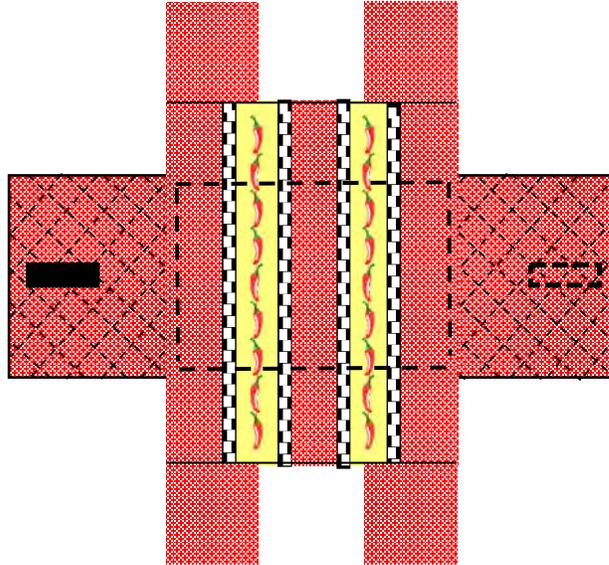
20. Inner panel: Spray the 11" x 45" batting for the inner panel with the spray adhesive. Apply the batting to the wrong side of the corresponding 11" x 45" contrast piece. With right sides together, pin the 11" x 45" contrast piece to the lining (batting side out). Stitch, leaving an opening for turning. Trim corners, turn right side out. Press. Edge-stitch, stitching opening closed.



21. Using a ruler and fabric marking tool, draw parallel lines diagonally, about 1¼" apart, on the right side of fabric. Stitch on the lines.

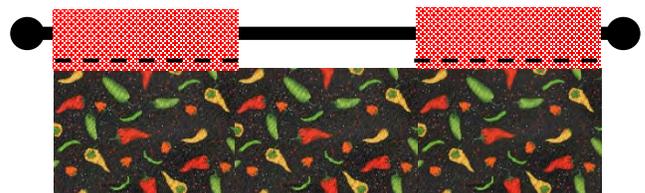


22. Overlap the two pieces so that they cross over each other, right side of the quilted piece will be against the lining side of the embroidered piece. Stitch together where the two intersect.



23. Place the casserole pan into the carrier, overlap the inner panel ends. Mark where the hook & loop fastener strips should be placed. One will be face up on the top side of the underneath panel end, and the other will be face down on the lining side of the top panel. *(Note: If you position the hook & loop strip so that it runs parallel with the sides, the panel will be adjustable for different sized pans. See placement on previous diagram.)* Stitch to secure.

24. To form the loops for the dowel, fold under the loop tabs, pin in place. Stitch. Insert the dowel. *(Note: If desired, the dowels can be painted to coordinate with the fabric color.)* Tie ribbon around the dowels to hold them together.



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