

Spanish Hemstitch Foot

This foot is used to create the look of hand sewn fagotting entirely by machine. Use the Spanish Hemstitch Foot to join together fabric to fabric, fabric to lace, lace to lace, in addition to other trims and heirloom embroidery inserts.

Attach the Spanish Hemstitch Foot and select your favorite specialty stitch(es) to join fabric and/or trims with finished edges or fabric that has been stitched together and turned with a Fasturn for a completely reversible item.



Ideas include:

- The fronts of vests, jackets, or blouses.
- To edge pillows, skirts, table linens, and bed linens.
- Kitchen or bathroom curtains.
- For lengthening a hemline.
- Heirloom Projects.
- Insert decorative threads, yarn, trims, cord, or other embellishment within the open space for more distinctive design opportunities.



Threads used can be anything that will thread through an appropriate needle. On medium to heavy weight fabrics, some heavier decorative threads can be wound onto a bobbin and inserted into a specialty bobbin case and stitched to your project with a simple decorative stitch (such as a three-step zigzag or feather stitch).

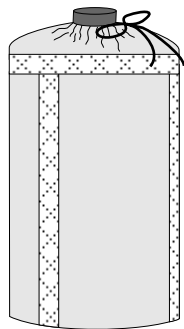
The “Bottle Dress” (*shown at right*) is one of our quick and easy projects designed to have a bit of fun with the Spanish Hemstitch Foot. With the Bottle Dress you’ll always know which soda pop or water is yours... plus the fabric helps keep it slightly insulated.

See the next page for instructions.

Free Project

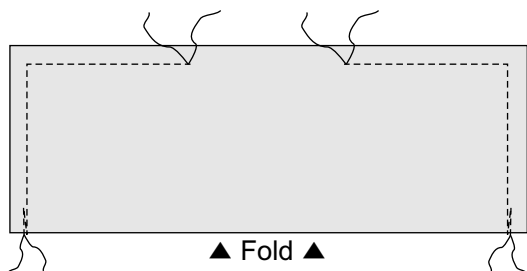
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Bottle Dress

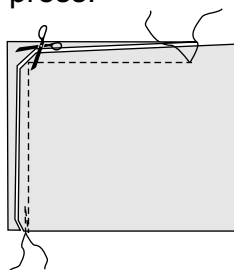


Cut 4 pieces of fabric: $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cut 1 piece of fabric: $10\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

1. Fold the 4 pieces in half (right sides together) so they measure $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $6\frac{3}{4}$ ". Stitch along the three open sides leaving a small hole about 2" for turning ($\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance). Backstitch to secure at edges



2. Trim to one-eighth inch seam allowance at ends and clip corners. Be careful not to clip into stitching. Turn right side out through hole and press.

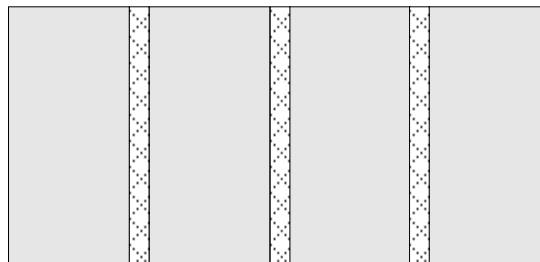


3. Fold in the ends of the 1 piece of fabric so it measures $8\frac{1}{4}$ ". Fold in half lengthwise, folded ends to the outside, and stitch along the long edge ($\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance). Turn right side out through the open ends. Backstitch to secure at ends.

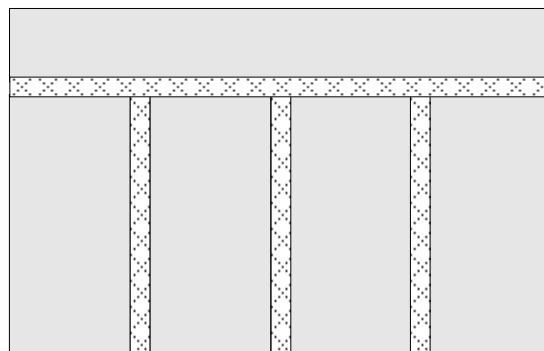


4. Snap on Spanish Hemstitch Foot and Plate. Join the 4 pieces with open and airy decorative stitches at 7.0 stitch width. Adjust length as desired. Stitch together leaving at least 3 inch tail of thread to tie off and bury.

I Used stitches D:12, D13, and D3 on the Designer SE



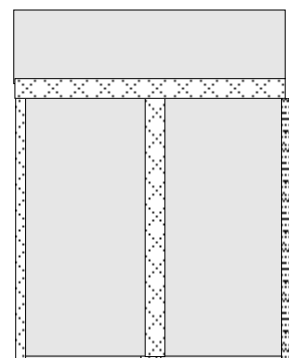
5. Join along the top of the 4 pieces. I used stitch A:31 on the Designer SE.



6. Change back to standard plate and a overedge foot (J Foot). Set machine for a zigzag 7.0 wide and adjust stitch length as desired.

Fold project in half (wrong sides together) and stitch the edge of the lower half as follows: Stitch so the left swing of the needle barely catches the two fabric edges and the right swing goes over the pin on the foot.

7. Insert cord or ribbon in the upper part and slip over bottle then tie into a pretty bow.



Another way to "Dress it up" is to add decorative stitching or embroidery on the fabric and/or insert cord between the fabrics while hemstitching.