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Silk Dupioni Eyeglass Case

Front



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Supply list for eyeglass case:

- Embroidery design to fit front pocket. Note featured design is [No. 371016](#) from the Brother digital download site, www.ibroidery.com. Thread colors used in this project are Brother Embroidery threads, #843 Beige and #323 Light brown.
- Piping foot for decorative piping.
- Embroidery supplies, including embroidery thread and bobbin thread.
- 1/4 yard ivory Silk Dupioni fabric for eyeglass case.
- 3/8 yard ivory light weight satin lining fabric for lining, **and** for self-made piping.
- Thin quilt batting such as Warm & Natural®, one piece 6" wide by 10" long.
- One 12" long pieces of narrow cording for piping filler.

- One piece of ivory satin ribbon measuring 1/4" wide X 6" long for decorating front of case.
- Ruler with 45-degree angle marking.
- Medium weight cutaway stabilizer for stabilizing embroidery.
- Water-soluble fibrous stabilizer for decorative stitching on piping strip.
- Temporary spray adhesive such as Sulky KK 2000.
- Basic sewing supplies including an erasable fabric-marking pen and all-purpose sewing thread to match fabric. **Note:** Always test your marker on scrap fabric before using. I have successfully used the purple and blue water-soluble markers on silk dupioni, but you'll want to test on your own fabric. Please see my note on washing the silk at the end of these instructions.

Note: 1/4-inch seam allowance used for construction.

1. Cutting Instructions:

Cut the following pieces from ivory Silk Dupioni fabric:

- One piece, 6" wide X 16" long for quilted eyeglass case.
- One piece, 4 & 1/2" wide X 10" long for self-lined front pocket.

Cut the following from thin cotton batting:

- One piece, 6" wide X 16" long for quilted eyeglass case.

Cut the following from ivory polyester satin fabric:

- One piece, 5" wide X 15" long for eyeglass case lining.
- One bias strip measuring 2-inches wide X 12-inches long for creating decorative piping.

Note: Silk fabric and batting pieces are cut larger to allow for shrinkage that may occur during the quilting process.

2. Quilting Instructions:

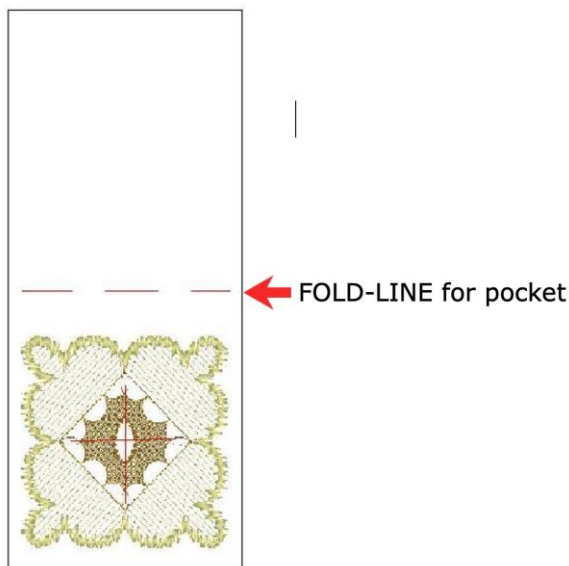
Layer 6" wide X 16" long batting piece underneath the 6" wide X 16" long silk piece. Draw quilting lines extending from edge to edge of fabric, using the wash away marker and the 45-degree marking on the quilting ruler. Stitch lines evenly across fabric, spacing lines 1 1/2-inches apart.



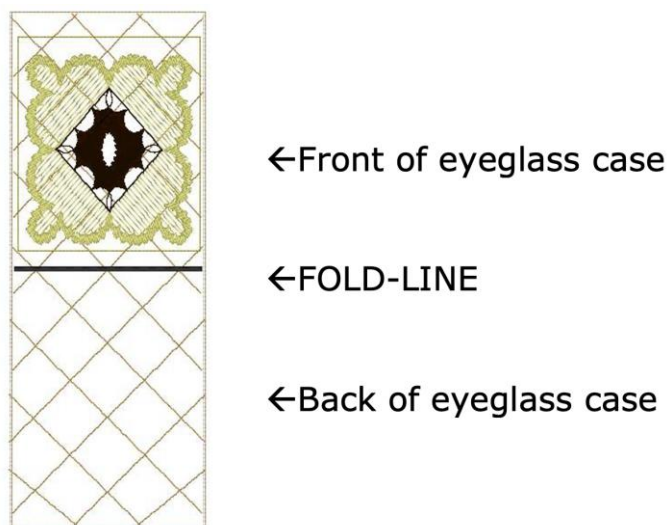
3. Cut quilted silk piece to equal 5" wide X 15" long. Set aside for later use.

4. Create embroidered pocket as follows:

- Select the 4 ½" wide X 10" long pocket piece.
- Fold piece in half and lightly press to determine bottom fold-line for pocket. Open out pocket piece. Use temporary spray adhesive to secure cut away stabilizer to wrong side of bottom half of pocket piece.
- Embroider design in the center, having top of embroidery design positioned approximately ¾" below the fold-line.



5. Trim cut-away stabilizer from pocket, cutting so it's even with the sides, bottom, and fold-line. Remaining stabilizer will serve as interfacing for pocket. Fold pocket piece along fold-line, having right sides together and raw edges even. Set up machine for sewing. Use a ¼-inch seam allowance to sew around pocket edges, beginning and ending at the fold-line, leaving a small opening for turning along the bottom seam of the pocket. Turn right side out and press. **Note:** Bottom pocket opening is closed when the pocket is topstitched in place. Set embroidered pocket aside for later use.
6. Select the ¼" X 6" piece of satin ribbon. Tack center of ribbon in place just above the embroidery design. Tie ribbon into a small bow. Trim ends at an angle.
7. Select quilted piece for eyeglass case. Fold piece in half matching short edges and lightly press to determine bottom fold-line for eyeglass case. Open and lay flat, then center pocket on front. See example below for pocket position:



8. Thread machine with all-purpose thread and topstitch pocket in place, stitching close to pocket edges.

9. Instructions for creating decoratively stitched self-made piping are as follows:

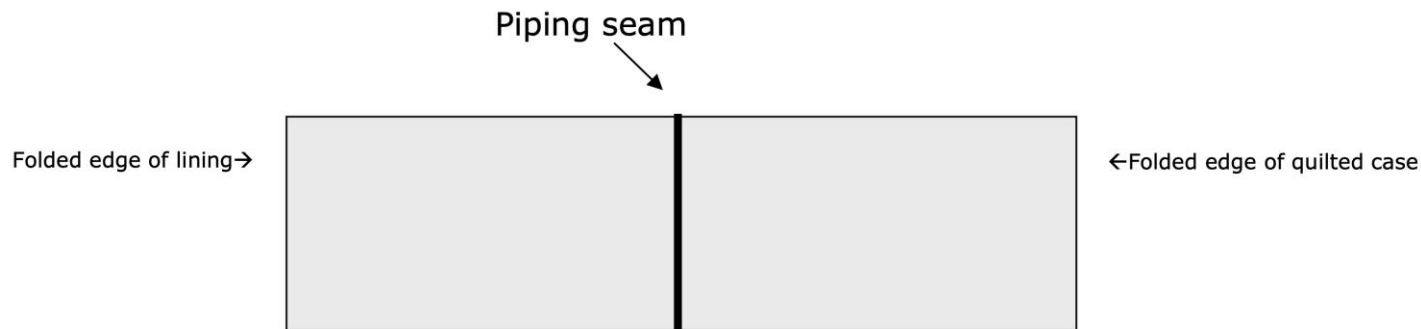
- Select bias strip cut for piping.
- Set up machine for sewing with light brown thread in the needle. Select an open style 7mm stitch.
- Layer a narrow piece of water-soluble stabilizer over the bias strip and sew a decorative stitch along the center of each piece of bias.
- Wash out stabilizer, let dry, and press.
- Set up machine for sewing piping with a piping foot or an adjustable zipper foot. Wrap bias around cording and baste close to edge of cording. Trim excess bias so you have a ¼-inch seam allowance remaining.

See example of piping below:



10. Finish constructing eyeglass case as follows:

- Select quilted piece. Cut decoratively stitched piping into two equal pieces.
- Baste piping along each short edge of quilted piece, having raw edges even. **Note:** Piping is slightly longer than the short edge. Trim excess after basting.
- Layer 5" wide X 15" long lining piece with 5" wide X 15" long quilted piece having right sides together and raw edges even. Sew along both short edges, stitching close to the piping.
- Next, Re-fold piece so right sides are together and piped edges are positioned in the center. You will have two folded edges at each end. Press piping toward lining.
- Stitch along both long sides, leaving a small opening along one long side of the lining seam for turning right side out. See below:



Turn eyeglass case right side out by reaching through small opening. Sew opening closed using hand or machine stitching. Tuck lining into case so piping is at the top. Carefully press lining to inside of case. You are finished! Enjoy!

I like to wash my silk dupioni eyeglass case after it's been completed. First rinse in clear water to remove all markings. Next, launder in cool water, using baby shampoo instead of detergent. Rinse, air dry, then lightly press. This process gives the finished book cover a slightly wrinkled, antique look.

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