

## EMBROIDERED SHOE STRAPS

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### Change your shoes without carrying an extra pair!

#### SUPPLY LIST:

**Shoes:** any strap type will work- Mary Janes, t-strap, ankle strap

**Fabric:** Select a complimentary color that will be used for all the accessories- I chose a silk dupioni, but the only limits are your imagination! Don't forget to purchase a matching lining fabric or double the face fabric to use as lining. Measure the straps you will cover- 1/8 yd should be more than enough.



**Threads:** Be creative, [the threads](#) can act as an accent or be the total focus.

**Stabilizers:** A firm but [pliable stabilizer](#) will work best- a mid to heavy wt tearaway is ideal.

**Needles:** Needle size/type is based on the weight of fabric and use- select a needle appropriate to the selected fabric. I prefer a 80-90 topstitch- for medium to heavier weight fabrics so that I can use a variety of threads successfully.

**Notions:** Velcro- ½ yd of half-n-half (1 side sew in, 1 side stickyback) should be enough- depends on the size of straps. Crystals/hot fix wand-if desired, applique scissors or a hot cut tool to cut fabric right to the stitches, basic sewing supplies.

#### [Sewing/Embroidery machine.](#)

#### EMBROIDERED STRAP:

- 1) Measure the straps to cover- try shoes on- if they have a buckle, measure to the buckle
- 1) Cut fabric and lining 1" larger on all sides
- 2) Select an embroidery design that will fit the cut fabric- If using a Brother embroidery machine with the Border function, you can select a decorative stitch to fill the fabric, instead of a standard embroidery design- see your instruction book/local Brother dealer for details. Some functions are also demonstrated on YouTube.
- 3) Hoop stabilizer and baste the fabric to the stabilizer. Embroider up to the "tack down" stitch.
- 4) When the design comes to the "tack down stitch of applique, remove the hoop from the machine- BUT NOT THE FABRIC FROM THE HOOP.
- 5) Place the lining fabric on the back of the hoop, making sure all the tack down stitches are covered. Tape or spray adhere to stabilizer.
- 6) Finish stitching the embroidery and remove from hoop once completed.
- 7) Use Applique scissors or Hot cut tool to trim away the excess fabric around the design- follow the directions included with the Hot cut tool. **TIP:** you can "hot cut" rayon/metallic embroidery threads right next to the stitches without burning- other threads will need to be "hot cut" away

from the threads, as not to melt. This may leave some small “hairs” next to the design that will have to be trimmed with scissors.

- 8) Cut a strip on the Velcro to the length and width of the strap
- 9) Sew the Velcro to the strap through all layers, on the lining side.
- 10) Attach “stickyback” to sewn in Velcro and stick to strap.

