Items you will need:

- Tear-away stabilizer (Optional alternative for steps 7 & 10: Instead of tear-away, if you use a soft mesh cut-a-way stabilizer, it will create a liner inside the bag)
- Two 6"x10" pieces of fabric
- Two 22" pieces of cording or ribbon for the ties
- Tape to hold fabric in place
- Note: Wind bobbin with coordinating thread.

Note: For the cupcake/bunny gift bags, embroider the candle/ears first. Apply the candle/ears on the outline that will be stitched before the ribbon casing columns.

Select the design you want to embroider—you will start with the "back" embroidery design and then do the "front" embroidery design.

Back of gift bag:

1. Hoop one piece of tear-away stabilizer



2. Stitch the first color, which is the outline.



3. Remove from hoop and cut on the stitch line. This will be used as a template.



4. Take one piece of the 6x10 fabric and lay it lengthwise (10" side horizontally). Lay the template over the fabric in the middle, so that it is just under the left edge of the fabric (approx.1/4"). Fold the right side of the fabric up to the bottom of the template (a little under 3" of fabric will be folded up). Slide the template out, press your fabric, then lay the template on top and in the middle of the fabric—straight edge of the template lined up to the folded edge of the fabric.



5. Using the "notches" in the template as your guide, cut through the fabric on both sides to the notches on the template. Remove template and open the fold. Fold in each side of the cut fabric and press. (The picture in the instructions has been turned around)



8. Lay the fabric right side up over the outline. Make sure the fabric matches on the stitch lines. Tape to hold in place. Stitch the next color change (the tackdown).



6. Fold the top to the inside again and press.



9. Remove from hoop and trim ½" from the stitch line. Set aside.



7. Hoop one piece of tear-away stabilizer. Embroider the first color change (the outline) of the "back" of the gift bag.

Front of gift back

Use your 2nd piece of 6x10 fabric and you will reuse your template. You will now be embroidering the "front" gift bag design. Select thread colors that match your fabric.

Repeat instructions 4 through 6



10. Hoop one pieces of tearaway stabilizer. Stitch the first color (the outline).



11. Lay the fabric right side up over the outline. Make sure the fabric matches on the stitch lines. Tape to hold in place.



12. Stitch out the remaining color changes, stopping before you get to the final "tackdown" color change.



13. Lay the embroidered back of the gift bag right side down matching the top and sides. Tape to hold in place.



14. Stitch the tack-down. Trim close to the tack down stitches.



15. Embroider the remainder of the design.

16. Remove from hoop. Remove tear-away stabilizer.

17. Turn right side out.





19. Using a safety-pin or some tool, thread the end of one ribbon through the front bag opening all the way through to the other end. Then insert the same piece of ribbon into the back slot opening in the bag. Pull through. Both ends of the ribbon are now together on the original side. Tie ends together.

18. Add ribbon.Note: the instructions say 2qty 14 inch pieces of ribbon, but you will get better results by using longer ribbon—approx. 22 inch pieces.

20. Repeat with second piece of ribbon starting at the opposite side of the first ribbon.