

Words of Wisdom Quilt Block Carrier

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When life throws you scraps, make a carrier for your quilt blocks using one of the sayings in the OESD "Words of Wisdom" design collection. Keep your quilt blocks neat, or use the felt interior as a design board.

Finished size—closed: 13" x 13"



Supplies

Machine and Accessories

- BERNINA Sewing & Embroidery System
- Largest Hoop available
- Binder attachment (BERNINA Binder Attachment #88 with Foot #95)
- General purpose foot (BERNINA Reverse Pattern Foot #1/1C/1D or Clear Foot #34/34C/34D)
- Open-toe foot (BERNINA Open Embroidery Foot #20/20C/20D)
- Edgestitch foot (BERNINA Edgestitch Foot #10/10C/10D)
- BERNINA Measuring Gauge

Embroidery Collection

- OESD Signature Collection #12336, "Words of Wisdom"

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Fabrics & Notions

- 1/2 yard of 60"-wide denim fabric
- 1/4 yard contrast fabric for ties and handles (starched)
- 3/4 yard of Timtex
- 3/4 yard of interfacing
- Assorted fabric scraps for applique designs
- 12" x 18" rectangle of wool felt
- OESD Appliqué Fuse & Fix
- OESD HeavyWeight Cut-Away stabilizer
- 505 Temporary Adhesive Spray
- Construction thread
- Isacord embroidery thread (colors 0800, 4111, 6031, 6912, 9605, 9406, 9916, 9924)
- Yenmet metallic embroidery thread
- Bobbin thread
- Organ Titanium Embroidery needle, size 80/12
- Jeans needle, size 90/14
- Mary Ellen's Best Press starch alternative
- Nifty Notions "Cut for the Cure" ruler, 7" x 24"
- Rotary cutting equipment

Preparation the Fabric

- Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the denim fabric before cutting.
- Fuse the Appliqué Fuse & Fix to the fabric scraps before cutting them to size.
- Cut from denim:
 - Cut one 14" x 28" rectangle
 - Cut two 14" x 14" squares
 - Cut two 3" x 18" strips for straps
- Cut two 12³/₄" x 12³/₄" squares of Timtex.
- Cut one 12" x 12" square of WoolFelt.
- Cut three strips 1¹/₈" wide by WOF (width of fabric) for the ties and handles.
- Cut assorted fused fabric scraps into nine 1" x 1" squares, plus additional squares and rectangles 1" x 1" or larger.

Embroider the Panels

- Spray the Cut-Away stabilizer with 505 Temporary Adhesive Spray and adhere to the back of the 14" x 28" denim rectangle.
- Hoop the stabilizer/denim in your largest embroidery hoop and embroider the selected design in the center of the upper end of the rectangle.



Construct the Carrier

All seams are 1/2" unless otherwise noted.

- Arrange several appliqué squares randomly in the empty area to the upper left of the embroidered design. Fuse in place.
- Attach the open-toe embroidery foot to the machine. Select a blanket stitch and move the needle position to the far right. Appliqué the squares to the denim rectangle.
- Arrange nine appliqué squares to form a 9-patch block to the lower right of the embroidered design. Fuse and stitch in place.



Tip: Digitize the squares in BERNINA Embroidery Software 6 or in BERNINA CutWork Software.

- Spray the wrong side of the WoolFelt with 505 adhesive and center it on one of the 14" x 14" denim squares.
- Attach the edgestitch foot to the machine. Select a straight stitch, adjust the length to 3.5mm, and adjust the needle position to the left. Edgestitch the WoolFelt to the denim around all four sides.
- Fold under 1/2" along the lower edge of the denim square; press.
- Fold the two 3" x 18" strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together; press.
- Following the instructions included with the binder, bind the two long edges of each handle using the 1¹/₈" strips of contrast fabric.

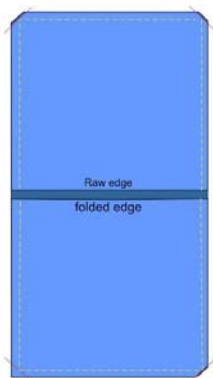




- Mark the center of each end of the rectangle for the tie placement.
- Make a mark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from each end for the handle placement.



- Aligning the raw edges, pin or baste the ties and handles in place.
- Pin the 14" x 14" squares to the embroidered rectangle, right sides together, with the folded edge of the WoolFelt square in the middle of the carrier.



- Stitch around the **outside** of the rectangle using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, reinforcing the stitching at the handles and ties.
- Insert a square of Timtex into each side of the carrier, nestling it into the corners.
- Bring the folded edge of the WoolFelt-covered denim square over the raw edge of the opposite square. Stitch the folded edge in place using a straight stitch and the edgestitch foot with the needle adjusted to the left.



- Edgestitch around outer edge of the entire carrier to finish.

Tip: Use the WoolFelt-covered square as a design board.

