

## Embroidery Project

# Bird Seed Can Cover

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*Make this quick and easy cover for an empty coffee can. Fill with bird seed and give to your favorite bird watcher. You will be helping out our wildlife and helping our environment by recycling a coffee can at the same time! This project fits a 34.5 oz. coffee can, but feel free to customize the measurements as needed for any size can.*

## Supplies

### Embroidery Designs

- OESD Embroidery Take-Out Collection #47750 —“Things with Wings”

### Fabric & Trims

- 8" x 21" rectangle of fabric for cover
- 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 21<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" fabric for lining and binding
- 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 21<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" polyester fleece batting
- 5" square white or pale blue fabric for appliqué
- 5" square white organza for appliqué (optional—the organza will give the appliqué a glistening effect)
- 6" piece of hook-and-loop tape

### Notions

- 101 Quilt Basting Spray
- 606 Fusible Spray Adhesive
- Appliqué Iron (optional)
- OESD Ultra Clean & Tear Stabilizer
- Isacord Polyester Embroidery Thread
- Empty large 34.5 oz. coffee can

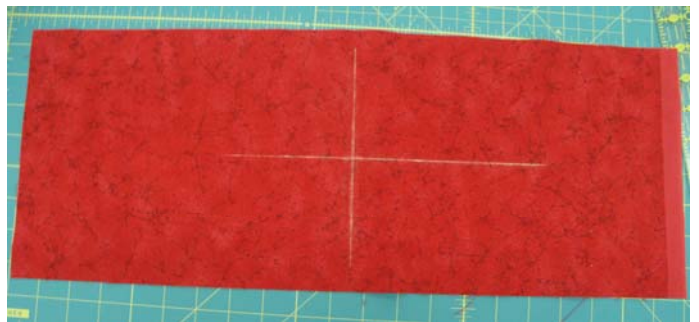
### Machine & Accessories

- BERNINA Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- Embroidery hoop



## Embroider the Appliqué Design

- Mark the horizontal axis and vertical axis of the 8" x 21" rectangle of fabric with a chalk or water-soluble marking pen.



- Adhere two layers of OESD Ultra Clean & Tear Stabilizer together with 101 Quilt Basting Spray.
- Spray the top of the stabilizer layers with 101 Quilt Basting Spray and adhere to the wrong side of the fabric in the marked area.
- Use the hoop's template to position the marked center of the fabric in the hoop.
- Attach the hoop to the machine and select design #CC77523.
- Rotate the design in the hoop 90° if needed.

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- Use your machine's layout feature to position the needle at the marked center of the hooped fabric.
- Spray the wrong side of the 5" white or blue appliqué square with 606 Fusible Spray and allow to dry for a few minutes.
- Spray 101 Quilt Basting Spray on the wrong side. (You will be spraying over the 606.)
- VERY lightly spray the top of the white or blue appliqué square with 101 Quilt Basting Spray and place the organza on top.

- Place the sprayed appliqué squares right side up in the center of the hoop.



- Stitch color 1 from the design.

- Remove the hoop from the machine. DO NOT REMOVE THE FABRIC FROM THE HOOP.



- Place the hoop on a flat surface and carefully trim the excess appliqué fabric from outside the stitching.

- Use an appliqué iron to permanently adhere the appliqué to the fabric while it is still in the hoop. (If you do not have an appliqué iron, you will need to permanently adhere the appliqué with a regular iron after the entire design is complete.)

- Return the hoop to the machine and continue stitching the design.

- If desired, use your machine's built-in lettering to add lettering to either side of the design at this time.
- Remove the hoop from the machine and the fabric from the hoop.
- Trim the thread tails and remove excess stabilizer from the back of the piece.
- Trim the embroidered piece to 6¼" x 21½", keeping the design centered.

## Assemble the Cover

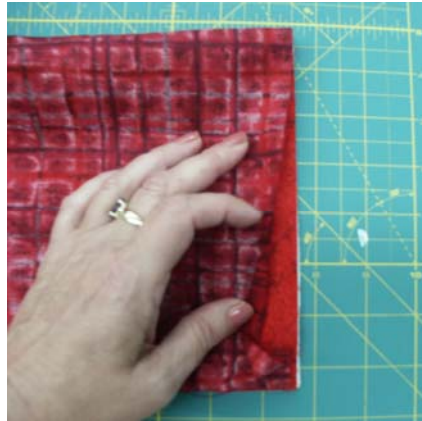
- Spray the 6¼" x 21½" piece of batting with 101 Quilt Basting Spray and adhere to the wrong side of the embroidered piece.
- With right sides together, stitch one long edge of the lining fabric to the top long edge of the appliquéd piece with a ¾" seam allowance.



- With right sides still together, align the lower raw edge of the lining to the lower long edge of the embroidered piece and stitch with a ¾" seam allowance. Note: There will be excess fabric between the two seam lines at this point.)



- At one short end, bring the center point of the lining to the center point of the front embroidered piece.



- Stitch across the short edge with a ½” seam allowance. (A fold will form in the lining at the beginning and ending of the seam.)



- Clip corners, turn right side out, and press. The lining piece now forms a “binding” that wraps around the long edges of the cover.



- Zigzag the short cut edges of the other short end closed.
- Place the soft side of the hook-and-loop tape along the zigzag edge on the right side of the cover and stitch in place.
- On the opposite end, stitch the hook side of the hook-and-loop tape to the wrong side of the cover.
- Wrap the cover around the can; fill with birdseed.

Here is another idea from Bunny Gates for creating the cover. Make it reversible—and you can change the can cover when you change your patio cushions for a patio that looks totally “together”!

This white cover is made with OESD Embroidery Take-Out Collection #12208—“Winter Birds”—using the same fabric for both the embroidered side and the lining side. Use Explorations Embroidery Software or BERNINA Embroidery Software v6 to enhance any design—such as this cardinal—by adding an appliqué background. Using the BERNINA Stitch Regulator makes it a breeze to stipple stitch around the design. Decorate with trims of your choice—what a great way to use some of those wonderful trims that you’ve been saving for something special!

