

Step 3: Place your vinyl, Don't hoop it. You can use temporary spray or a little tape to hold it in place. Make sure the vinyl covers the die line completely.

Run color stops 2-7



Step 4: Now take the hoop off the machine but **DO NOT** unhoop anything. Flip the hoop over and place your backing vinyl. Secure it with some tape because gravity is not your friend here.

Run Color Stops 8 and 9.



Step 5: Now it's time to cut the dangle out. Using your cutting implement of choice, cut around the dangle about 1/8" away from the stitching.



Step 6: Use your punch of choice to cut out the eyelet hole

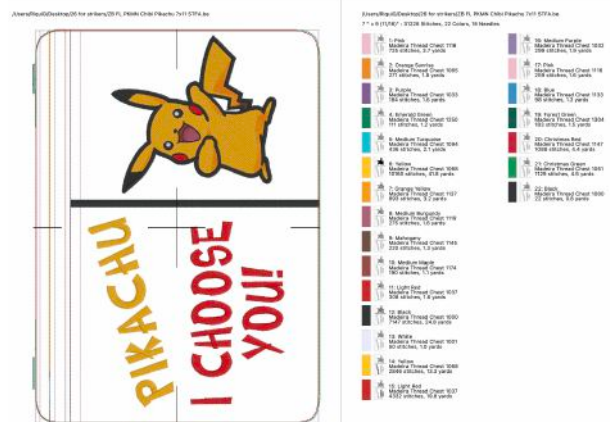


Step 7: Place your eyelet and use your setting tool of choice to set the eyelet.

Great! You have a dangle set this aside in a safe place and let's make a bag.



Before we get started let's take a look at the color stop sheet that comes with your design files.



Color stops 1-6 are going to be your initial construction steps, you can do all of these in one color that will match your bag. The various colors listed are there to force your machine to stop after each color so you can do whatever manipulations you need to between each step.

The next section of color stops will be design elements and can vary depending on which pokemon split bag you are making

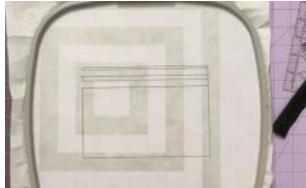
Color stops listed as Medium Purple through Christmas Green are the remaining construction stops and can be done in the same thread color as stops 1-5 **THE LAST COLOR STOP SHOULD NOT BE STITCHED.** This is there to make sure your machine doesn't auto center at the end and pull/tear/mess up your hard work.



Step 8: Hey, guess what step 1 is? If you guessed “hoop a piece of stabilizer” You’re half right. LOL!

You also want to press your fabric under $\frac{1}{2}$ ” on the side that will be up against the zipper of your lining front pieces.

Run Color stop 1.



Step 9: Things are a little different here again.

There is an extra weird looking die line in your zipper area (the red one in my pic). We’re going to use this later to place our lining and know where to trim out that stabilizer. So, if you think you might not be able to eyeball it after you cut this section of stabilizer out, flip your hoop over and use a pen/marker/pencil to extend those die lines out past the bag die line edges.



Step 10: If you flipped your hoop over to mark your extra line, Flip your hoop back to the front and place your zipper along the line that is 2nd from the top (the purple one), ignore that we’re extra die line unless you’re using a #5 zipper, then make sure those teeth are centered right between those extra lines (the red ones) remember we’re going to cut that out later.

Run Color stop 2.



Step 11: Find your 2” pieces of grosgrain ribbon or the 1”x 2” fabric pieces you cut and fold them in half Place them over the zipper making They are about $\frac{1}{2}$ ” inside the side dielines.

Next find your main front piece that will be the Left side of the bottom. Place the nice straight edges along your zipper, making sure those edges are bucked right up against the teeth the right side is overlapping the middle die line. now tape it down! We don’t want anything doing any sort of shifty shifting. **Run Color stop 3.**

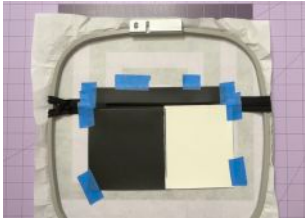


Step 12: Next find your main front piece that will be the right side of the bottom (The chibi side) Place the nice straight edges along your zipper, making sure those edges are bucked right up against the teeth the right side is overlapping the middle die line. now tape it down! We don’t want anything doing any sort of shifty shifting. **Run Color stops 4 &5**





Step 13: Now trim the chibi side fabric along the zigzag tack down but make sure you don't snip the stitches..



Place the top piece above the zipper making sure that it's right up against the zipper teeth and tape it down.



Run all remaining color stops up to but NOT including the one labeled as medium purple.



Step 14: Now that the pretty parts are all stitched, Remove the tape so you can move the zipper head into the bag area, grab your seam ripper and put a small slit in the stabilizer between the zipper teeth.

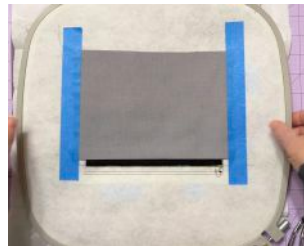


Step 15: Remember that weird die line in the middle of the zipper area (the one I marked in red) you saw earlier, let's flip the hoop over and find that again.

Grab your applique cutting scissors and carefully trim out the stabilizer along that weird die line.



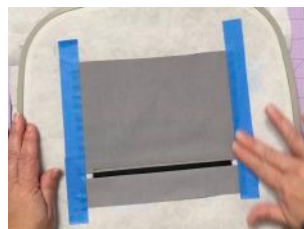
Step 15: (cont) Don't trim all the way to the zipper tack, just that center section marked off with the new die line that hasn't been on any other STFA bag. Flip your hoop back over and zip your zipper back up and re-tape it down.



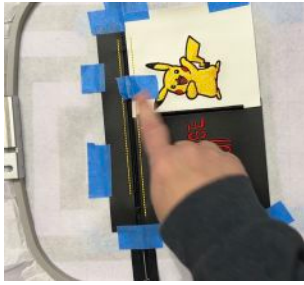
Step 16: Now, Grab your lining piece for the bag bottom that you folded and pressed and place it where that weird die line was. If you extended those lines with a pen, you can use them to line up your fabric folded edges.

Tape these down so gravity doesn't cause trouble.

Run Color Stop labeled Medium purple



Step 17:Place the folded edge of the top lining piece along the top of opening you cut on the back of the hoop, tape it down and **Run Color Stop Labeled PINK**



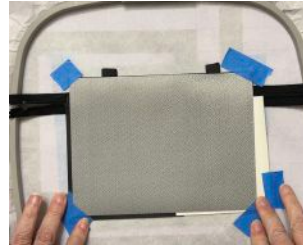
Step 18: Take off the tape on the zipper head and move your zipper tab, fabric out of the way and open your zipper again. Flip the zipper pull toward the middle of the bag and tape it down so you don't accidentally stitch it into the side seam later. Place the hoop back on the machine and **Run Color stop Labeled BLUE**



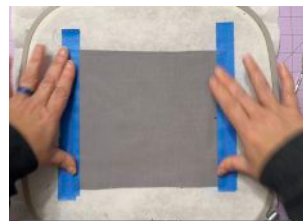
Step 19: Time to place the hardware. Grab your 5/8" piece(s) of grosgrain ribbons and thread them through your lobster claw(s) or d-ring(s). *You can choose to put one claw or ring on the side of your bag, two along the top, or all 3.*

On this bag we're going to lay them with the hardware toward the **INSIDE** of the bag with the raw edges of the ribbon about 1/4"-1/2" past the die line toward the **OUTSIDE** of the bag.

Run color stop Labeled MIMOSA YELLOW

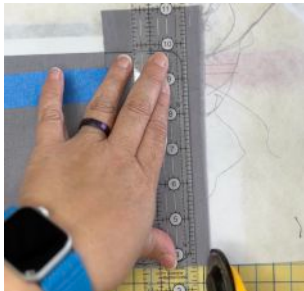


Step 20: Take your main backing piece and lay it pretty side to pretty side, lining it up So it covers all the bag die lines. If. You're unsure grab a pen and flip your fabric up/down at the corners and mark where those original pink die line outer corners are. Tape the fabric in the corners and **Run Color stop labeled Christmas Red.**



Step 21: Flip your hoop over and place your lining fabric pretty side to pretty side. Tape this down securely because again, GRAVITY! And **Run Color stop labeled CHRISTMAS GREEN**

DO NOT STITCH THE FINAL COLOR STOP LABELED BLACK. This is dead stop that keeps your machine from automatically centering and tearing things up.



Step 22: Pop things out of your hoop look closely at the lining side, you will notice a place that is unstitched. This is your turning hole. Carefully cut from the outer edge of the fabric to just short of the stitch line on both sides of the turning hole. This makes a Turning Tab. Fold your Turning Tab up and tape it down so you don't accidentally cut it off.

Step 23: trim all 4 sides of your bag about 1/8" away from your stitch lines. You can use pinking shears or a rotary cutter and ruler. Just don't cut off your turney tab!

Step 24: Use a scissors to round the corners so they lay nicer.



STEP 25: Turn your bag through the turning hole so that the lining is all you see, Yes it's inside out but that's ok. Reach in and pull off the tape on your hardware. Push in your turning tabs and the use a needle and thread to sew it closed. You can also use some sort of fusible seam tape to do this if needle and thread isn't your thing. Or you can be like Kel and glue them shut. You can pin your tabs if you want to keep things from shifting when you sew it up. Now turn the bag out through the zipper opening.

Step 26: Grab your blunt pokey outey tool of choice and push out your corners. If you used vinyl for your exterior, and your vinyl is not cooperating you can put it under a stack of books or wrap some felt around the edges and clip it with wonderclips to train it to lay flat.

Which pokemon will you choose?



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