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Fashion isn't just about looking chic, it's also about having fun. Basic canvas tote bag patterns, such as Butterick 5622, are perfect for embroidery and embellishment. Have fun choosing different embroidery designs and placement areas to create a "statement look" for an exciting bag, or a "subtle look" for a classic bag.



Statement Look

Choose a fun, whimsical appliqué to add dimension to a basic bag. Place the design in the bag center as the focal point. Select cute coordinating print fabric for the different appliqué layers to bring texture and color to the bag.

DESIGN

Birds: Urban Threads, Birds and Bunting (design #UTZ1267); urbanthreads.com



Subtle Look

Choose a bold yet basic border design for an exciting look. Select a design with color-blocking elements, such as a plaid. Place the border design 1" below the bag upper edge, and then space two additional borders 1" apart below the first design. The multiple borders and coordinating thread colors bring pop to the basic bag.

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Plaid border: Embroidery Library, Northwoods Plaid Border; (763) 509-3320, emblibrary.com