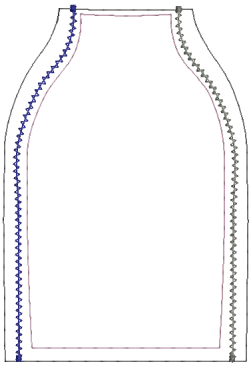


Zipper Koozie Template Instructions



Screenshot of Zipper Koozie Template

[same basic method applies to following blank, unsewn koozies – beer bottle w/zipper and wine bottle w/zipper]

Outside black stitch is the **Placement Stitch**, inside pink stitch is the **Basting Stitch** and the blue [left] and grey [right] zig zag & straight stitches are the **Sew-Up Stitches**. **Note:** The thread color may vary with the different templates, but there are always only these 3 basic steps.

1. Open the Koozie template in your embroidery software.
2. Place your design anywhere inside the pink basting stitch area

[second color block ~ pictured to left].

3. Change the stitch order so that the blue and grey **Sew-Up Stitches** stitch last [after your design].
4. Save the design and send it to your embroidery machine.
5. Hoop your tearaway stabilizer [cutaway stabilizer is not recommended].
6. Put hoop in machine.



7. Start stitching the design on the stabilizer only – a **Placement Stitch** [black stitch in picture to left] will stitch first – you'll use this as a guideline to place your Koozie.
8. Spray the inside [not the side you will stitch on] of your Koozie with a little adhesive spray. This will help keep it in place while the **Basting Stitch** runs.
9. Place Koozie sticky side down on the stabilizer and good side up. Center it inside the **Placement Stitches** [shown in picture to right]. **NOTE: 1.** To make the zippered beer

bottle koozie template fit in a 5x7 hoop, we had to design the **Sew-up Stitches** a little shorter than the actual koozie, so just make sure that you split the difference between the top and bottom and each side. **2.** The side that's up is the side that you are going to stitch your design on.



10. Start stitching again – a **Basting Stitch** [shown to left] will stitch – this stitch will tack down the Koozie to the stabilizer and hold it in place while the design stitches.
11. Your design will stitch now.
12. Once your design has stitched, fold your Koozie up and hold or pin in place.

NOTE: If you pin, do not pin on the sides where it will stitch, but on the top and bottom in the center.



13. **Before you start sewing again, make sure that your presser foot is high enough to clear the 2 layers of koozie material. You may need to change your foot to a shorter [higher] foot or press the layer together at the start so that the presser foot can make it over. This shouldn't be a problem at all for most machines, but you should be aware that it could be a problem. If the foot doesn't clear the material, it could break your needle.**

14. Start stitching again – the **Sew-Up Stitches** [blue and grey stitches in the picture of the template at the top of the

instructions and white stitches in the picture to the left] will stitch up the sides and finish the Koozie.

15. Take out of hoop, Trim the basting stitches [just every few, so that it the stabilizer will tear away easily] tear away all stabilizer, pull out all loose threads, turn right side out, pull out the stray basting stitches and...

16....You're finished!

Things to Remember:

- Don't use too much spray adhesive because it will make it harder to get the cans/bottles in and out once you remove the stabilizer.
- If you have a multiple needle machine ~ don't forget to place stops before the **Basting Stitch** & the **Sew-Up Stitches**.
- Use tearaway stabilizer so that you can easily remove it.
- Use thread that matches outside color of koozie to sew-up the sides.
- Make sure that you pin the Koozie well before stitching the **Sew-Up Stitches** to ensure that the Koozie is sewn straight and looks nice when it's finished.
- Koozies w/Zipper – make sure zipper is zipped while stitching.
- Koozies w/Zipper – these don't line up exactly most of the time because of the zipper, so you will need to split the difference during Step #12.
- **Easy Add-On** for can and water bottles – Pin ribbon across the top on the same side that you're sewing the design on so that it's sewn in when the sides are sewn up! So Cute and So EASY! **NOTE:** ONLY add ribbon to one side of the koozie or it will not stretch properly.



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