When you're on the road, travel in style with this elegant monogrammed jewelry case of silk dupioni. The pearl quilting hints of the jewels hidden within! Wouldn't this make a wonderful and special gift?

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Dragon Threads
Skill Level: Intermediate

- **Machines**
  - Baby Lock Esanté Ese 2

- **Supplies**
- Amazing Designs embroidery disk collection Floral Alphabet AD3001
- Medium or large hoop
- YLI™ fine metallic thread in silver and gold
- Fabric: 1/2 yard of blue silk dupioni, 1/4 yard of green dupioni, 1/2 yard of satin for lining
  1/2 yard of fleece batting
- Sulky™ Cut-Away stabilizer-5" square
- Piping/cording 1-1/2 yds
- Sewing thread - to match fabric
- The Finishing Touch™ Bobbin Thread (embroidery only)
- 5mm pearls
- 24” zipper
- Embroidery thread for the monogram
- Water soluble marker

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**Embroider**

- Embroidery unit attached
- Embroidery card inserted
- Needle type: size 80 embroidery needle and metallic needle
- Bobbin: The Finishing Touch Bobbin Thread
- Thread: rayon 40 wt. and metallic threads.

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**Cutting & Preparation**

On paper, draw a circle that is 7-3/8” in diameter. Then add 3/8” seam allowance all around circle.

Cut 10” square of blue dupioni and 5” square of green dupioni

Illustration 1
Fold blue fabric in half in both directions to find center. Place green square over center of blue piece. Place stabilizer under these and hoop tightly.

Attach hoop to machine.

Select letter desired. Embroider the first colors but **DON'T** stitch out the final circle.

At the final circle, thread up the desired color. Watch the machine stitch a circle of straight stitches around the initial and **STOP** it when it comes back to the beginning before it starts to do satin stitching.

Remove the hoop from the machine and carefully cut the top green fabric away close to the straight stitches of the circle.

Place the hoop back on the machine and start the embroidery again so the satin stitching goes around the circle. When this is finished, if the stitching doesn't catch the green fabric, go over the circle with zig zag stitch set at width of 3.5 and length of 0.5-0.6.

Place the paper circle pattern on top of this, center the initial and cut out.
With this pattern, cut another blue dupioni circle, two batting circles and 2 lining circles.

**PIPING**
From the green dupioni, cut 1-1/4" wide bias strips to make a total length of 1-1/2 yards to cover the cording. Sew strips together with diagonal seaming and press seams. Press the strip in half lengthwise. Place cording in the fold and stitch loosely.

Layer a piece of batting under the monogrammed top. Place the piping on the right side of the top with zipper foot and sew with 3/8" seam allowance.

Layer a piece of batting under the bottom circle. Sew the piping on the top side of the bottom circle with 3/8" seam allowance.

**SIDE WALL OF TOP**
Cut blue dupioni 3" x 25". Sew seam so this is 24" circle. Press in half lengthwise and stitch together 1/4". Notch the edges diagonally all around.

Sew this strip to the monogrammed top using a zipper foot and 3/8" seam allowance.

**BOTTOM SIDE WALL**
Cut 4" X 25" blue dupioni and batting. Pin together.

Draw diagonal lines at 45 degrees on the silk with a water soluble marker every 1" in both directions creating lattice.

Using silver thread, stitch with length 3.5, stitch along these lines.

Sew this into tube measuring 24". Clip bottom edge 1/4" diagonal clips.

Stitch this wall to the bottom circle with 3/8" seam allowance.
Fold top down 5/8" and pin or press.

With hand needle and thread, sew pearls at intersections but not close to the bottom 1/2" or the top 1" seam allowances.

**LINING**
Cut 4" x 25" and 3" x 25".
Sew the 3" piece into a circle of 24". Fold in half lengthwise and press. Stitch along raw edge 1/4". Clip diagonally along edges.
Stitch this piece to a lining circle.
Sew the 4" piece into a 24" circle. Clip one edge diagonally and stitch to a lining circle. Press under 5/8" along top edge.

**ASSEMBLY**
Sew the zipper into a 24" circle with right sides together.

Take top lining, matching seams at center back, sew the fold of the top wall to the wrong side of the zipper. Place it with 1/4" overlap to edge of zipper tape and edgestitch.

Take the bottom of lining and stitch to zipper in the same manner. Place the lining inside the pearl quilted bottom. Match center back seams. Overlap the top edge fold of the silk on the zipper stitching and edge stitch.
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