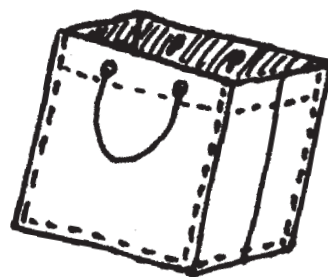


Fabric Gift Bag

A soft fabric bag is great for gift giving and can be used again and again!



Materials needed: 1/3 yd of cotton fabric
3/8 yd of a heavyweight fusible craft interfacing
24" of ribbon or cording for handles

1. Fuse your interfacing to the wrong side of your fabric piece following the manufacturer's instructions. Then cut a 10" x 19 1/2" piece of fabric (see diagram 1).
2. Finish the long side of the rectangle with a zig zag stitch or a serger, then fold the piece in half and sew your finished edges together in a 1/2" seam (see diagram 2).
3. Press open your seam on both sides. Fold the end of your seams to form triangles. Make sure the seam is centered in the middle of the triangle and stitch across the ends, 1 3/4" from the point (diagram 3).
4. Cut off the triangles and zig zag or serge the raw edges. Now turn the bag to the right side. Press creases along each side (parallel to the seam line) from points formed at the bottom to the top of the bag, also crease along the lower edges to form a boxed bottom. Edge stitch along all creased lines (diagram 4).
5. Turn under the top edge 1/4" and then another 3/4" and stitch a hem. Make buttonholes or place grommets in the top of the bag. Cut the 24" length of cording or ribbon in half and string through the holes and tie a knot on the inside to hold it (see diagram 4).
6. After a final pressing with a steam iron, your bag is ready to use!

Diagram 1

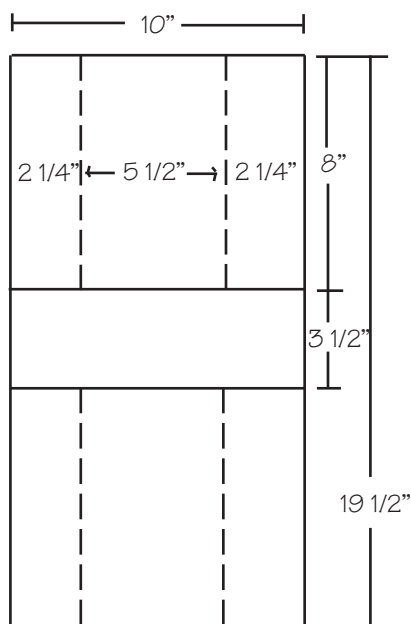


Diagram 2

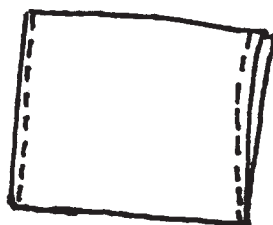


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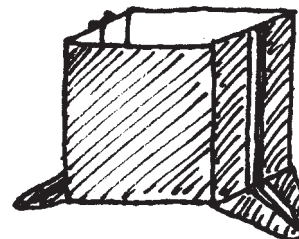


Diagram 4

