

Reusable Gift Bag

14x14

1/2" seams

Cut 2 pieces main fabric 14"x14"

Cut 2 pieces lining fabric 14" high x 13-7/8" wide (fits into outer bag better)

Cut 2 pieces 14x14 fusible interfacing

Cut 2 straps 4"x20" (for straps attaching to top of bag) (can use webbing)

Cut 2 strips of batting 7/8" wide x 20" for the handles

1. Iron interfacing to back side of the main fabric pieces for stability.
2. Mark top and bottom of outside, pin.
3. At the bottom edge, mark 2-1/2" squares on each side
4. Sew sides and bottom of outside fabric, reinforcing the sewn edge of 2-1/2" squares.
5. Cut out the 2-1/2" pieces at the bottom, cutting through both pieces of outside fabric.
6. Open the cutout sections and press open seams.
7. Match side seam and bottom seam at an angle so the the cutout section makes boxed bottom.
- 8. Repeat above steps for the lining.**
9. Turn lining so seams are inside.
10. Place lining inside the bag, right sides together, match seams, pin and sew.
11. You will need to open a 6" section of one of the side seams in lining for turning.
12. Open and press the top seam of bag flat, then push the lining into the fabric bag. Press the top seam again. Sew 1/2" around top edge. Sew the opened 6" seam closed.
13. Placing Handles: Mark 3" in from each side at the top of bag, and 2" down from top.
14. Mark 1" from each end of handle on one side of handle.
15. Match the 1" mark with the 4"/2" marks on bag with the raw edge of the handle facing the top.
16. Sew at the 1" mark on all four handle pieces.
17. Fold handle pieces up towards the top of bag, away from the stitching and pin. Sew in place twice for stability.
18. If you want a really stable bag, use canvas for the lining fabric.

Handles – wrong side up, fold each side toward middle, press. Insert batting on one side, press and glue lightly, press, fold over, glue lightly and press final time. Take to machine and edge stitch each side and middle.

Supply List:

2 pieces fusible interfacing 14x14 or fusible fleece

1/2 yard main fabric

1/2 yard lining fabric

Sewing machine and supplies

Thread

24" Ruler

20" nylon webbing or ribbon for handles (or we can make handles)