

Lined gift bags

Supplies:

- 2 pieces of fabric (one lining, one outside). Half yard each or select dimensions you want for final bag For example, for finished 6 inches wide and 9 inches long you need both lining and outside fabric to be 6½ inches wide and 18½ inches long. So, fabric length is twice as long plus seam allowance. Note: If you have directional fabric, you might need the fabric to be twice as wide as you want it plus seam allowance and length plus seam allowance, so that would be 12½ inches wide and 9½ inches long. Then for directions below, fold width in half and sew side and bottom seams instead.
- Grosgrain ribbon 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide depending on what you like (or whatever cording/ribbon/rick rack you want to use). Length should be long enough to tie a bow after going around the gathered bag plus about 2 inches for in the seam. So, for a 6 by 9 bag you might want around 18 inches.

Directions:

- (1) Fold outside fabric in half, right sides together.
- (2) Place the folded ribbon about 3 inches down from the top of the outside fabric before you sew the side seam. The ribbon folded in half should stick out a bit into the seam for stability so the loose ends will be hidden inside when you see the seam along that side. When sewing the side seam, go over the ribbon a couple of times to anchor it.
- (3) Sew the other side seam for the outside part of the bag. Set it aside.
- (4) Fold the lining fabric right sides together. On one side, sew from the top down along the side until you are about 6 to 8 inches from the bottom. Lock your stitching (tack it to lock it) then sew perpendicular off the edge of the fabric (right angle off the edge). Jump down 3-4 inches to leave an opening. Start off the edge of the fabric and sew in a quarter inch to continue the seam, making a right angle to finish the seam to the bottom of that side seam.
- (5) Sew the other side seam, but do not leave an opening.
- (6) Turn the lining right side out.
- (7) Slide the lining down inside the outside fabric folded bag part, align the tops of each of lining and outside fabric bag openings. So, you will have the right side of the lining fabric touching the right side of the outside fabric. Be sure the ribbon is tucked down in between the lining and outside fabrics so it won't get caught in the seam.
- (8) Sew all around the top about half an inch down to be sure to catch both fabrics.
- (9) Pull out the lining, untucking it from being tucked in the outside fabric.
- (10) Reach through the hole on the side of the lining and pull out the bag so the right side shows on both halves and the ribbon tails are out.
- (11) Sew closed the lining hole through which you just pulled out the fabric.
- (12) Stuff the lining half down into the outside bag fabric. Shake it into place and push the bottom corners of the lining to align with the bag bottom corners.
- (13) Top stitch around the top to help hold the lining in place, about a quarter to half an inch down from the top.

Enjoy giving someone the bag you made.

Steps 1-5



Steps 6-7
(need to tuck ribbon)



Steps 9-10



Step 13

