

Reusable Gift Bag

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Supplies for Bag:

1/2 yard ticking stripe
1/2 yard cotton lining fabric
matching thread
water-soluble fabric marker
1 yard clothesline

Supplies for Tag:

wood, 2" x 3"
sandpaper
drill
chalkboard paint

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAG

Step 1: CUT FABRIC.

Cut 2 each of the outer and lining fabrics, 12" x 15".

Step 2: SEW BUTTONHOLES.

Measure for the two buttonholes on the right side of one of the outer fabric pieces, 3" from the top and 5 1/4" from either side. Sew 1" buttonholes on your marks. See fig. A.

Step 3: SEW BAG AND LINING.

With outer fabric pieces right sides facing, sew around three sides. Repeat with the lining fabric, but leave a 5" opening at the bottom to turn the bag right sides out later. See fig. B.

Step 4: SQUARE CORNERS.

With the outer bag wrong sides out, flatten one corner so that the seams of the side and bottom are aligned. Mark a line 2" from the tip and sew across this line. See fig. C. Cut the excess fabric. Repeat with the bag lining.

Step 5: SEW OUTER BAG TO LINING.

With the lining bag right sides out, insert it into the outer bag, which should still be wrong sides out, so that the right sides are facing. Sew around the top of the bag. Turn the lining and bag right sides out by pulling through the opening in the lining. Topstitch this opening closed.

Step 6: SEW DRAWSTRING CASING.

With the fabric marker, draw a line on the outside of the bag just above and below the buttonholes, as shown in fig. D. Turn the bag lining sides out and sew along these lines.

Step 7: INSERT DRAWSTRING.

Attach a safety pin to the end of the clothesline and insert it through a buttonhole opening. Pull out the other side.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAG

1. If needed, cut wood to 2" x 3" size. Sand to create rounded corners.
2. Drill a hole about the size of your clothesline (helps to put painter's tape on top to prevent splintering).
3. Paint with chalkboard paint and allow to dry for about an hour.

Fig. A

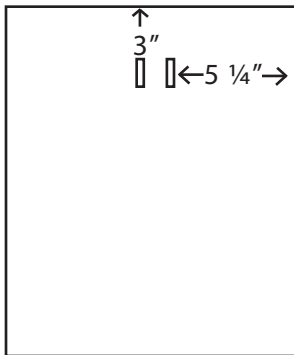


Fig. B

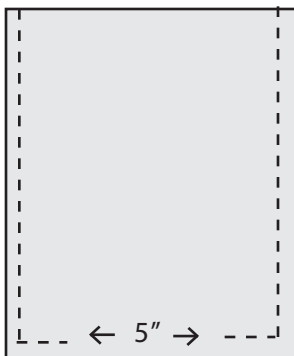


Fig. C

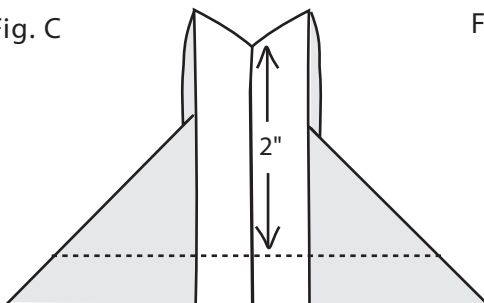


Fig. D

