

12 Days 'til Christmas Bags

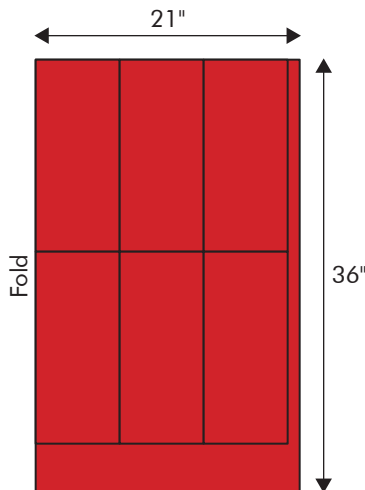
MATERIALS

Yardages are based on 44"-wide fabric.

- 1 yard each of two coordinating prints
- 1 panel of Mistletoe Lane advent tags OR assorted fabric scraps
- 7" x 12" piece of Lite Steam-A-Seam 2
- 12 yards of baker's twine or ribbon

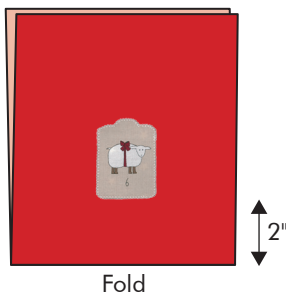
MAKING THE BAGS

- 1 From *each* of the coordinating prints, cut twelve 7" x 16" rectangles.

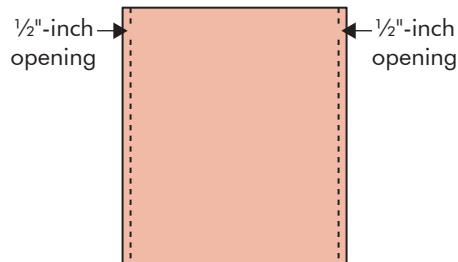


- 2 For the outer bag, fold a rectangle in half, wrong sides together, so it measures 7" x 8".

- 3 With the fold at the bottom, measure about 2" from the fold. Following the manufacturer's instructions, use the Steam-A-Seam to fuse an advent tag or number in the center on the front of the bag. Sew around the edge of the fused tag or number using a buttonhole or zigzag stitch.



- 4 Unfold the outer bag and refold with *right sides together*. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew along each 8" side leaving a $\frac{1}{2}$ " opening half an inch from the top edge. Turn the bag right side out.

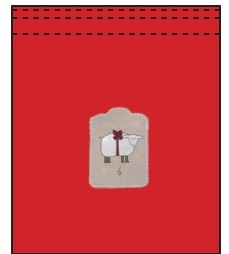


- 5 Repeat steps 2-4 to make a total of 12 outer bags.

- 6 For the lining, fold the remaining 12 rectangles in half, wrong sides together, so they measure 7" x 8". Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew along each 8" edge.

- 7 With right sides together, insert an outer bag into a lining. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, stitch around the top of the bag, leaving a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " opening for turning. Turn the bag right side out. Tuck the lining inside the bag. Use a point turner to push out all the corners; press.

- 8 Topstitch around the top edge of the bag, $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge, to close the opening. Topstitch again $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the edge to make the casing.



- 9 From the twine or ribbon, cut twenty-four 18" lengths. Using a safety pin or bodkin, thread a piece of ribbon or string into one casing opening and all the way around the bag, coming out the same opening where you started. Repeat with another piece of twine or ribbon, but this time using the other casing opening. Tie the ends together in a knot about 1" from each opening.

Fill your 12 bags with goodies to be unwrapped one day at a time until Christmas arrives!



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Patterns are reversed
for fusible appliqué.

