

Easy Wine Bag

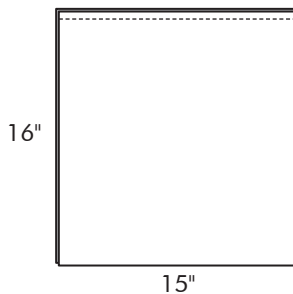
*This is so easy it will be done almost before you start!
Make it for yourself, or use one wrap a special gift bottle.*

MATERIALS

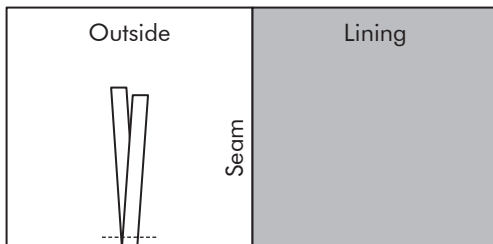
2 fat quarters
Thread to match
1 yard of 1"-wide ribbon
Embellishments (optional)

MAKING THE BAG

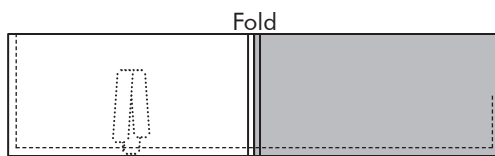
- 1 From *each* fat quarter, cut a rectangle 15" x 16".
- 2 With right sides together and using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew the two pieces together along a 15" edge (this will be the top of the bag). Press the seam allowance open.



- 3 Lay the seamed piece right side up. Fold the ribbon in half. Position the ribbon as shown; baste in place.



- 4 Fold the fabric lengthwise, right sides facing each other. Sew the entire length of the bag and lining, catching the ribbon in the seam. Sew across the bottom of the bag fabric, sew across the bottom of the lining half way.



- 5 Turn right side out. Slipstitch the bottom of the lining shut. Push the lining into the bag. Press.



You can embellish your wine bag in any number of ways. Here are some ideas:

- Add piping or beaded trim when you sew the two pieces together (step 2).
- Paint or stencil the outer fabric before sewing.
- Make the bag out of velvet you emboss yourself (just lay a rubber stamp stamp-side-up on the ironing board. Lay velvet face-down over stamp. Mist and press using a wool setting until the design is embossed in the fabric. This works best with rayon blend velvets and chunky stamps without too much fine detail.