

Fabric Gift Bag

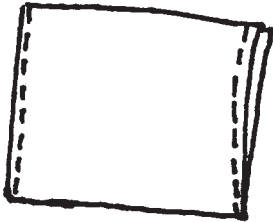
*A soft fabric bag great for gift giving
that can be used again and again!*

MATERIALS

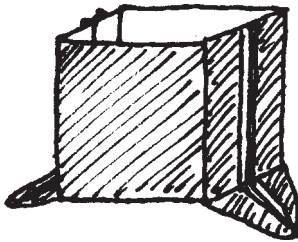
- 1/3 yard of cotton fabric
- 3/8 yard of a heavyweight fusible craft interfacing
- 24" of ribbon or cording for handles

MAKING THE BAG

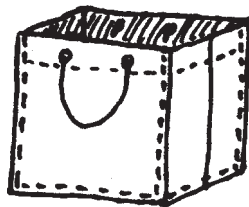
- 1 Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the cotton fabric. Then cut a rectangle, 10" x 19 1/2".
- 2 Finish the long edges of the rectangle with a zigzag stitch or a serger. Fold the piece in half across the width of the fabric, Sew the finished edges together using a 1/2" seam allowance.



- 3 Press open the seams. Fold the end of the seams to form triangles. Make sure the seam is centered in the middle of the triangle. Stitch across the ends, 1 3/4" from the point.



- 4 Trim the triangles 1/2" from the stitching, and zigzag or serge the raw edges. Turn the bag right side out. Press creases along each side (parallel to the seam line) from points formed at the bottom to the top of the bag; also crease along the lower edges to form a boxed bottom. Edge stitch along all creased lines.



- 5 Turn under the top edge 1/4" and then another 3/4" and stitch a hem. Make buttonholes or place grommets in the top of the bag.
- 6 Cut the 24" length of cording or ribbon in half and string through the holes. Tie a knot on the inside to hold it.
- 7 After a final pressing with a steam iron, your bag is ready to use!

