



Boutique Tissue Gift Wrap by Karen Montgomery

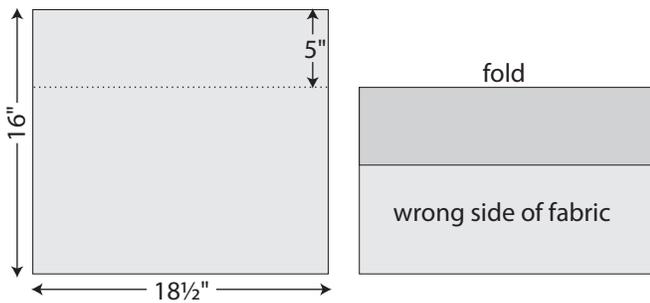
Fat-Quarter Friendly!

Materials

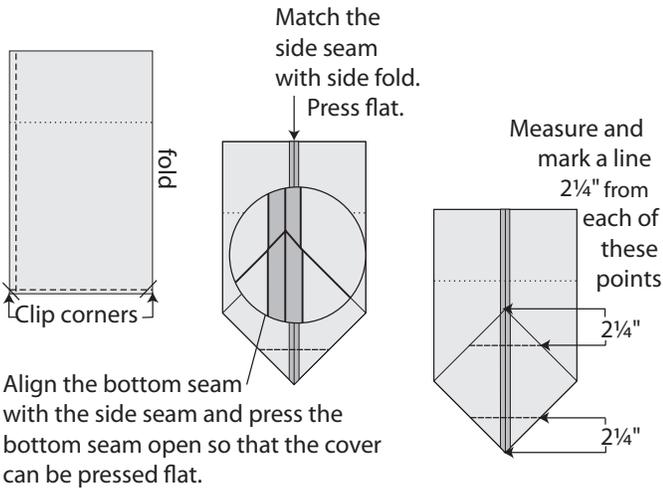
- One Boutique-style box of tissues
- One 16" x 18½" piece of fabric
- Thread
- Basic sewing supplies
- ¾ yard of satin or grosgrain ribbon

Instructions

1. Position your fabric rectangle as shown below. Measure and mark a line 5" from the top edge of the fabric. Fold the fabric to the wrong side and press along the 5" line. This will be the top edge of your cover. Pressing this fold in place will create a "memory" in your fabric, making your job easier in step 5.



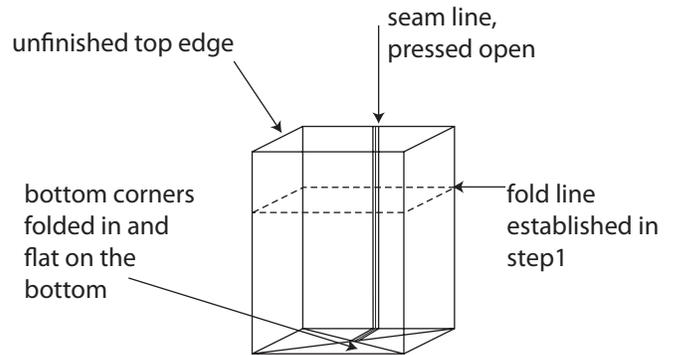
2. Open the fold that you have just pressed, and re-fold the fabric, with right sides together from side to side. Using a ¼" seam, stitch the side seam. Press the seam open. Stitch the bottom seam, clip both bottom corners.



3. Reposition the top edge of the cover, matching the side seam with the side fold. Fold and tuck the bottom

so that the cover can be pressed flat, forming the points as illustrated in step 2. Align the bottom seam with the side seam. Press the bottom seam open.

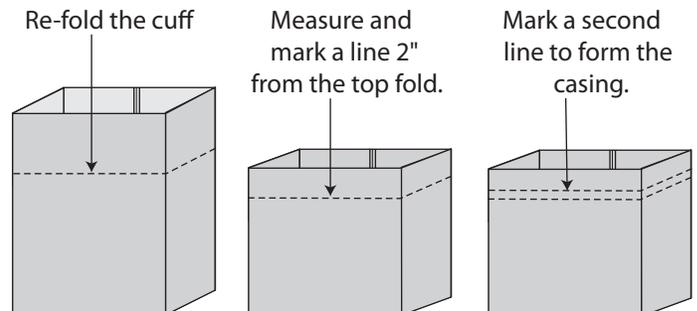
4. Measure 2¼" inches from the point on the center line of the bottom seam. Draw a line across the point. This will be your stitching line. Repeat the measuring and marking for the opposite point. Stitch each of the points on the lines you have drawn. It is not necessary to trim the points.



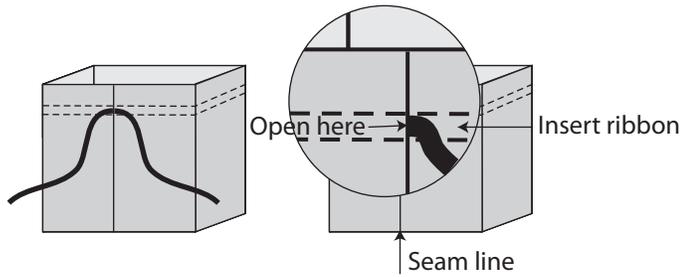
If your cover were clear, it would look like this!

5. Turn the cover right side out. Re-fold the cuff that you created with the pressing line in step 1. (You may want to finish the raw edge on the top of the cover with a narrow hem or your serger before re-folding, but it isn't necessary.)

6. Measure 2" down from the top fold and mark a stitching line entirely around the cover. Measure and mark a second line, closer to the top fold, to form a casing that will accommodate the width of your chosen ribbon. Top stitch both of these lines.



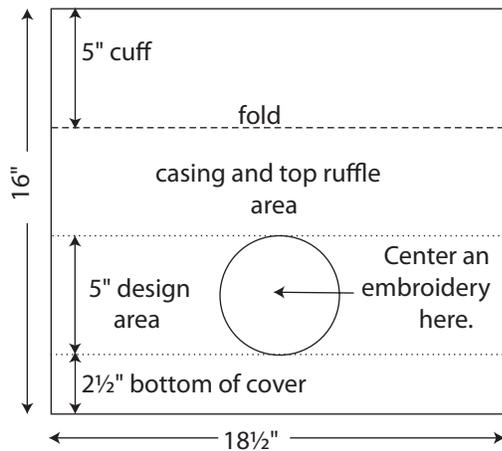
7. With small scissors or your seam ripper, remove the few stitches in the seam between your casing lines. Using a safety pin to guide the ribbon, insert the ribbon into the casing.



8. Place the boutique style tissue box in the fabric cover and draw up the casing so that the tissues can pop out the top. Tie a bow and trim the ribbon ends. *Don't cut your ribbon too short! You must allow enough ribbon to untie the bow and replace the tissue box!*

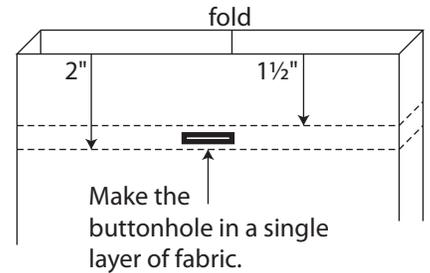
Using a stripe?

If you would like to feature a stripe or a border design around the tissue cover, allow for 2½" of fabric for the bottom of the box. The design area should not be more than 5" high on the side of the box. Cut your fabric rectangle with these measurements in mind.



The Fancy Finish...

This project was designed with the ribbon inserted in the casing through the seam opening. The ribbon is functional. If you would like to have a decorative bow on the front of the cover you can make a small buttonhole on the side fold directly opposite the side seam, approximately 1¾" from the top folded edge. Make the buttonhole in only the outside layer of fabric. The buttonhole should NOT go through the folded cuff! Use the buttonhole to insert your ribbon into the casing. Your bow will now be on the front of the tissue cover!



This quick and easy gift idea will come in handy on many occasions:

- Select a fun fabric to show off a favorite sport or hobby.
- Bundle a covered tissue box with a quilt magazine and a treat for a special friend suffering with a cold or flu.
- Make teachers' gifts using fun fabrics to perk up their desks.

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