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4" Wide Wine Tote

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Make a wine tote to use as a gift bag or just for fun to tote a bottle of wine. Two sizes. The narrow size is approximately 12" H x 3½" W x 3½" D. The wide size is approximately 12" H x 4" W x 4" D.

Getting Started

Please read through the instructions completely before beginning. These instructions are written for use with 100% cotton quilting fabric. But it would also be suitable for decorator fabrics or canvas. Pre-wash fabrics or iron them with steam prior to cutting in order to pre-shrink the fabrics. Always backstitch a couple of stitches at the beginning and end of stitching—your bag is going to get used, and you don't want the stitching to work loose.

All pieces can be cut using a rotary cutter, mat, and acrylic ruler. All pieces can be cut without a template using the dimensions provided in the cutting section.

CUTTING

Cut all fabric and interfacing pieces as provided in this section and fuse interfacing to wrong side of corresponding fabric pieces.

Instructions given are for the narrow size. Instructions for the wide size are in brackets [].

Fabric

Main Fabric

1 Fat Quarter or 1/2 yard of 42-44" wide cotton quilting weight fabric

- Cut one piece 10" H x 14¾" W [**WIDE: 10-1/4" H x 16-3/4" W**] for upper exterior.

Coordinating Fabric

1/2 yard of 42-44" wide cotton quilting weight fabric

- Cut one piece 5" H x 14¾" W [**WIDE: 5" H x 16-3/4" W**] for lower exterior.
- Cut one piece 14" H x 14¾" W [**WIDE: 14" H x 16-3/4" W**] for interior.
- Cut one piece 5" H x 12" W for handle .

Interfacing

2/3 yard of cotton woven fusible interfacing such as Pellon Shapeflex for exterior and handle pieces

- Cut interfacing pieces in the same size as exterior and handle pieces listed above and fuse to wrong side of fabric.
- Cut an extra piece of interfacing for the handle and fuse as a double layer of interfacing on handle for extra body.

1/2 yard of firm fusible interfacing such as Pellon Craft Fuse (808) or Decor Bond (809) for the interior piece

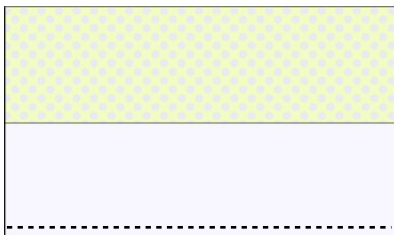
- Cut interfacing pieces the same size as interior piece above and fuse to wrong side of fabric.

SEWING

Important Note: Before starting this section, you should have all pieces cut out and interfacing pieces fused to corresponding fabric pieces. RST means Right Sides Together and WST means Wrong Sides Together. RSO means Right Side Out and WSO means Wrong Side Out.

1. Stitch Exterior

- Place Upper Exterior and Lower Exterior RST with the lower edge of Upper Exterior aligned with upper edge of Lower Exterior. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and press seam allowance open.



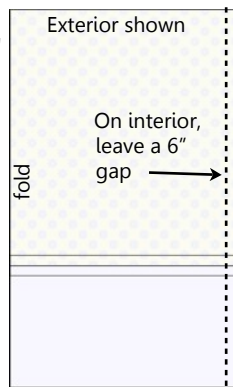
2. Topstitch Exterior

- Topstitch on both sides of Exterior seam with a 1/4" seam allowance.



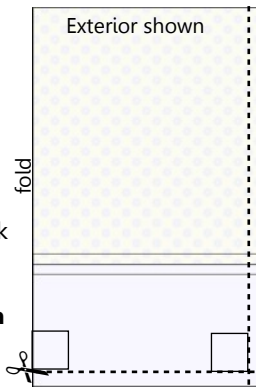
3. Stitch side seam of Exterior and Interior

- Fold Exterior in half with sides RST, matching seams. Pin. Stitch using a 3/8" seam allowance. Press seam open.
- Repeat above step for Interior using a 1/2" seam allowance. Leave a 6" gap in the middle for use later to turn bag right side out.
- On both Exterior and Interior, fingerpress side folds. Mark upper edge at fold.



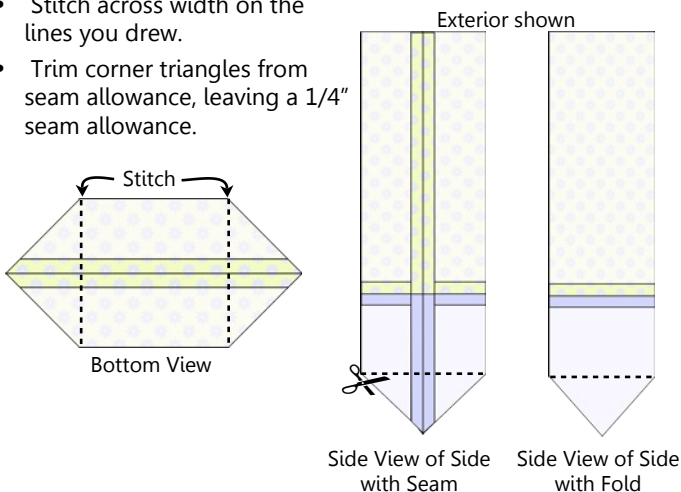
4. Stitch bottom seams

- On Exterior, stitch bottom with a 3/8" seam allowance. Clip corners and press seam open.
- On Interior, stitch bottom with a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip corners and press seam open.
- For both Exterior and Interior, on each lower bottom corner, measure and mark a 2" box by measuring 2" up from the bottom seam and 2" from side fold or side seam **[WIDE: Measure and mark a 1-3/4" box by measuring 1-3/4" up from the bottom seam and 1-3/4" from side fold or side seam]**.
- Mark squares on the back side as well.



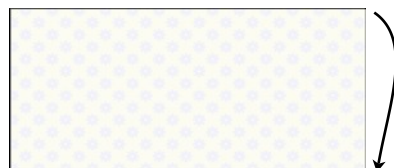
5. Box bottom corners

- For each bottom corner on Exterior and Interior, fold the side so that the side seam or side fold aligns with the bottom seam and the corners of the boxes you drew align together to form a triangle at the ends, as shown below:
- Stitch across width on the lines you drew.
- Trim corner triangles from seam allowance, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.

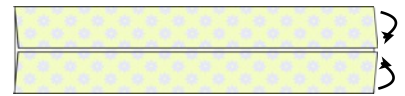


6. Make handle

- Fold strap in half WST along long edge to be 2-1/2" H x 12" W. Press.



- Unfold strap and re-fold outside long edges into the center crease. Press.
- Re-fold along center. Press.



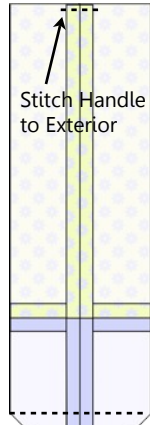
- Edgestitch along each long side a generous 1/8" from each edge.



- For an added touch, you can add a second line of stitching along each long edge 1/8" inside the first line of stitching.

7. Attach Handle to Exterior

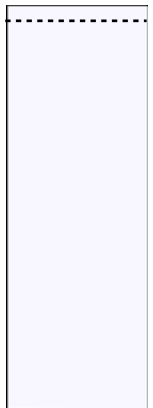
- Place the Handle inside the exterior bag RST with one raw edge of Handle centered on upper side seam. Stitch handle to bag using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Center the other end of handle RST on the mark you made on the upper edge opposite the side seam. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance.



Assemble Bag

1. Stitch Exterior to Interior

- With Exterior wrong side out and Interior right side out, insert Interior bag RST into Exterior, placing the side seam of Interior and the side seam of Exterior on opposite sides to reduce bulk. Align seams with the marks you made on upper sides. Pin together around upper edge.
- Stitch using a 3/8" seam allowance.



2. Turn bag right side out

- The entire bag needs to come through the 6" opening in the interior you left open. Gently pull the outside of the bag through the opening.
- Tuck interior into bag.

3. Slipstitching

- Slipstitch closed the opening in interior.

4. Topstitch upper edge

- Topstitch around upper edge of bag 1/4" from upper seam.



5. Go give a bottle of wine . . . with a personal touch!

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