

INSULATED BOTTLE BAG



This quilted gift bag is made with insulated wadding so it can be used to keep your bottle of wine chilled too.

Supplies

One 5 x 12 inches (for the handle)

2 fat quarters of fabric

1 fat quarter of insulated wadding

1/2 a meter of bias binding 2.5 inches wide

Co-ordinating or contrasting thread

Cutting instructions

Outer fabric

One 5 x 5 inches (base)

Four 5 x 13 inches (side panels)

Lining fabric

One 4 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches (base)

Four 4 3/4 x 12 3/4 inches (side panels)

Wadding

One 4.5 x 4.5 inches (base)

Four 4.5 x 12.5 inches (side panels)

A quarter of an inch seam allowance is used throughout.

Step 1

Measure your bottle before starting as the size can vary and you want to make sure it will fit. When finished the bag is 4.5 inches square on the bottom and 12.5 inches high. If your bottle is significantly bigger or smaller adjust the measurements above before cutting.



Step 2

Cut the outer fabric, lining fabric and wadding as per cutting measurements above, or your adjusted measurement if your bottle is a different size. If you are using a directional print as I did make sure you keep your fabric panels all facing the right way when you sew.



Step 3

Sew the side panels together along the length by placing 2 rectangles on top of each other, right sides together (RST) and sewing a quarter inch seam. Do the same with the other pair of side panels, making sure you press the seams outwards. Then place the 2 joined side panels on top of the other 2, RST again and sew along both long edges. You should now have all 4 side panels joined together along the long edges.



Step 4

Attach the square base panel to the bottom of your side panels by pinning or clipping (I tend to use Wonder clips instead of pins) on all 4 sides, right sides together. Sew around all 4 edges, pivoting on the corners to attach the base. Pop your bottle inside and check it fits ok before you start the outer part of the bottle bag. If you need to make any adjustments it's best to do it before quilting.



Step 5

Layer the outer fabric on top of the matching pieces of wadding and pin or clip around the outside. Quilt however you choose, I went for diagonal lines to go in between the penguins. If you have a walking foot you can use this to help with the quilting as I have done.



Step 6

Join your outer pieces the same way as you did the lining, following steps 3 and 4 again. Turn it the right side out.

Step 7, Put your lining into the outer fabric and tack around the top a centimeter or so from the top edge. This will make it easier when you come to bind the bag later as the layers will already be held in place.



Step 8

Take your binding and fold it in half, press to create a center fold, this will make it sit more easily over the raw edge at the top of the bag. Pin or Wonder clip it into place around the top of the bag and sew into place.

There are several different ways to sew bias binding but I have to admit I do it the quick and easy way, I press as mentioned above, fold it around the raw edge of the fabric and then sew from the front catching the back of the binding at the same time.



Step 9

Fold your strap fabric in half lengthwise and press so it makes a line down the center. Open it up again and fold the edges in towards the center, press again. Fold it back in half again so the raw edges are tucked in. At each end turn 1cm of fabric inwards to hide the raw edges of the fabric. Top stitch 1/4 inch all around the outside.



Step 10

Position one end of your handle on the center of one of the top sides of the bag, with around 1.5cm of the handle over the fabric, pin into place. Do the same on the opposite side of the bag with the other end of the handle. Secure the handle onto the bag with a few rows of stitching.

Now you have a gift bag ready for a bottle of wine, or other drink. Don't forget to tell the recipients that it is insulated and they can use it to keep their bottle of drink cool too.

Cutting instructions

Outer fabric

One 5 x 5 inches (base)

Four 5 x 13 inches (side panels)

One 5 x 12 inches (for the handle)

DOUBLE BAG

5 X 9

2-5 X 13

2-9 X 13

Lining fabric

One 4 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches (base)

Four 4 3/4 x 12 3/4 inches (side panels)

Wadding(INSULBRITE)

One 4.5 x 4.5 inches (base)

Four 4.5 x 12.5 inches (side panels)

5 X 9

(2) 5 X 13 -- (2)- 9 X 13

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