

Bottle Gift Bag

This re usable gift bag is an easy fun project, using four thread overlocking. Play with combining fabric colours, learn how to do a perfectly even fabric insert using piping cord. A great project to use offcuts of fabrics.

Requirements

Main fabric 40cm
Two co ordinating fabrics for bag collar 15cm each
Fabric for insert 10 cm
Ribbon for tie 1 metre
(or can roll hem a strip of fabric to create your own)
Narrow piping cord / rat tail cord 40 cm
Overlocker
Piping foot/multipurpose foot
4 spools overlocking thread
General sewing requirements

Cutting instructions

Main fabric one piece 13 ½" x 13 ½"
Collar pieces cut two pieces 4 ½" x 13 ½"
Fabric insert for top 2 ½" x 13 ½"
Ribbon cut into 2 pieces 50 cm each
Method



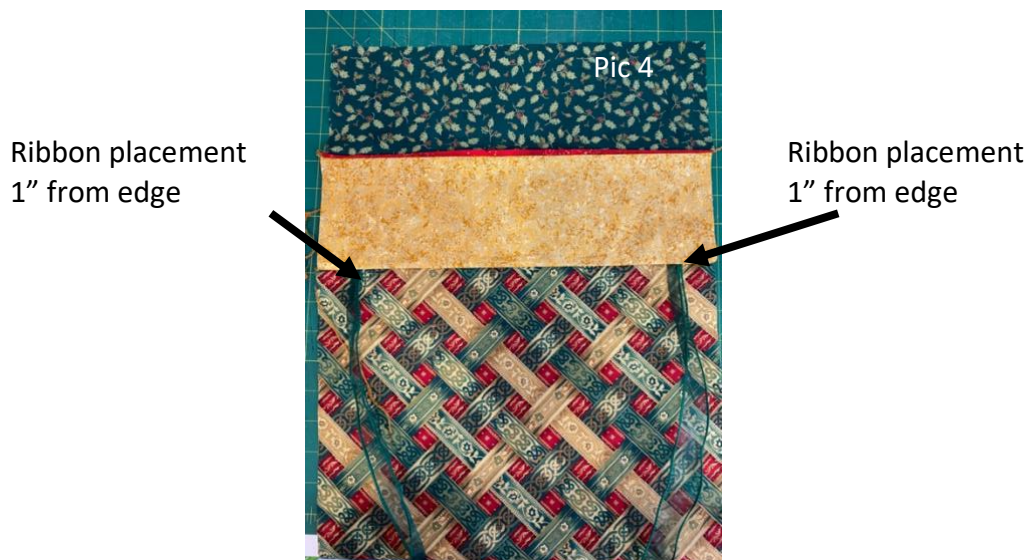
1. Thread for a 4 thread overlock, stitch length 2.5-3, stitch width 6 (if adjustable on your machine)
2. Remove the standard foot from the overlocker, replace with the piping foot/multipurpose foot.
3. Wrap the 2 ½" x 13 ½" strip of fabric right sides out, around the piping cord. Have a starting tail of cord approximately the length of the foot at the beginning, this allows you to help the feed to begin with. Keeping the fabric wrapped firmly around the cord and the cord positioned firmly to the left in the channel of the piping foot. The concept is to encase the cord but not to stitch it in as it is removed once overlocked into the project. Stitch to create a piece of piping. Pic 1



- Place the two pieces 4 ½" x 13 ½" right sides together with the piping cord sandwiched in the top long edge. Stitch this seam. Pic 2
- Press this seam, remove the cord from the centre of the seam to create a flat insert of fabric. This cord can be used time again for this purpose. Pic 3



- Remove the piping foot/multipurpose foot from the overlocker and replace with the standard foot. Place the right side of the bag collar to the right side of the main bag piece. Position the ribbon 1" in from the edge of the side seam on each side. Stitch this seam. Press to sit flat. Pic 4



- Using the four thread overlock, neaten the top raw edge.
- Starting at the top, with right sides together stitch the long seam of the bag, keep the ribbon tucked in so you don't stitch it into the seam or accidentally cut with the blade. This becomes the centre back seam of the bag.

9. Press the bag so the long seam moves to the centre back. Stitch the base seam of the bag. Pic 5



10. Pinch the base of the bag out to form a triangle, the base seam will align over the side seam. Measure down 1" from the point, align the 1" mark with the left needle position on your foot. Stitch straight across, this forms a square base for the bag. Pic 6



11. Roll the top of the bag to the inside so the insert of fabric or peeper is sitting at the top, this can be held in place by stitching a row of straight stitching on a sewing machine or could easily be left as is.
12. Place the bottle inside the bag, tie up the ribbon, roll the top down slightly to reveal the contrast fabric if you wish.