

# Overlocked Santa Bag/Gift Bags

## Requirements

Main fabric 75cm  
Fusible fleece 75cm  
Lining Fabric 75cm  
Fabric for casing 35cm  
1.2 meters cord (single draw cord)  
Or 2.4 meters (double draw cord)  
4 spools polyester overlocking thread  
4 thread overlocker  
Scissors, quilters clips (instead of pins), chalk pencil  
Tape measure



## Preparation

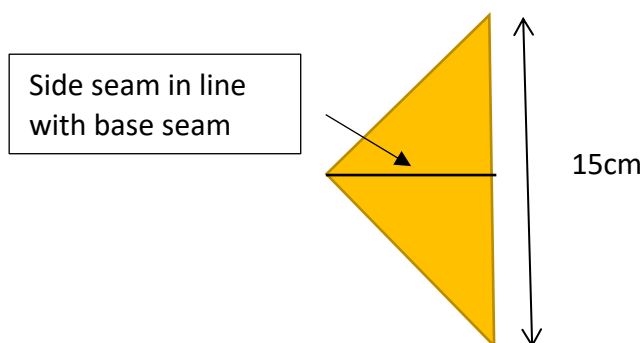
Cut main fabric, lining and fusible fleece 28" x 43" (71cm x 109cm)  
Cut casing fabric 2 pieces 6" x 43" (15cm x 109cm)  
Fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the main fabric

## Method

Thread overlocker for a 4 thread overlock, stitch length 2.5. Test a sample on a scrap piece of fabric to check tension, especially needle tension if a 'grin' line appears (you can see stitching on the finished seam) increase the left needle tension.

Fold the main fabric (with fused fleece) right sides together and overlock the side seam and base seam closed.

To form the base of the bag, pinch out the base of the bag into a triangle shape aligning the side seam over the top of the base seam, measure in from the point to where the line is 15cm at the base of the triangle and mark line with a pencil.



On this 15 cm line overlock straight across using your blade to trim along the line (if you are confident with stitching straight, if not cut along the line, hold seam together with quilters clips and overlock the seam closed)

Repeat this step on the other corner, turn this through to the right side and set aside.



Fold lining right sides together, overlock the side seam. Overlock the base seam closed leaving an opening 6" (15 cm) to turn through later. Form the base in the lining as per the main fabric.

Fold casing fabric along the short side, right sides together overlock the short seam closed to form a tube. Repeat this for second piece.

Turn through to the right sides, fold casing piece in half and press along the long side.

Place the raw edges of the casing to the front of the main bag, right sides together, clip or pin in place. Place the other side of the casing to the bag back, clip in place.

Keeping the lining piece inside out place the whole main bag inside the lining, right sides together. Move the clips to include the lining in the seam.

Overlock this seam closed.

Turn through the small opening in the base of the lining.

The hold in the lining can be finished on the overlocker (you will see stitching inside the bag), for a neater finish stitch on a domestic sewing machine or by hand.

Thread the cord through from one side, tie the ends.

For a double pull cord thread the second cord from the other direction, tie the ends.