

Gift Bag

This easy-make Gift Bag is a practical and pretty way to hold your special present. Scaleable up or down to match your size requirements.

This example size, is ideal to hold a CD or Computer Game.

Materials Required:

- 50cm x 25cm of fabric (approx.), this project is a great way of using up; scrap pieces of fabric. A fat quarter is plenty of fabric for this project.
- Thread
- Basic sewing kit
- Sewing Machine



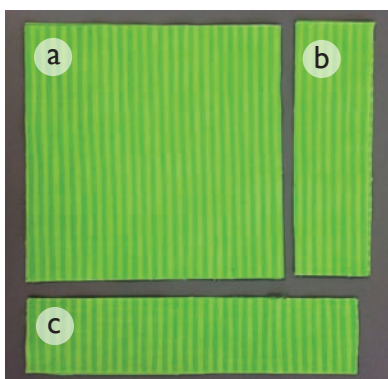
Making up:

1. Cut your fabric;

a. 2 - 19cm x 19.5cm. - Bag Front and Back

b. 2 - 5.5cm x 19cm. - Facing

c. 2 - 5 cm x 25cm. - Handles.



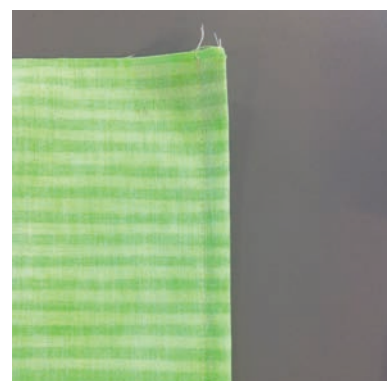
2. With 'wrong' sides together, sew a 0.5cm seam along the bottom edge of the bag.



3. Press seam open



4. Fold pieces with 'right' sides together, sew a 1cm seam along the bottom of the bag. You have now created a French Seam.



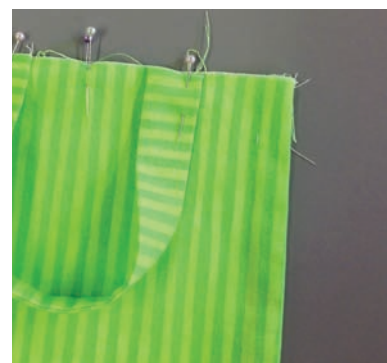
5. With 'wrong' sides together, sew a 0.5cm seam along both sides of the bag.

6. Press seams open - this will be tricky.

7. Now, with right sides together, sew a 1cm seam along both sides of the bag. You have now created a French seam along the sides as well.

8. Press

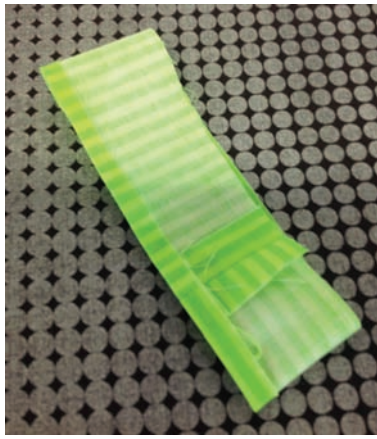
9. Join both side seams of your facing with a 1.5cm seam.



10. Press seams open

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11. Fold under (to the 'wrong' side) and press a 0.5cm turning



12. Stitch this turning in place (clean finish)

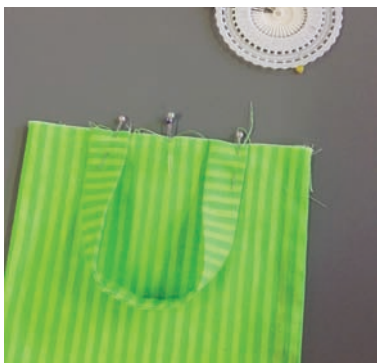
13. Fold handle lengthwise and sew the two raw edges together with a 1cm seam. Repeat for the other handle.



14. Press seam open and turn through.



15. Mark the centre point of the top of your bag with a pin. Pin the handles in place at either side of the pin.



Approximately 2.5cm either side of the pin. Repeat on the other side of the bag with the other handle.

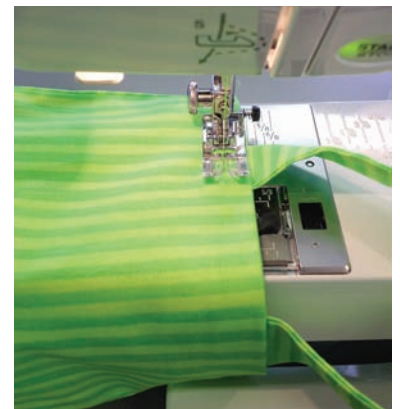
16. Pin the facing to the top of the bag - right sides together, matching the side seams.



17. Sew a 1cm seam around this top edge. You will find it useful to remove your accessory tray and turn your machine into a freemove machine.



18. Fold back and press your facing to the inside of your bag and topstitch in place.



19. *Ta Dah!*

You have a cute little gift bag ready for that special pressie.

