



3 Reusable Gift Bag Patterns

Three Sizes: Small, Medium, and Large

DRAWSTRING



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Beginner Friendly

Writers Note

These little gift bags are one of my favorite quick makes. They're fun, simple, and way cuter than wrapping paper you just throw away. Plus, you can use them over and over again, which makes them both special and sustainable.

Feel free to play around with different ribbons or strings to change up the look. I also added French seams to this pattern so all the raw edges are tucked away. It gives the bag a nice, clean finish and helps it hold up for lots of gifting.

Before Getting Started:

- Read all of the instructions first.
- RST stands for Right Sides Together
- WOF stands for Width of Fabric
- Pattern assumes all WOF is 42"
- Seam allowance is 1/4" unless stated otherwise

Cutting Instructions for All Bags

	Small Bag (Finished Size: 7 1/2" x 5" x 2 1/2")	Medium Bag (Finished Size: 10" x 8" x 4")	Large Bag (Finished Size: 12 1/2" x 10 1/2" x 5")
Main Bag Fabric	(2) 8 1/2" x 11 1/4"	(2) 13" x 15 1/4"	(2) 16 1/2" x 18 3/4"

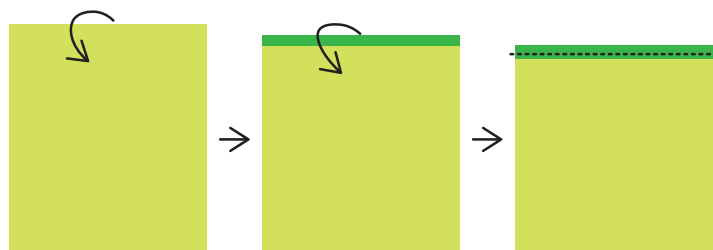
Additional Material for Each Bag

	Tie Bag	Draw String Bag	Tote Bag
Small	(2) 10" pieces of Ribbon	(2) 19" pieces of String	(2) 13" pieces of Ribbon
Medium	(2) 12" pieces of Ribbon	(2) 28" pieces of String	(2) 15" pieces of Ribbon
Large	(2) 14" pieces of Ribbon	(2) 35" pieces of String	(2) 17" pieces of Ribbon

Tie Reusable Gift Bag

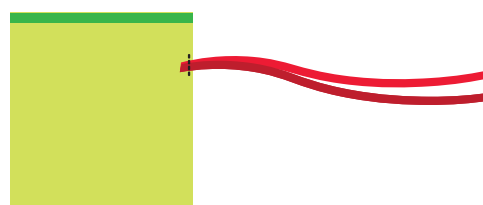
1. Hem Bag Panels

Place one bag panel right side down. Fold the top edge to the wrong side by $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Fold it down again by $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Topstitch close to the folded edge to secure the hem. Repeat with the second bag panel.



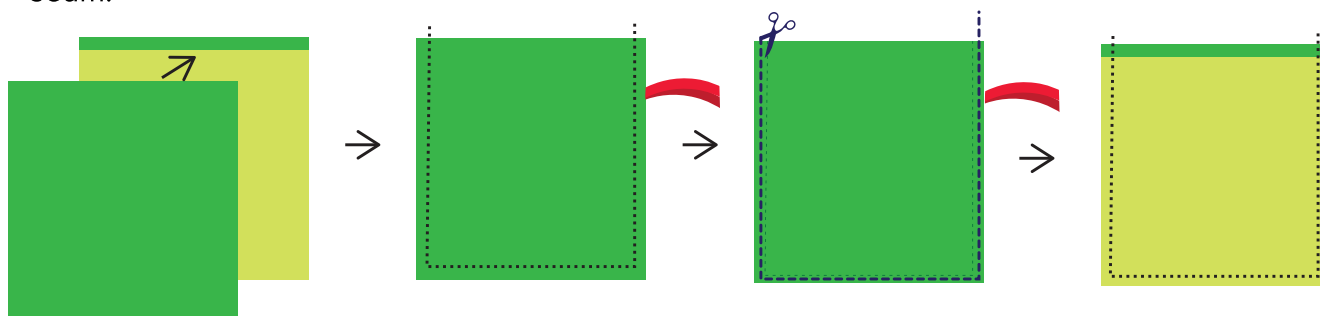
2. Baste Ribbon

On one bag panel, layer the two ribbon pieces on top of each other. Position them $2\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top edge and $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the side raw edge. Pin or clip in place, then baste to secure. (See graphic below.)



3. Sew Panels Together Using French Seams

Place the two bag panels wrong sides together. Sew around the sides and bottom with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving the top open. Trim the seam allowance down to $\frac{1}{8}$ ", being careful not to cut into the ribbon. Turn the bag wrong side out and press the seams flat. Sew again with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance along the same sides and bottom. This encloses the raw edges inside the seam.



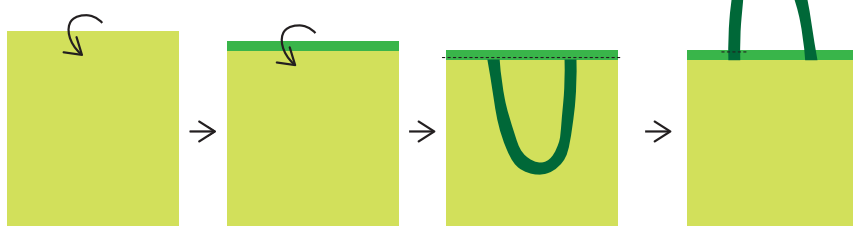
4. Finishing Bag

Turn the bag right side out. Place your gift inside, then wrap the ribbon around the bag and tie it closed.

Reusable Gift Bag with Handle

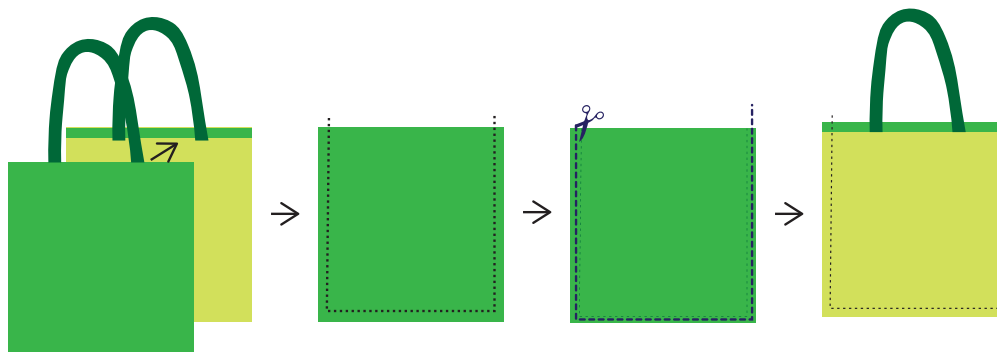
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Place one bag panel right side down. Fold the top edge to the wrong side by $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Fold it down again by $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Insert the raw edges of the ribbon handle into the folded hem. Make sure the ends of the handle are an equal distance from the edge. You can choose a distance that looks best to you based on the size of your bag. Topstitch close to the folded edge to secure the hem. Repeat with the second bag panel.



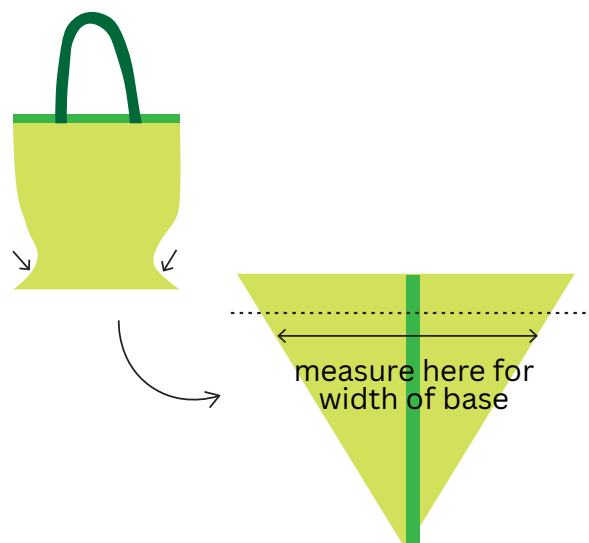
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3. (Optional) Square Off Bag

With the bag wrong side out, press one bottom corner flat so that the side seam is aligned directly on top of the bottom seam, forming a triangle shape. Use a ruler to measure and mark a line perpendicular to the seam, 2" (or 3", 4" for a wider base). Sew along the marked line. (Optional: trim the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ " for reduced bulk.) Repeat on the other corner.



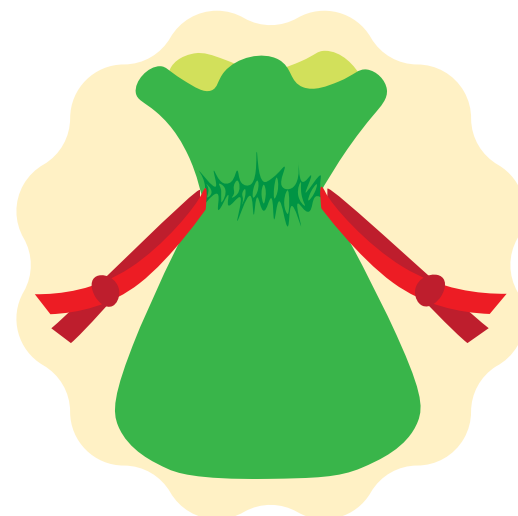
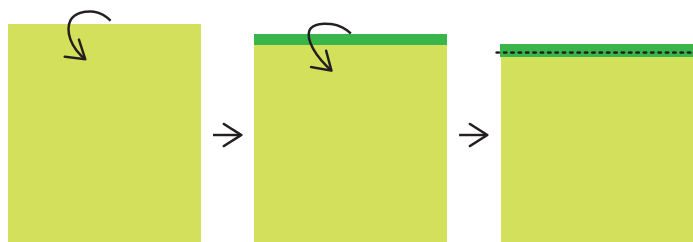
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Drawstring Reusable Gift Bag

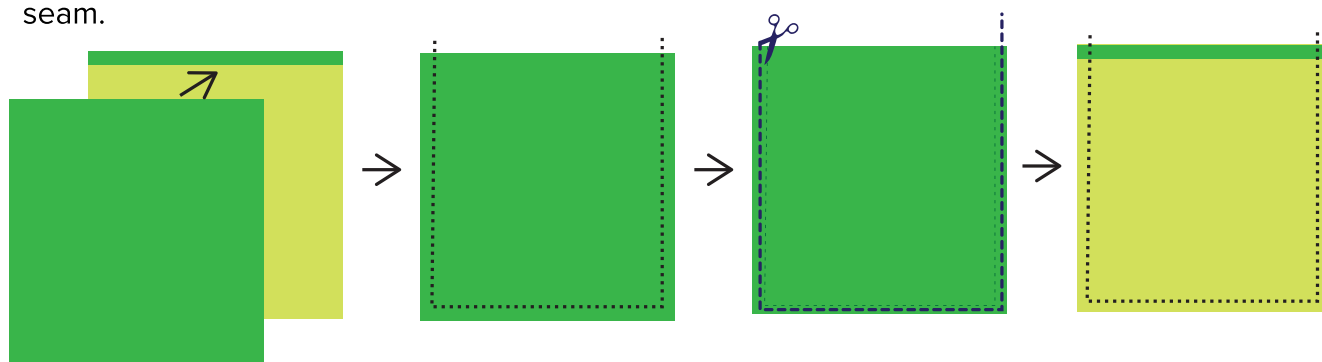
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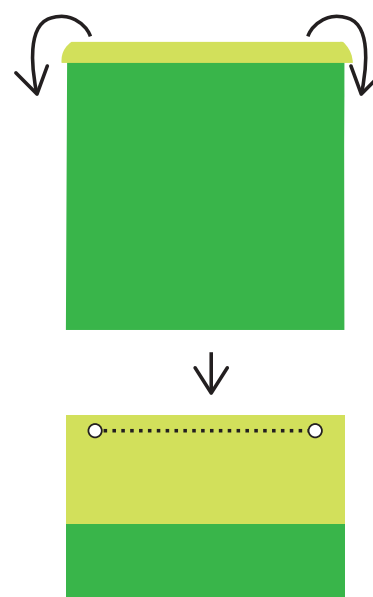
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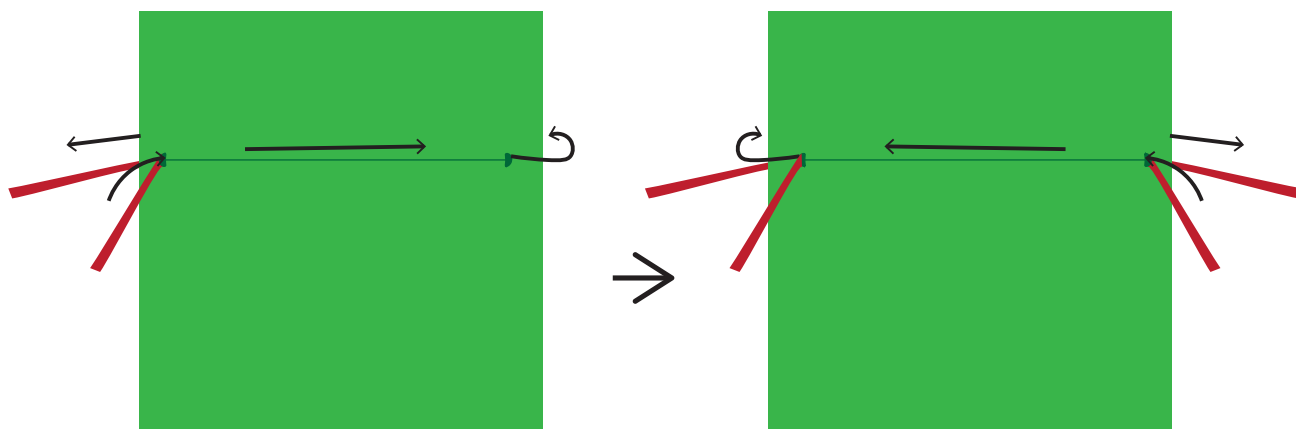
3. Make Chanel for Draw String

Start with your bag right side out. To form the drawstring channel, fold the top edge of the bag outward by 3" so that the wrong side of the fabric is facing out. Press to hold the fold in place. On each side seam, mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from the folded edge and $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from the side seams. These will be the openings for the drawstring. Sew around the folded edge using $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, but stop and backstitch at each mark to leave a small gap. Repeat on the opposite side of the bag. This creates four openings total (two on each side of the bag).



4. Add Draw String

Flip the folded section back up so the bag is right side out. Thread the first ribbon through one side seam opening, around the entire casing, and back out through the other opening on the same side. Then thread the second ribbon through the opposite side seam openings in the same way. Adjust so ribbon ends are even, then tie both ends in a knot to keep them from coming loose. Pull both sets of ribbons to cinch the bag closed.



4. Finishing Bag

Place your gift inside, then pull both sets of ribbons to cinch the bag closed.

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