

2014 WINE GIFT BAGS

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Detailed fabric/supplies/cutting instructions provided with orders. For 5x7 or larger hoops!



1. **Prepare fabric** – on wrong side, mark a line across the short ends 1 ½” down from the edge on both ends which will be the top and bottom of the gift bag.

2. Fold fabric in to marked lines and iron to crease. Unfold fabric and fuse ~3/8” wide strip paper backed fusible tape just inside marked lines. Do not remove paper backing (use strip of 5/8” wide fusible tape cut in half lengthwise).



3. Fold fabric in half lengthwise right sides facing (fabric ends flat). Mark a short line 8 ½” down from the top at the folded edge. (9 ½” down for large bottles). Mark a “T” on the fusible tape so you know which end is the top later.

4. Hoop stabilizer. Stitch the placement lines directly on the stabilizer first. Spray area with temporary adhesive spray. Mark a “T” at the top of the hoop on the stabilizer.



5. Place folded fabric (marked “T” at top of hoop) next to placement line and mark on folded edge of fabric even with center stitched placement line on stabilizer. Smooth down, put hoop on machine.

6. Next step in design stitches a basting stitched rectangle outline to secure fabric in hoop. Center starched applique fabric inside the outline. Tape edges, put hoop on machine.



7. Continue stitching the design following the instructions in the text file.



8. When finished, remove hoop. With fabric still in hoop flip over & remove the basting stitches. Now remove fabric from hoop and trim the stabilizer close to design border.



9. On right side, mark a short line on one long side 2 3/4" down from the top (fabric at top still flat & unfolded). (Large bottles – 3 1/2" down from top)



10. Fold 3/8" grosgrain ribbon in half and tape fold to edge of fabric just below the mark. Tape rest of ribbon in middle area to keep it away from edge of fabric.



11. Fold fabric in half right lengthwise right sides facing and ends of fabric still flat. Stitch sides together with 3/8" seam. Press seams open.



12. Remove paper backing from fusible tape, turn fabric down at creased fold lines again on both ends, iron to fuse. Optional - Use zig zag stitch along raw edge of folded fabric.



13. With fabric still wrong side out, at the **BOTTOM**, reopen the seam stitches between the fusible tape and folded edge to create a small opening for the ribbon.



14. Use a bodkin or plastic needle to thread 1/8" ribbon into and back out of the opening.



15. Pull on ribbon to gather the fabric and tie in a knot to secure. Trim ribbon tails and turn the bag right side out. Note: I put the bag wrong side out on the wine bottle to make gathering the bottom of the bag much easier!



16. Insert wine bottle, tie ribbon in a bow to gather fabric at the top! I found a candelabra topper at Amazon to make this a nice wedding gift! Tip – You can also put trailing greenery or silk flowers in the top as well!