

Wine Bottle Gift Bags

This is a really easy way to make a gift of wine feel more fancy and personalized. You can do pieced or applique designs if you want, or let your fabric shine unembellished.

This technique is from Brandy Lynn Maslowski seen on youtube video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deIRrYViamA&t=345s>

To make the bag you will need a piece of fabric 12" x 20" and a 20" long piece of matching ribbon.

If you are going to put a design on your bag you should do that first. You want the design centered on the fabric between 2" from the bottom and 10" from the top. Think paint sticks, applique, ric-a-rac, piecing or embroidery. Again, you don't have to do any design at all if you want--let the fabric speak for itself!

- 1) Fold the ribbon in half and pin the fold to the RIGHT side of one of the long sides of the fabric between 9-10" down from the top of the fabric.
- 2) Fold the fabric in half the long way, right sides together, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the long side and across the bottom. MAKE SURE YOU MOVE THE ENDS OF THE RIBBON OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE YOU SEW so only the pinned fold of the ribbon is caught in the seam allowance.
- 3) Next you are going to make the box bottom. Turn the bag so the long side seam is up and centered. Reach your hand into the bottom and push the corners up to form a triangle point at the bottom. Make sure both sides are tucked in equally. Measure $1\frac{1}{4}$ " up from the tip and draw a line across the triangle. Flip the bag over and repeat. Sew along the two lines you drew and trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from your stitched line.
- 4) Now make the cuff at the top so your bag has a nice finished look. Tuck the ribbon down into the bottom of the bag to keep it out of the way. Fold the top edge down 4" right sides together. Stitch along the top of the bag and the bottom of the 4" cuff using a matching thread.
- 5) Turn your bag right side out and pat yourself on the back for a wine gift bag well done!