

Quick Little Bag

- Small Gift Bag -



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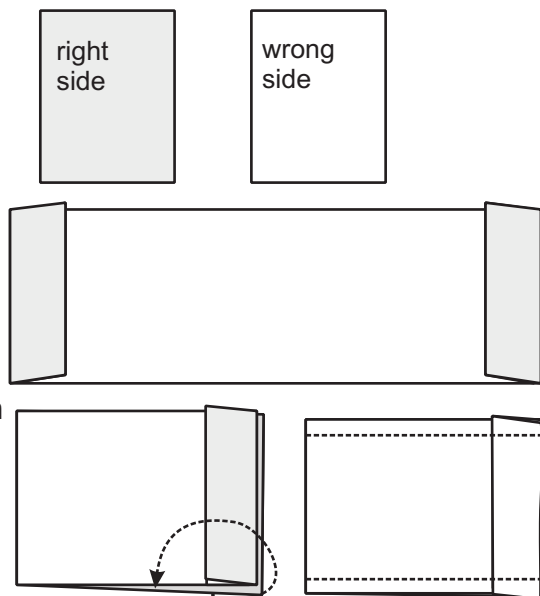


I got the idea for this clever use of scraps from a kind fabric vendor at the farmers market in Berkamen. Only two seams are required and you still get a quick little bag with a lovely double fold at the opening and a great finished look. It is the ideal wrapping for a last minute present and looks equally nice made from tulle or even some lacy curtain scraps.

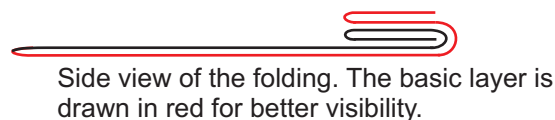
Instructions:



1. Cut a strip of fabric:
 - as wide as your desired width of the bag PLUS seam allowance
 - twice as long as the desired length of your bag PLUS 8 – 10 cm.
2. Fold the fabric 2 – 3 cm back on the narrow side (wrong sides together), iron. Repeat with the opposite narrow side.
3. Fold the strip in half, right sides together, the two initial folds are now placed on top of each other. Holding both initial folds together, fold them back (together) once more. See diagram.
(It appears as if you are now closing the opening, but once you turn your bag inside out the opening will appear again.)
4. Close the seams on both sides, sewing from the initial fold to the center fold of the strip. Turn your bag inside out. The bag is ready to be filled!



Once you've filled your little bag you can close it with some ribbons or you may add a snap button.



Side view of the folding. The basic layer is drawn in red for better visibility.

Additional variations:

- sew a seam perpendicular to the center fold on both sides to create a flat base, and then turn the bag inside out
- Add a different closure (Velcro, snap button...)

To insert a ribbon, yarn or elastic band in your folded tunnel: when you close the side seam of your bag leave an opening in the area of the initial folds on both sides. Lock your seam before and after the opening. Once the bag is turned inside out you may insert a ribbon, elastic band, or yarn.

Quick closure with two ribbons:

Insert two ribbons in the folded tunnel, one ribbon enters on the left side opening, travels all the way around the tunnel and exits on the left side of the tunnel. The second ribbon enters on the right side opening, travels all around and exits on the right side.

If you pull on the knotted ends of both ribbons simultaneously, the bag closes quickly.

