

## 2019 Shop Hop Wine/Bottle Bag

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A perfect tote to transport your bottle and opener- padded & lined with a side pocket and two handles.

### **Fabric Requirements:**

For Striped Version (Version A)

1 fat quarter -Focus fabric

2 fat quarters coordinating fabric for bottom strips, handle and pocket

OR

For Non Striped Version (Version B)

one fat quarter for outside

half yard coordinate for inside, handle and pocket

Foam Stabilizer-either Bosal In-R-Form or Soft & Stable- a small package 18" x 58". These products are perfect for cushioning & protecting, as well as helping your project have a 'stand up' appearance. They are also easily quilted.

Thread for quilting and top stitching to go with your fabric choices.

Other tools used include a Point Turner & Fabric clips -Wonder or Klip-It's

### **Cutting**

1. Note\* \*- when cutting for Version B- cut out pieces from a single layer of fabric.
2. Cut Inside lining fabric. Cut two- 8" x 16.5" pieces. (If doing version B- also cut the outside fabric -two- 8" x 16.5" pieces)
3. Version A Strips. Cut Bottom strip 4.5" x WOF and center strip 2" by WOF.
4. Version A Focus Fabric- Cut two 8" x 11". Note directionality of fabric.
5. Both Versions-Pocket- cut one 15" x 4.5"
6. Both Versions- Handle- Cut one rectangle 20" x 4.5"
7. Both versions- Foam Stabilizer- Cut two rectangles 17.5" by 9" (front & back) and one rectangle 20" x 4.5" (Handle)

**Sewing-** use 1/4" seam allowances. When sewing foam, extend stitch length to approximately 3.5. For sewing fabric, keep at regular stitch length.

#### Handle

1. Fold handle fabric in half long ways, press. open and meet raw edges to center fold and press again. Open fabric- you will have 3 press lines.
2. Place Foam stabilizer handle piece onto Wrong side of handle fabric. With coordinating thread, lengthen stitch length to approximately 3.5, and stitch along your 3 pressed lines to quilt the foam to the fabric. Also stitch along the edges.
3. Next, fold the raw edges to the center and fold in half again, using your stitch lines as the folding lines. Hold in place with wonder clips. Stitch along the edges of both long sides and again 1/4" in from first stitch line.
4. Cut the handle in half to create two equal length handles. stitch 1/8" at the short ends of both pieces. Set aside.

#### Pocket

1. Fold pocket piece in half, right sides together (folded piece will be 4.5" x 7.5"), press.
2. Stitch along raw edges, leaving an opening at the bottom large enough for turning, press. Clip corners.
3. Turn pocket right side out, use corner turning tool to get corner points out.
4. Fold raw edge at bottom in to close and pin in place. Press. Stitch close the edge to seal closed.
5. Stitch 1/4" away from edge all the way around. Set aside.

#### Front and back- Version A

1. Take both bottom strips 4.5" by WOF and stitch together along the WOF edge. Press seam toward dark.
2. Lay strip piece onto sewing machine bed, stitch bottom edge of focus fabric to strip piece- noting directionality of fabric. Repeat with second focus piece. press seam toward dark.
3. Trim strip to create two 8" x 16.5" pieces.

Quilting- remember to extend stitch length to 3.5 -Version A & B

1. Don't be nervous- you can do this! Lay cut foam stabilizer pieces on table, lay front and back exterior pieces onto foam, fabric right side up. Hold in place at edges with wonder clips. (if, at any time you feel the fabric would slip a little- use some temporary spray adhesive- like 505) You can mark a straight line in chalk or just eyeball it- starting in the center, quilt a straight line from top to bottom, turn and continue quilting straight lines 1/2" to 1" away from each other until you reach the edge. Return to the center line and quilt the other half in the same way. Stitch close to the edge all the way around. Repeat for second piece. Of course if you would prefer- quilt a little more fancy!
2. Trim excess foam from edge of fabric.

Next

3. Mark a 2" square at the bottom outside corners of the front and back exterior pieces, cut these squares out.
4. Place the pocket onto one of the exterior pieces- place the bottom edge 1.5" above the cut out square and approximately 1.5" in from the side edge.
5. Top stitch around the pocket at the edge and over your previous stitch line. Remember to leave the top open- ahem- pocket!
6. Place exterior pieces right sides together, stitch along sides and bottom.
7. To create the boxy bottom- at square- match side seam and bottom seam. Stitch across small opening- be sure to lock the stitches well- I like to sew across 3 or more times. Repeat for other Side.
8. Turn right side out and push corners out.
9. Attach Handles- place about 1.5" from side seam in a U shape. have the raw edge above the raw edge of the exterior piece by 1/2" This will allow for capturing the handle more securely when the piece is turned and topstitched. Stitch to secure, close to the edge. Match the opposite side handle in placement.



Lining

1. Place lining pieces right sides together, Stitch down both sides and across bottom- leaving about 2" open to turn bag. back stitch well on the bottom.
2. Mark and cut out the 2" square as you did in the 'Next' section #3.
3. repeat 'Next' section #7 to create the boxy bottom for the interior.
4. Leave wrong side out.

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### **Let's Finish this up!**

1. Place exterior piece into lining piece- right sides together, matching side seams. Be sure U portion of handles are safely tucked inside- match raw edge of exterior and lining and secure with wonder clips. Stitch around the top edge at 1/4" and again 1/8".

2. Carefully turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining. You may need to extend the opening a bit more.

3. Stitch the linings' small opening closed with a straight stitch.

Push lining inside bag.

4. Be sure lining is fully inside bag, use fabric clips to hold in place. Top stitch around top of bag at 1/2", catching the end of the handles in the seam, and again about 1/4" from edge.



All Done! All you need now is a picnic & a bottle. Enjoy! and prepared to be envied by all your friends. Cheers!!

PS: a Few cups fit perfectly- place upside down over bottle!

