

SINGER® PROJECTS DIY Sweater Gift Bag



Give them gifts they'll love in style! Skip the traditional paper gift bag, and sew sustainably. Use an old flannel shirt or a cable knit sweater to make these simple sweater gift bags in minutes.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:



Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

- Cable Knit Sweater or Flannel Shirt
- o Ribbon or Embellishments of your choice
- o All Purpose Thread to match with wound bobbin
- Universal Size 80 Sewing Needle
- Safety Pins
- o Marking Chalk or Pen
- Rotary Cutter & Mat
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Measuring Tape and/or Cutting Ruler
- o Gift that you will be putting in this gift bag. (ie. bottle of wine, candle, tumbler)



Project Steps

1. Gather your materials.



2. Measure the height of the gift you'll be putting into the finished gift bag.

Pro-Tip: Double check that gift will fit into the handhole of the sleeve.

3. Lay the sweater sleeve out flat on your cutting mat & cut a clean edge accordingly.

Pro-Tip: Our gift measured 12" tall. We added 4" for the bottom boxed seam along with enough for the sleeve to be gathered & to add a bow and/or embellishment.

(It's completely at your discretion how many more inches you add.)





4. Turn the sweater sleeve with the wrong side out & pin the raw edges together.



5. Sew a seam & overcast stitch along the raw edge of the sleeve.

<u>Pro-Tip:</u> Remember to remove your pins prior to sewing over them to avoid breaking a needle or having the needle no longer be aligned to the center.







6. Press the gift bag so that the side seams have a crisp straight/flat edge.

Pro-Tip: This is helpful for lining up the edges when creating the boxed corners.

7. Use both hands to pull apart the corner, as you are doing this it will create a little peak at the corner edge. Line up the side seam along with the bottom seam. Place a pin to hold the boxed corner in place.



8. Measure 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the point of the corner and mark with a horizontal line.

Pro-Tip: This can be adjusted to any length you'd like.

<u>Pro-Tip:</u> This is a great technique to also make a store bought "flat" one seam bottom bag into a boxed bottom bag for more space.



9. Repeat steps 7 & 8 for the opposite corner.



Pro-Tip: It's always good sewing etiquette to have the seam laying one direction when sewing over two different ends. (Please reference the photo below; notice how the seam lays downward across to both ends.)



10. Sew a straight stitch along both ends over the lines marked.



11. Trim both edges at a 1/4" from the seam.





- 12. Turn the gift bag right side out.
- 13. Add your gift and embellish as you'd like.

