

Trick or Treat Bag

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Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet!

This cute little candy tote shows off the lining on the contrast band and the handles. Whip up this up for your favorite monsters or make an all-purpose tote bag!

Estimated project time: 2 hours

Finished Size: main bag 7½" x 11", handles 18" long.

LEVEL: Confident Beginner

Materials Needed

1/2 yard orange print fabric for outside and handles

1/2 yard black print fabric for lining and handles

1 yard Decor Bond interfacing (Pellon 809)

¼" seam allowance, unless otherwise noted.

WOF = Width of fabric

RST = Right sides together

Cut the Pieces

From outside fabric cut:

- 1 piece, 2" x WOF (handles)
- 2 pieces, 12" wide x 12" high (outside)

From lining fabric cut:

- 1 piece, 2" x WOF (handles)
- 2 pieces, 12" wide x 14" high (lining)

From interfacing cut:

- 1 piece, 3½" x WOF
- 2 pieces 12" x 12"
- 2 pieces 12" x 14"

Make the Handles

1. Take the piece of 2" x WOF outside fabric and place it RST with the piece of 2" x WOF lining fabric.

2. Sew down the long side of the handle, so the two handle pieces are sewn together side by side.

3. Press the seam open.

4. Take the 3½" x WOF interfacing piece and place it on the wrong side of the handle. Fuse in place and trim off excess interfacing.

5. Fold the handle wrong sides together along the seam line and press. Fold the raw edges of the handle wrong sides together into the middle, so they are just touching the center line and press.

6. Fold the strip of fabric in half along the seam line and press so that the raw edges stay tucked inside the handle. The fabric will be showing on the outside.

7. Top stitch 1/8" on both of the long sides of the handles to secure the raw edges inside.

8. Cut the strip in half so there are two handles.

Make the outside

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong sides of the 12" x 12" pieces of outside fabric.

2. Pin these pieces RST. If using directional fabric, make sure the print is facing the correct way on each piece for the finished bag.

3. Sew along the sides and bottom, leaving the top open. Press seams open.

4. Make boxed corners at the the bottom. Take one corner and fold it so that the side seam and bottom seam match. This will look like a flattened triangle sticking out from the side of the bag. From the point, measure 2" up and then draw a horizontal line. Sew along the horizontal line, and cut off the excess. Do the same for the other corner. (see Picture A for reference).

5. Turn bag so it is right side out.

Attach the Handles

1. On the right side of the bag, measure in 2" from the side seams on each side. Mark with a pin.

2. Place outside edge of handles on these marks on the RIGHT SIDE of the bag. Pin in place. Make sure they are not twisted. When placing the handles decide if you want the lining or outside fabric to show on the top of the handles.

3. Baste handles in place.

Make the Lining

1. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong sides of the 12" x 14" pieces of lining fabric.

2. Place these pieces RST. If using directional fabric, make sure the print is facing the correct way on both pieces for the finished bag.

3. Sew along the sides and bottom. *Leave a 4" opening in the center bottom for turning.* Press seams open.

4. To make boxed corners at the the bottom, take one corner and fold it so that the side seam and bottom seam match. This will look like a flattened triangle sticking out from the side of the bag. From the point, measure 2" up and then draw a horizontal line. Sew along the horizontal line, and cut off the excess. Do the same for the other corner.

5. Do NOT turn lining right side out. Leave as is.

Putting it Together

1. Take outside part and put it **INSIDE** the lining. The pieces should now be right sides together. Make sure the handles are tucked inside so they don't get caught when sewing the top seam.

2. Match the side seams of both pieces and line up the top raw edges. Pin around the top.

3. Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " **seam allowance** completely around the top.

4. Turn the bag right side out, using the the opening in the bottom of the lining.

5. Push the lining down into the bottom of the bag. Since the lining is longer than the outside fabric, it will create the contrast band at the top at the lining folds to the outside.

6. Press the top edge of the bag.

7. Topstitch with $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance around top edge of bag.

8. Secure handles to top of bag by sewing a rectangle along existing topstitching (see picture B for reference).

9. Hand stitch the opening closed in the bottom of the lining.

10. Fill with candy and enjoy!

PICTURE A - Side view with boxed corners



PICTURE B - Contrast band and handles



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