



## WINE BOTTLE COVER



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Make an instant gift bag for a bottle of wine! If the wine is tasty, but the bottle isn't fancy, jazz it up!



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## Supplies needed:

- ½ yard of light to mid-weight cotton fabric for the exterior shell.
- ½ yard of light to mid-weight cotton in a coordinating fabric for the interior and tie.
- 1 spool of coordinating thread

Note: If you want to use ribbon, cording, or a third coordinating fabric for the tie, the bottle bag can be made from 2 coordinating fat quarters.

## Cutting and Sewing Instructions:

\*\* 3/8" seam allowance is included in pattern instructions. \*\*

1. Cut a 15" square from each of the fabrics. Cut a rectangle 3" x 35" from the lining fabric for the bag tie.

Optional: you can also use ribbon or cording for the tie if desired. If you do not wish to make the tie, skip to step 4. To add to the fun, a third coordinating fabric for the tie can also be used.

Construct the bottle tie:

2. Place the right sides of the tie fabric together and pin. Sew along one short edge and the long edge. Turn right side out and press.

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3. Next, fold raw end of tie inwards  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Stitch closed.

Construct the body of the bottle bag:

4. Fold the exterior piece right sides together and stitch along the side and bottom. Do not turn right side out.

5. Fold the lining (interior fabric piece) right sides together and stitch along the side and bottom. Do not turn right side out.

Square the bottom:

6. Take the lining and square the bottom by pulling the fabric out in opposite directions at one of the corners (like wings) to form a triangle. The bottom seam should be straight up and down; wings on both sides and the bottom seam centered with the side seam. Lay flat on your work surface and measure  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the "tip" of the triangle (bag corner) on the center seam and mark a line across with a fabric pen or chalk. With this mark, you should make a triangle out of the corner of the lining. Stitch along this line and repeat with the other bottom corner.



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7. Trim the seam lines to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press side seam (only) open. Do not turn right side out. Set aside.

8. Repeat the previous two steps on the exterior bag section. Turn right side out and press side seam open.

9. Finish top edges of bag lining and outer shell by turning in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and pressing individually. Both will be pressed wrong sides together.

Attach the exterior of bag to lining:

10. Keeping the bag lining **WRONG** side facing out, slip the lining into the exterior bag matching seams and lining-up ironed edges. All seams should be enclosed between the bag lining and exterior. Pin into place.

11. Stitch all the way around the top edge.

12. To attach the tie, measure down along the long seam of the bag about 3" and pin tie to the outside of the bag. Stitch the tie in place through all layers using a straight or zig-zag stitch.

Finishing touches:

Lightly press the entire bag for a nice finished look, put your favorite bottle of wine inside and give as a gift or enjoy it yourself!

10. Enjoy!

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