

BUNNY EARS TREAT BAG



Make larger or smaller versions of this treat bag and use for all sorts of lovely things – sweets, pyjamas, toys! The dimensions in this tutorial give you a finished bag measuring approximately 18cm across by 22cm tall.

Notes before starting:

- Press your fabric before cutting and regularly throughout the sewing process.
- 7mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") seam allowance is used throughout. This is usually the width of your presser foot – so just line up the right-hand edge of your presser foot with the fabric edge.
- Always start and end your seam stitching with a forward/back or lock stitch to stop your seams from coming unravelling.

What you will need:

Outer bag fabric: 2 rectangles measuring 20cm x 25cm (8" x 10"). Ensure you cut them so any printed pattern is going up and down, not sideways. And one rectangle for bunny ears measuring 15cm x 20cm (6" x 8")

Lining fabric: as per outer bag

Iron-on (fusible) Interfacing Firm: One rectangle measuring 15cm x 20cm (6" x 8")

Ribbon for drawstring: 2 pieces 60cm long each

Equipment: Scissors, tape measure/ruler, pen/chalk, pins or fabric clips, safety pin or bodkin.

INSTRUCTIONS



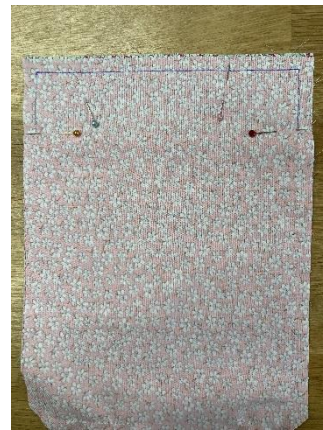
1. Put the two outer fabric pieces together with the right sides (RS) facing and measure down 5cm (2") from the top on each side and mark with a pen, chalk or pin. Pin the sides and bottom with a couple of pins along each edge.
2. Starting at the 5cm (2") mark on the right-hand side, sew down the side, across the bottom and back up the other side, pivoting at the corners and stopping at the other 5cm (2") mark on the other side.
3. Repeat steps 1 & 2 for the bag lining **BUT leave an 8cm gap in the bottom** of the bag for turning right side out later.



4. Fold down both the top 5cm (2") flaps on the bag outer and lining. Note the pic only shows one flap folded down – you need to fold both flaps on each bag.



5. Place the bags end to end (not side by side as the pic) and lift up the topmost flaps and place them right sides together. Pin them all around then stitch, starting and finishing at the existing stitching you did in step 2 (shown as blue line in 3rd pic). Repeat with the flaps on the other side.



6. Clip the corners at 45 degrees to reduce the bulk, ready for turning the right way around.
7. Turn the bag through the gap left at the bottom of the lining in step 3.



8. Push out all the corners and stitch up the gap in the lining with a line of stitching close to the edge.
9. Push the lining to the inside of the bag, push into all the corners and press.



10. To make the bunny ears, iron the interfacing on to the wrong side of the outer ear fabric – usually dry medium heat and iron for 8 seconds or so. Make sure the shiny/bobbly glue side is down against the wrong side of the fabric.

11. Put the interfaced fabric on top of the ear lining fabric and draw around the ear template. Repeat so you have 2 ears. Do not cut it out!



12. Stitch along your drawn line for each set of ears, leaving the bottoms of the ears unstitched for turning through. Take care around the top corners – go slow and hand crank your machine whilst moving the fabric if necessary.

13. Now trim back the fabric to about 3mm (1/8") seam allowance, taking care not to snip through your stitching.



14. Turn the ears the right side out – I use a pen to push the ear through the small gap. Press.



15. Place the bag flat on the table in front of you. Fold the whole of the front flap down and pin it out of the way.

16. Place the two ears in the centre of the bag, with the outer fabric towards you, about 1.5cm (3/4") down from the top edge of the flap behind.



17. Fold the bottom flap over the ears towards you, about 1.5cm (3/4") to encase the bottom of the ears. Pin in place.



18. Stitch along the bottom edge of the flap holding the ears in place, just in a few mm from the edge.



19. Flip the ears up and pin in place. Now stitch along the top of this flap, securing the ears and making them stand up. Leave the ends of the turning open for the ribbon to thread through.



20. Turn the bag over and turn down the flap with the ears on and pin out of the way.

21. Fold the back flap towards you, about 1.5cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ "") and stitch along the bottom and top of the turning as you did in steps 18 & 19, though this time without the ears.



22. Thread the ribbon through the channels using a safety pin or bodkin. Start on the right-hand side, thread through the front. When you get to the left-hand side, take it through the back of the bag to meet the other end of the ribbon. Tie the two ends together.

23. Repeat starting from the other side.

24. Pull the ribbons and hey presto! Your bag is complete 😊



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