

Drawstring Candy Bags



Make these tiny treat bags to share something sweet with someone you love! Use your craft cutting machine to not only create the vinyl designs for the bag fronts, but to also cut the fabric bags for you. Assemble the bags with or without vinyl design embellishment. A great idea for those occasions where you might need to make several, such as a school event or a party. The finished size of one bag is approximately 3" x 4" (7.6cm x 10cm).

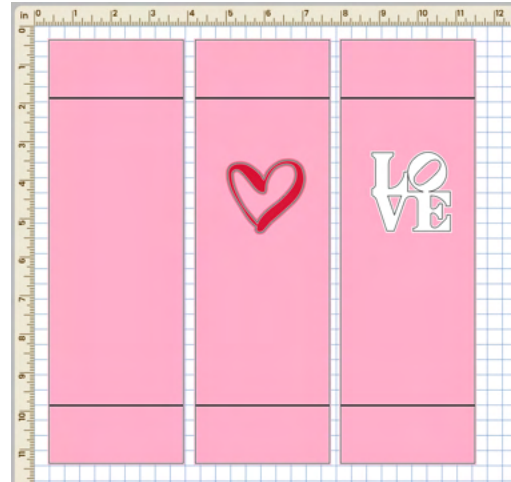
What you need

- Quilting Cotton (quantity depends on number of bags)
- 1/8" Wide Ribbon (for drawstring) – One bag requires two 12" pieces
- All-Purpose Sewing Thread
- Fabric Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Rotary Blade
- Basic Blade
- Water Soluble Fabric Pen
- Heat Transfer Vinyl

- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Parchment Paper
- Pinking Shears
- Safety Pin

Directions

1. Open the project in canvas.



2. Place the fabric onto the Fabric Grip Mat so that the right side is on the mat and the wrong side is facing you. Use a Brayer to help adhere the material to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles.
3. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Follow the steps to cut the fabric on your crafting machine. The project file also includes a fold line marking, which will draw a fold line on each end of the cut fabrics 1½" (3.8cm) from each end, on the wrong side of the fabric. Cut the fabrics for the number of bags you want to make.

Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.

4. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl, shiny side down (clear liner) on the mat. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl on your crafting machine. Remember to Flip for Reverse Cutting.

5. Cut the desired number of designs from the heat transfer vinyl, for embellishing the candy bag fabrics. Determine placement of the vinyl design onto the bag fabric. To do this, fold the fabric in half, with the fold at the bottom. Place the vinyl so that the bottom of the design is about $\frac{1}{2}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ " (12mm - 19mm) above the fold.



6. Open the fabric flat and press the vinyl design in place using your Heat Press using parchment paper to protect your pressing tool. When the vinyl is cool, remove the transfer film.



7. Thread the top of the sewing machine and the bobbin with all-purpose sewing thread. Set the machine for Straight Stitch.
8. Fold the fabric in half with the right sides together, then pin. Stitch the sides with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (7mm) seam allowance. Trim the seam allowances with pinking shears.



9. To form the casing for the drawstring, turn over one top edge about $\frac{1}{4}$ " (7mm), then press. Fold again, lining up the upper folded edge with the drawn fabric line. Press. Repeat for the other top edge on the other side of the bag.



10. Stitch one side of the fold, making sure that the casing on the other side is out of the way. Stitch across the fold. Repeat for the other top edge.



11. After stitching both casings, turn the bag right side out and press. To insert the first of the two drawstrings, place a safety pin into the end of the first ribbon. Thread the ribbon through the casing, starting at one side, and then going all the way through both casings so that your starting ribbon and finishing ribbon are on the same side of the bag.



12. Remove the safety pin and place it on the end of the second ribbon. Tie the ribbon ends on each side so they don't work their way out of the casings.



13. Fill with sweet treats and share!



Images used in this project

