

Gift Bag Supplies & Instructions

- Embroidery Practice Stitch-out
- Additional Fabric for Lining and, if necessary to make larger size of Gift Bag
- All Purpose Thread and Bobbin
- Optional: 3" x 5" Clear Vinyl for Gift Card Pocket and UltraT foot for sewing vinyl

An embroidery practice stitch-out can be large enough for a small gift bag, but to make a larger gift bag add additional fabric to the embroidery to create a larger bag exterior or create a larger bag from multiple stitch-outs pieced together. To get a rough check the size, fold the fabric in half. Generally, the bag should be tall enough to accommodate the gift and a ribbon or extra space to fold over to concealing the contents. Cut a lining fabric the same size as the exterior bag fabric.

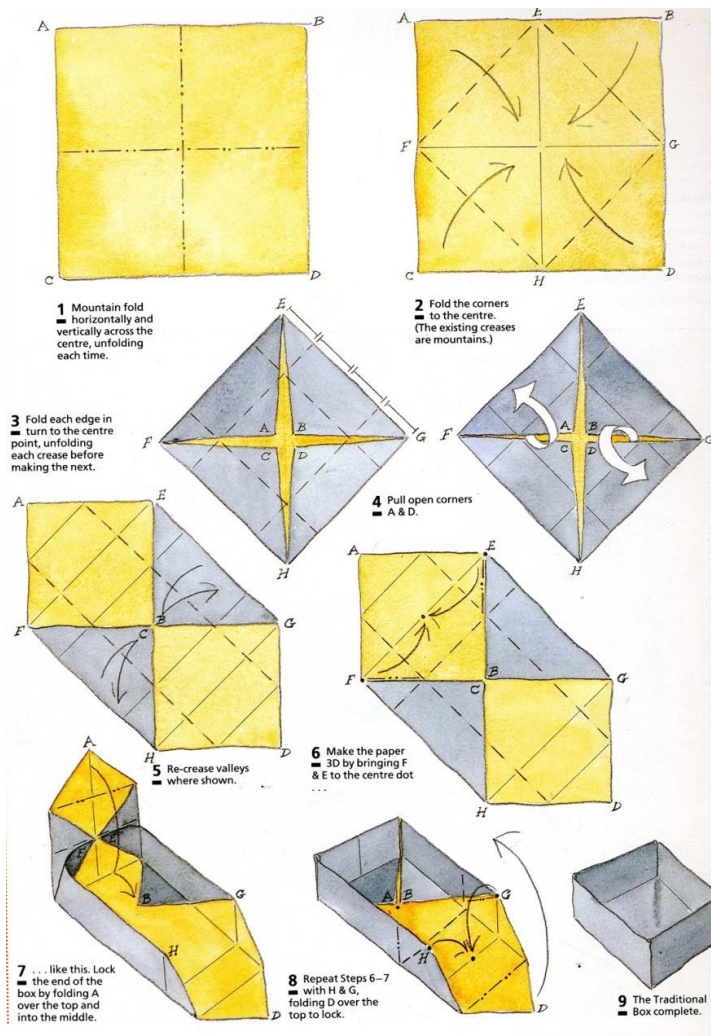


To create a simple bag, stitch the top of the exterior fabric to the top of the lining. (To close the bag with a drawstring, add two buttonholes along the top edge of the exterior fabric before sewing the bag together.) Fold the fabric in half with right sides of exterior and lining fabrics together and raw edges even to create a tube. (When using one piece of fabric, sew a center back seam then flatten the tube with the seam along the center back.) Stitch across the bottom of the exterior and lining fabrics leaving an opening for turning the back on the lining end. Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining. Stitch the opening

closed with a straight stitch on the machine. Push the lining into the exterior of the bag and push out the corners. Box the corners if desired as shown in the video. For a drawstring casing, press the top edge and stitch along the edge to create a casing wide enough for ribbon or cord.

Origami Box Supplies & Instructions

- (2) Squares of Fabric and Tear Away Medium Stabilizer embroidered with a Decorative Fill Pattern. One Square is $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the other.
- Embroidery Thread (Glow in the Dark used in the video) and Bobbin
- Fabric Glue or fusing agent such as Quilters Select Appli-Web Plus
- Optional: Hand Needle with all Purpose Thread



The box and box lid are made from squares. The square for the lid is $\frac{1}{4}$ " larger than the square for the box. To create the embroidery at the IQ Designer/My Design Center workspace, open the Shapes icon and select a square. Select the Size icon and adjust the size of the square. (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was the size used in the video.) Select the Line Properties icon and the No Sew. Touch the Paint Bucket and then the outline of the square. Select the Region Properties icon and the Decorative Fill icon. Select a Decorative Fill. Touch the Paint Bucket and then touch inside the square. Select OK. At the next screen, modify the Decorative Fill as desired by increasing the size or rotation. Send the embroidery to the machine and embroider the square. Create a second

square $\frac{1}{4}$ " smaller than the previous square with a Decorative Fill and the same No Sew outline. (8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " was the size used in the video.)

Do not remove the stabilizer, it will act as support for the box. Trim both squares just inside of the outline. On the stabilizer side, mark the center of both squares by drawing from corner to corner. Fold each of the four points to the center and press well. Open the points and fold them to the center of the pressed folded line. Press again. Fold the box up as shown in the diagram on the previous page and glue together. The box can also be hand sewn or fused together with a bonding agent such as Quilters Select Appli-Web Plus to hold the shape. Design Option: Look for other origami shapes to use with embroidered fabric!



Pull Bow Supplies & Instructions

- Wide Ribbon
- Narrow Ribbon
- All Purpose Thread and Bobbin to match wider ribbon

Fold the wider and narrower ribbons in half to determine the centers. Stitch the two together using a straight stitch and then fold the two together along the stitched fold with the smaller ribbon on the inside. Select the button sewing stitch and engage the scissors. Use the button sewing stitch to tack the wider ribbon on the sides every few inches incasing the smaller ribbon inside and NOT stitching into the smaller ribbon. Keep the tacking stitches on the sides even with each other as shown below. The distance between tacking stitches determines the size of the loops on the bow. To create the bow, pull the small ribbon to gather the loops. Tie the smaller ribbon around the gift to secure.

