

# goody bags



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These little fabric bags make great packaging for small gifts - and they're so easy to make you could even stitch up a big batch to use as party favor bags.

**Materials you'll need for each bag:**

- two 7 x 9 inch rectangles for the bag
- two 1 1/2 x 12 inch strips for the ties (or use 1/2 inch wide ribbon)
- sewing machine
- thread
- basic sewing tools

**Skills you'll need (links take you to video tutorials):**

- [sewing straight lines](#)
- [turning a tube of fabric right side out](#)
- [embedding things in a seam](#)
- [using the iron](#)

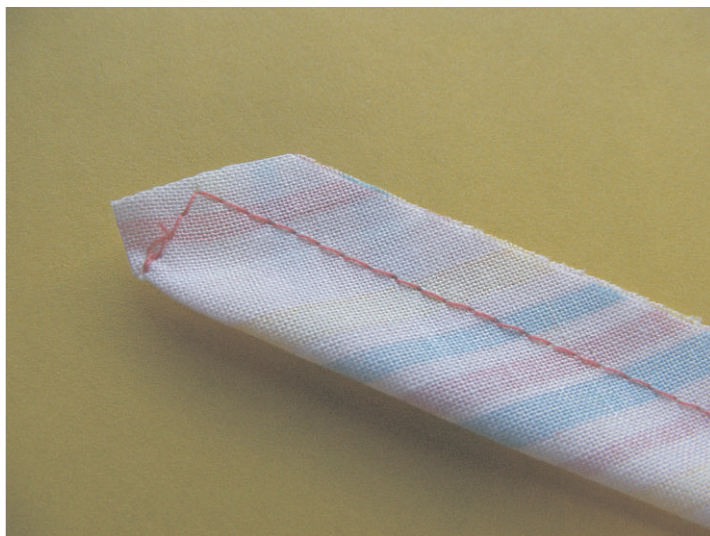
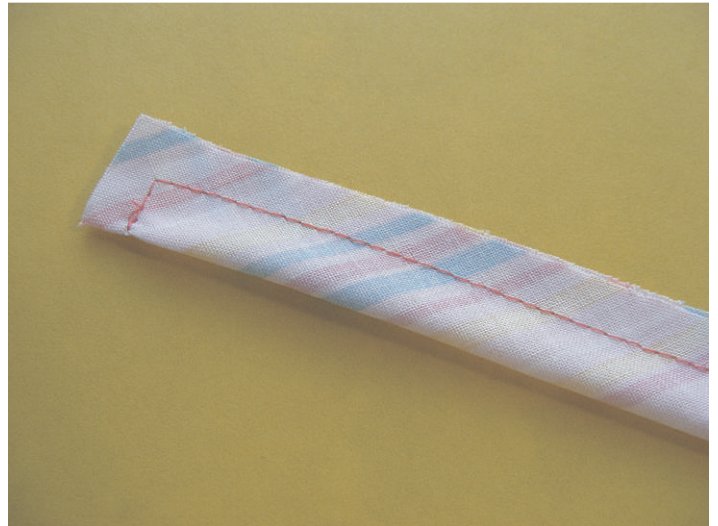
**Time it will take:**

- less than an hour

Ready? Let's sew!

**Step 1**

We'll start with the ties. Fold one of the fabric strips in half the long way, right sides together. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew along one short side and down the long open side, leaving the other short end open. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and end of your stitching.



**Step 2**

Trim away the excess fabric at the corners of the stitched end. Be careful! Cut close to - but not into - the stitching.

### Step 3

Turn the tube of fabric right side out. Press flat.

Repeat for the second tie.



### Step 4

Lay one of the bag pieces so that it's a tall rectangle. Pin the raw ends of your two ties to the edge of the bag, 3 inches down from the top edge.

### Step 5

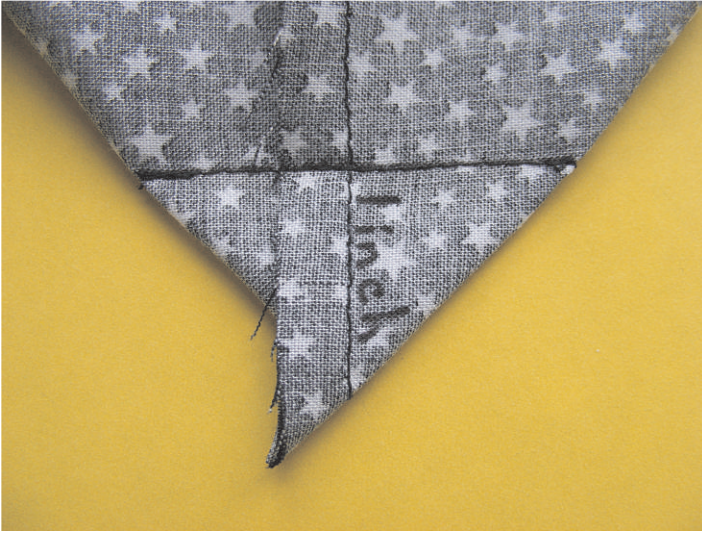
Layer the second bag piece face down over the first, with the ties sandwiched between them. Pin in place. Make sure to tuck the ties into the center of the bag so they only are stitched into the seam where you pinned them.





## Step 6

Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew together both sides and the bottom of the bag, catching the ties in the stitching where they're pinned. Don't forget the backstitch at the beginning and end of your stitching.



## Step 7

Now we're going to box in the corners of your bag so it has some depth.

Flatten and fold one corner of your bag so that the side seam is lined up with the bottom seam. It should come to a point at the bottom.

Measure up one inch from the tip of the stitching line (not the point of the fabric) and mark a line perpendicular to the stitching line. Stitch on that line from edge to edge, backstitching when you start and stop.

Repeat for the other corner.

## Step 8

Turn the bag right side out. Finish the top edge however you like. I like to just trim the edge with pinking shears, but you could hem it if you like.

This is a great size for small gifts or party favors, but you can easily make the bag bigger for larger gifts. Have fun with it!

