

Serger Project**Fat Quarter Gift Bag**

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These re-usable gift bags are a great way to use some of those holiday prints in your stash. Each bag takes just one fat quarter, so they're perfect for stash-busting — use up some of those cute novelty prints that you love, but don't know where to use.

Supplies

- One fat quarter (18" x 22") for each bag
- Serger
- 3 spools of serger thread
- Chalk marker
- "Cut for the Cure" ruler, 7" x 24"
- Seam sealant

Hem the Bag & Make the Ribbon

- ◆ Set the serger for a **3-thread rolled hem**, following the instructions in your owner's manual. For BERNINA sergers, use these settings as a starting point, then sew a test swatch and adjust the settings as needed:

- ◇ Upper Loper = 4.5
- ◇ Lower Loper = 6.5
- ◇ Right Needle = 4.0
- ◇ Left Needle = removed
- ◇ Stitch Length = 1
- ◇ Differential Feed = N
- ◇ Cutting Width = 1 to 1.5
- ◇ Rolled hem lever = pulled out

- ◆ Mark a line 2" from one long edge of the fat quarter. Serge along this line, roll-hemming what will become the upper edge of the bag.



- ◆ Fold the 2" strip in half, wrong sides together. Roll hem the layers together along both long edges, then serge across the short ends.

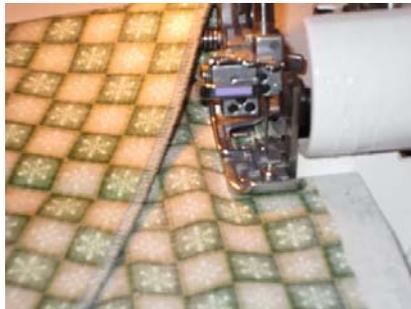


- ◆ Dab the corners with seam sealant, let dry, then clip off the thread tails.

Construct the Bag

- ◆ Set the serger for a **narrow 3-thread overlock**, following the instructions in your owner's manual. For BERNINA sergers, use these settings as a starting point, then sew a test swatch and adjust the settings as needed:
 - ◇ Upper Loper = 4.0
 - ◇ Lower Loper = 4.0
 - ◇ Right Needle = 4.0
 - ◇ Left Needle = removed
 - ◇ Stitch Length = 2.5
 - ◇ Differential Feed = N
 - ◇ Cutting Width = 1.5 to 2
 - ◇ Rolled hem lever = pushed in

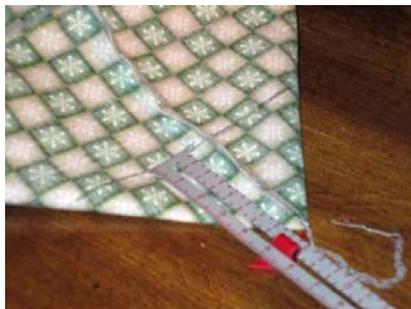
- ◆ Fold the short ends of the rectangle right sides together, matching the rolled edges. Serge the ends together.



- ◆ Re-fold the tube so the seam is at the center of one side. Serge across the base of the bag.



- ◆ Fold one corner of the bag into a "dog ear." Mark a line 2" from the point of the corner.



- ◆ Serge along the marked line. Repeat for the other corner.



- ◆ Turn bag right side out. Insert gift item(s) and tie closed with the rolled-edge ribbon.

Tip: Make several bags, then switch ribbons so each bag is tied with a contrasting ribbon.



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