

Character Dress Bag

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What little princess wouldn't love to have her very own character tote bag? Basic construction is the same for all bags, refer to Basic Cutting and Construction steps. Some are two-tone in that case two separate colored pieces form the front and back. Follow the basic instructions for all linings.

Basic supplies are fronts and backs for all bags, the additional supplies needed for each character are listed with the specific bag instructions.

Skill Level:

- Intermediate
- Finished size is approximately: 13" X 13" X 4"

Janome Supplies:

- Any Janome Sewing Machine
- Zigzag foot
- 1/4" foot O
- Satin Stitch foot F
- Red tip needles

Optional Accessories

- Gathering Foot
Note: Use of a Gathering Foot eliminates the need to pull the bobbin thread to make gathers.
- Rolled Hem Foot
Note: Easily create narrow hems on sides and hemline of skirts with a Rolled Hem foot.
- Clear monofilament thread
Note: Use monofilament thread to attach ribbons, beads, or trims so embellishment seems to float.

- Ribbon/Sequin Foot
Note: Strung sequins and narrow ribbon stay in place under needle as you sew when using a Ribbon/Sequin foot.
- Open Toe Satin Stitch Foot F2
Note: An Open Toe foot makes it easy to see appliques.
- Ruffler Attachment
Note: Use this attachment to create pleated and ruffled embellishments.

Basic Fabric and Notions:

- Choose fabric that matches the fabrics character
- 1/2 yd 44-45" wide Outer Fabric solid color or two-tone same yardage
- 1/2 yd 44-45" wide Lining Fabric
- 1 1/4 yd Pellon Shape Flex Fusible interfacing SF101
- 1 yd webbing for handles
- Thread to match fabric

Basic Cutting instructions:

1. Solid color bag; cut two 15" X 16" from outer fabric.
Two-tone bag; cut two 15" X 8 1/2" from each color.
Note: Bag Design # 9 measurements for two-tone is different, refer to specialty instructions
2. Cut two 15" X 16" from lining fabric.
3. Cut two 17" pieces webbing.

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Basic Construction:

All seam allowances are 1/2" unless stated differently.

1. If you are making two-tone bag, sew 2 color sections together using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seam flat. This will be treated as front and back.
2. Cut 2 pieces of fusible interfacing 15" X 16" and following manufactures instructions fuse to wrong side of front and back.
3. Embellish bag according to chosen character. Go to specialty instructions for chosen bag.
4. Sew side seams together. When sewing the seam make sure to keep the bulk of tulle out of seams. You should only be catching 1/2" of tulle.

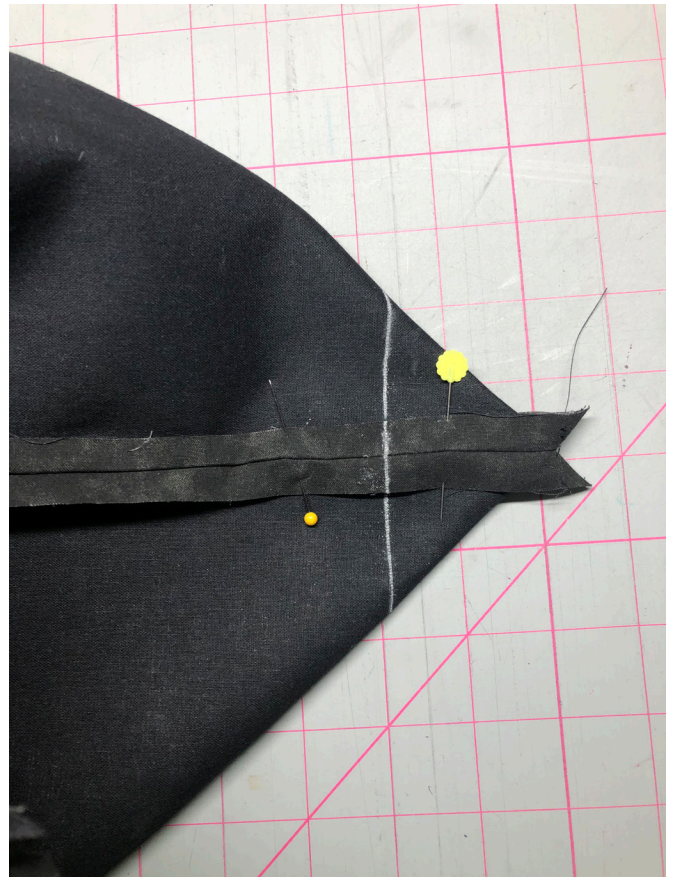


5. Sew the bottom seam together, by pushing tulle towards top to prevent it from being caught in seam. Press all seams open.

6. Match side seams to bottom seams on each corner, from intersection of 2 seams measure in 2" and draw a line.



7. Pin to hold in place and sew on drawn line.



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8. Trim 1/4" away from stitching.



9. On top measure 4" from each side and pin raw edge of webbing to raw edge of fabric. Do this on front and back.
10. Baste webbing to hold in place.



11. Make lining in same way, leaving an opening in bottom seam for turning.
12. Make box corners on bottom same as step 5. Press all seams flat.
13. Insert lining into bag right sides together, matching side seams and top edges.
14. Sew all the way around.
Note: When going over webbing, back stitch over handles to secure.
15. Turn bag right side out through opening in lining.
16. Close opening in bottom of lining.
17. Press top edge being careful not to touch hot iron to webbing.
18. Topstitch around top edge.

Bag Design #1

Use built-in letters and arc function on an embroidery machine to embroider "Trick or Treat".



Solid Color fabric and notions

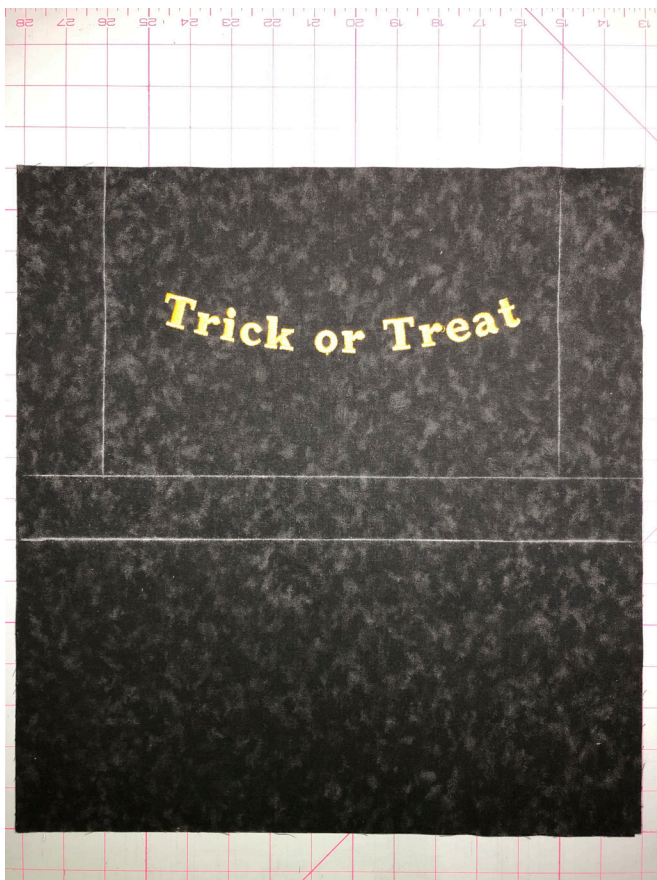
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Additional Supplies:

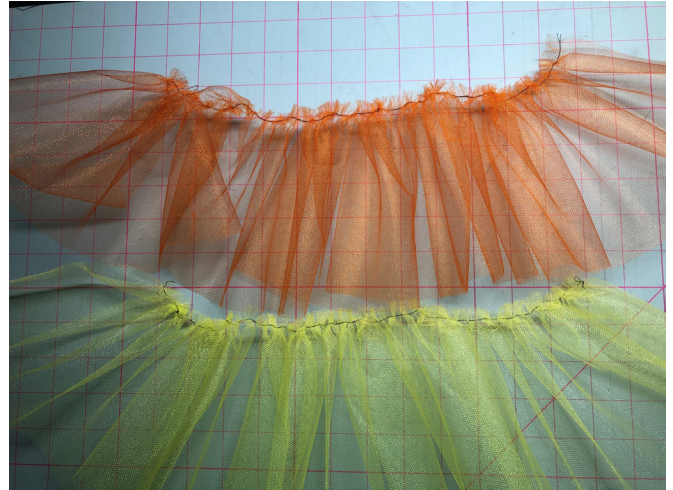
- 1/4 yd holiday print for skirt
- 2-3 fall colored 6" tulle on spool
- 1yd 1 1/2" wide decorative ribbon
- Tear away stabilizer
- Embroidery Thread

Embellishing Instructions:

1. Follow basic bag instructions to cut front and back.
2. Draw a line 2" in from sides on front.
3. From top edge measure down 7 1/2" and draw a line across fabric between 2 side drawn lines.
4. Under this line draw another line 1 1/2" down for ribbon placement.
5. Embroider "Trick or Treat" centered in drawn box.



6. Gather 72" of tulle. Sample uses 3 different colors of 6" tulle.



7. Draw a line 1/2" below ribbon placement line and sew first layer of tulle.



8. Sew the 2nd layer under first, and then 3rd layer under all.
9. From print fabric cut 6" X 18" skirt.
10. Roll hem bottom and sides.

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11. Gather top raw edge of skirt. Adjust gather to fit width of bag inside seam allowances.
12. Pin right side of skirt to right side of bag adjusting gathers to be even, pin on bottom ribbon drawn line. Sew in place on top of gathered stitching.



13. Fold skirt down over tulle.
14. Cut ribbon width of front and sew across. Keep bottom edge of ribbon as close to the print fabric as possible.
15. Follow basic bag instructions to finish. When sewing side seams pull tulle and skirt towards center to prevent from catching in seams. Make sure to push all tulle towards top to keep from being caught in bottom seam.
16. After bag is constructed make a bow and attach in center.