

Fat Quarter Shoe Bag

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Supplies Needed:

- 2 coordinating fat quarters
- ½ yard fabric for lining (I used Kona cotton.)
- 2 yards grosgrain ribbon, ½" – ¾" wide



Seam allowances are ½" for entire project.

Since all fat quarters are not exactly 18" x 22", measure your fat quarter to be sure it makes a rectangle. For this project, the size is not crucial. It just needs to be the same measurement on both short sides and the same measurement on both long sides. I have made shoe bags that were 16" x 20" and some that were 19" x 22". Of course, smaller bags are only appropriate for smaller sized shoes.

Once the short and long sides are measured correctly, cut the lining to match.

With right sides together, stitch lining and bag fabric across one long side. This seam creates the TOP of the bag. Press the seam towards the bag fabric.

Fold the fabric so the two NEW long sides are right sides together. The top seam you just created is now in the middle.

Stitch the lining portion from the bottom and ¼" past the center seam. Backstitch.

Stitch the bag portion from the bottom and ¾" away from the end of your last seam. Backstitch. This should be 1" from the first seam you stitched. The opening allows for the ribbon. The opening should be ¼" longer than the ribbon you are using. If your ribbon is wider or more narrow, adjust the size of the opening.



You have made a long tube with lining on one end and bag fabric on the other. Adjust the long side so it is in the middle and press this seam open. Moving the seam to the middle makes it easier to press. After it is pressed, adjust the tube so the pressed seam is now on the side rather than in the middle.



Fold the seam back towards the lining and bag fabric so it is no longer separate from the lining and bag. Stitch across the bottom of the bag, including the side seam allowance in the bottom seam.

Stitch across the bottom of the lining, leaving a 4" opening in the middle for turning. Turn the bag through the opening. Stitch the opening closed. This can be done with your sewing machine as it will be inside and no one will see it.



Tuck the lining inside the bag. Press the fold at the top so the lining is completely inside the bag and seam is crisp and easier to topstitch.



Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the top so the lining stays in place. Stitch again 1" from the top to create a casing. This allows for $\frac{1}{2}$ " ribbon in the casing. If your ribbon is wider or more narrow, adjust the size of the casing.



Thread your ribbon through the casing. Enjoy!