

# Christmas Gift Tote

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**A decorative bag with lots of possibilities for gift giving!**

## Fabric Requirements:

- 3 Fat Quarters measuring 18" x 22"
- Pellon 809 Décor Bond one-sided fusible stabilizer 45" width, 1/2 yard, .5m
- Pellon TP971 Thermolam Plus Fusible Fleece, 5" x 15"

**Notions:** (2) 1 3/4" Buttons, 18" pearl cotton, embroidery needle, removable marking tool, 1/4" foot, zigzag foot, rotary cutting supplies, basic sewing supplies.

## Cutting

### Main Fabric

Outer Bag: Cut (1) 13 1/4"W x 14"H  
Outer Base: Cut (1) Base Template

### Contrasting Fabric

Cuff: Cut (2) Cuff Template on fold

### Strap and Lining Fabric

Strap: Cut (1) 17 1/2"W x 4"  
Lining: Cut (1) 13"W x 13 3/4"H  
Lining Base: Cut (1) Base Template

### Pellon 809 Décor Bond

Outer Bag: Cut (2) 13 1/4" x 14"  
Lining: Cut (1) 13"W x 13 3/4"H  
Outer Base: Cut (1) Base Template  
Strap: Cut (1) 2" x 17 1/2"

### Pellon TP971 Thermolam Plus Fusible Fleece

Cuff: Cut (2) Cuff Template on fold

1. Following the manufacturer's directions, fuse the Décor Bond to the WS of the Outer Bag and Lining. Likewise, fuse the Thermolam Plus to the WS of one of the Cuff pieces.
2. With RST, sew the 14" long side seam of the Outer Bag using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press.
3. With RST, sew the 13 3/4" side seam of the Lining using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press.
4. Fold the Outer Bag at the lower end and mark into quarters. Fuse the Décor Bond to the main fabric Base. Fold the Base in quarters and mark.
5. Optionally, clip the lower edge of the Outer Bag slightly so the cuts do not exceed 1/4" in length.

**Seam allowances are 1/4" wide unless otherwise mentioned.**

## Glossary

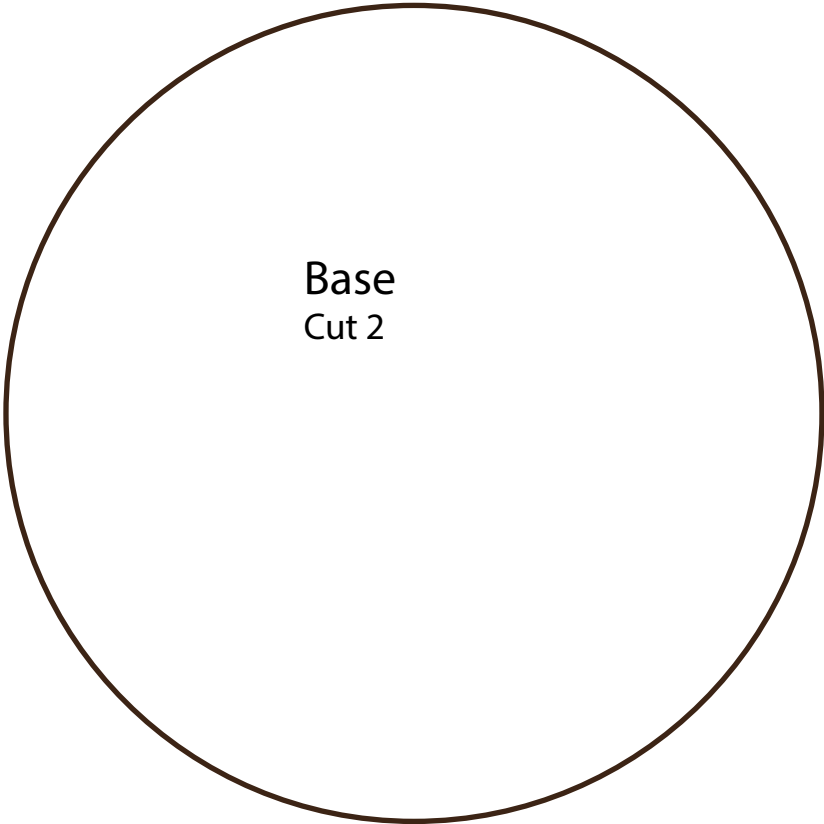
RS - Right Side  
WS - Wrong Side  
RST - Right Sides Together  
WST - Wrong Sides Together  
Baste - sew using your longest stitch  
Scant 1/4" - slightly less than 1/4"  
Edgestitch - sew 1/8" from edge



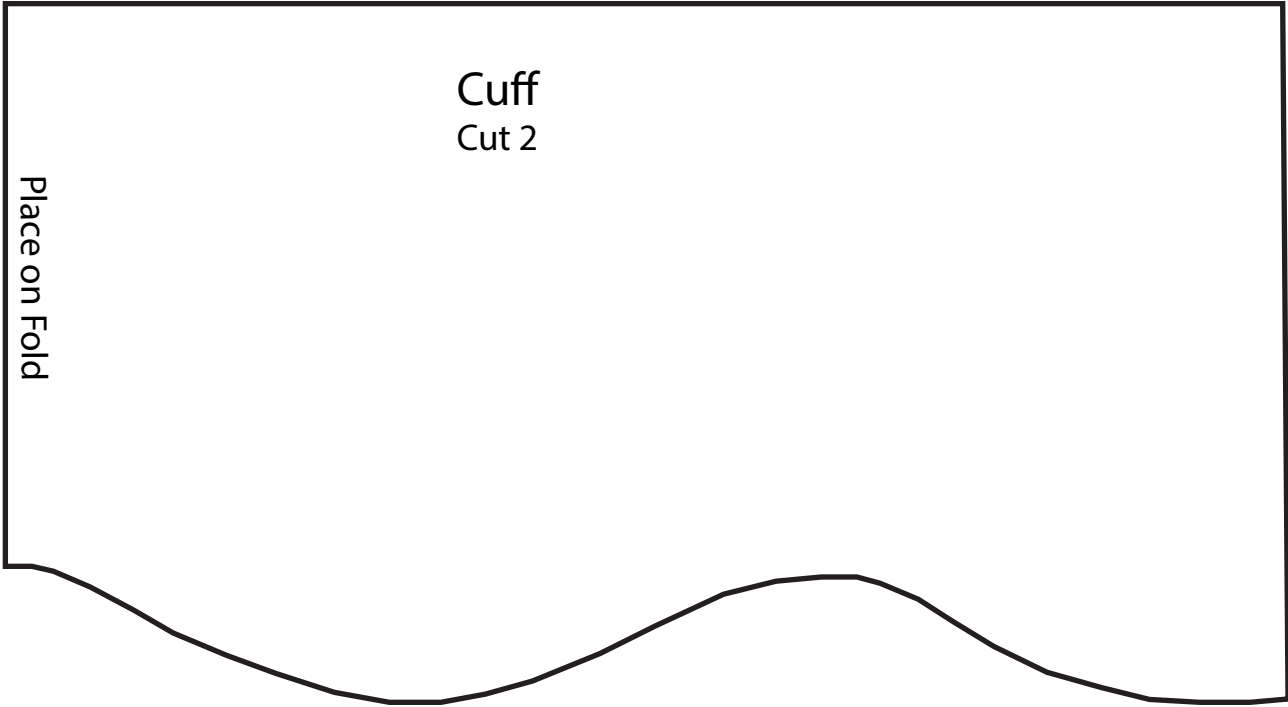
Fabric Collection: Scottie Dog Christmas  
by The Craft Cotton Co.

6. With RST, pin the Base to the bottom of the Outer Bag matching the marks and then pin all around. Sew around. Turn to the RS.
7. Repeat step 6 using the Lining and lining Base. Place the lining WST inside the bag and pin around the top edge. Baste in place using a scant 1/4" seam.
8. Sew a Cuff RST along the short sides. Press. Repeat to make 2.
9. With the Cuff pieces RST and seam allowances matching, sew along the curved edge. Turn to the RS and press.
10. Finish the top raw edge of the Cuff using a small zigzag stitch.
11. Thread an embroidery needle with Pearl Cotton and use a running stitch to stitch through the layers of the cuff 1/4" from the curved edge.
12. Fold the Cuff at the seam line and then mark into quarters. Fold the top edge of the bag in the same fashion to mark into quarters.
13. Place the Cuff inside the bag so the RS (that being whichever side of the Cuff you like best) faces the lining. Align the marks and pin. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance and press the seam so that the seam allowance faces the bag. Turn the Cuff over to the front of the bag and press again.
14. Fold the strap in half along the length and press. Fold the long outer edges into the center fold and press.
15. Fuse the Décor Bond into the central area of the strap. Re-press the strap.
16. Fold the short edges back on themselves so that the RS of the Strap are together. Stitch across the short edges. Turn to the RS and press.
17. Stitch 1/8" from the edges around the Strap. Mark 1 1/2" and 1 3/4" from the short edges of the Strap.
18. Pin the Strap to the Cuff using the marks you made to quarter the Cuff as a placement guide. The 1 3/4" mark aligns to the top edge of the bag. Stitch along the 1 1/2" marks to secure the strap.
19. Using Pearl Cotton, stitch the 1 3/4" buttons in place so that the top edge of the button hides the previous stitching lines.

*Fill your bag with wine, nuts, candies or other holiday goodies!*



Base  
Cut 2



Cuff  
Cut 2

Place on Fold