



Technique:	Machine Applique
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Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting time:	An evening

Use the Dual Duty XP thread and the decorative stitches on your sewing machine to create gift bags that are as special as the gift inside.

Finished Size of Bags: 7¼" x 11¼" (18.5 cm x 28.5 cm)

Supplies (for each bag)

Coats Dual Duty XP® All-Purpose threads, matching and contrasting

¾ yd (.34 m) twill fabric

6½" (6.5 cm) square of appliqué fabric

⅞ yd (.8 m) grosgrain ribbon, ¾" (1 cm) wide

Paper-back fusible web

Trims / buttons as desired

¾" (2 cm) wooden bead or jingle bell

Additional Requirements

Basic sewing supplies

Sewing machine

Iron & pressing surface

Instructions

Notes: Seam allowance is $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6 cm).

1. Cut one $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15" (32 cm x 38 cm) rectangle from twill fabric.
2. Press rectangle in half to make a $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " (19 cm x 32 cm) folded rectangle.
3. Trace desired motif onto paper backing of the fusible web. Rough-cut shape leaving approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " (.3 cm) around drawn lines. **(Templates on page 3)**
4. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse web shape to wrong side of appliqué fabric.
5. Trim appliqué on drawn line and position on bag front as desired. Fuse in place.
6. Appliqué shape in place using 3 mm wide satin stitch and .5 mm length.
7. Apply trims (ribbons, buttons, etc.) to design shape as desired. Note some may need to be hand stitched depending on trim.
8. Right sides together and matching raw edges, sew bag bottom seam and side seams, stopping $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.5 cm) from top edge; backstitch. Finish seam allowances with a zigzag stitch.
9. Turn bag right side out and press. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6 cm) along slit. Slip a thin strip of fusible web under pressed hem and fuse both sides. Press under $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (3 cm) hem at the top edge.
10. Select decorative stitch and contrasting thread. Sew two rows of stitching around bag hem, 1" (2.5 cm) from the folded edge and again $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.6 cm) away.
11. Using safety pin or bodkin, thread ribbon through casing. Add bead or bell and knot ends. Clip ribbon ends at an angle.



