



# Free Web Project

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## Pintuck Gift Bag

You will want to make several of the reusable bags!

### You will need the following items to complete this project:

- Basic Sewing kit
- Sewing Machine
- 7 x 7" piece of green cotton for tree applique
- 2 x 2" piece of brown fabric for tree trunk
- One fat quarter of cotton fabric for the bag
- 21 x 10" piece of cotton organdy
- 21 x 10" piece of Transweb
- 0.75m of 1" wide organdy ribbon
- One spool of green 40wt embroidery thread and one bobbin wound with this thread
- One spool of brown 40wt embroidery thread
- Construction thread to match bag fabric
- Basting spray
- 5 or 7 groove pintuck foot
- 2.0mm twin needle
- 3½ x 6" piece of Ultra Firm Heavyweight interfacing or cardboard
- Optional: crystals, buttons, beads or trim to decorate the tree.

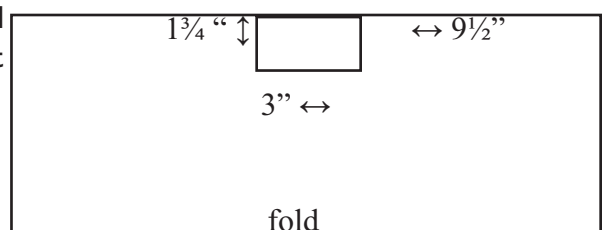


### About Pintucks:

*The combination of a twin needle and a pintuck foot results in raised welts or tucks. These tucks give dimension to the fabric. A pintuck foot helps keep multiple rows of tucking even.*

### Getting Started

From the fat quarter cut a 22 x 10" piece. At the ironing board, lay fabric section right side down. Lay Transweb on the fabric ½" away from each short end. Lay cotton organdy on top of Transweb. Press together ( I recommend using a Teflon sheet for this step). Fold fabric in half width wise. Mark the fabric as per diagram. Cut out these sections.



Set machine to use a twin needle. Insert twin needle. Use green embroidery thread. You will use matching bobbin as the second spool.

Thread machine as you normally would with these exceptions:

Make sure each thread is winding off in opposite directions

Place one thread to the **front** of your tension disk and the other thread **behind** the tension disk

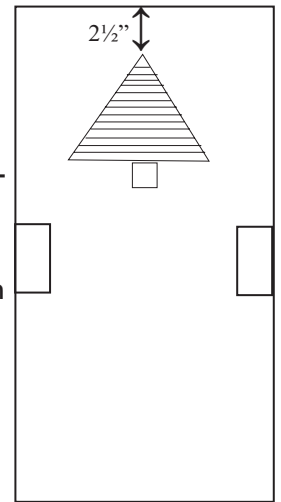
Thread only one of the threads through the last guide above the needle.

Using the tree shaped pattern as a guide, draw the general shape onto the front of the green fabric.

Starting about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " before and ending about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " after the drawn lines, sew rows of horizontal pintucks.

Using the tree pattern cut out the tree from the pintucked section and the trunk from the brown fabric. Spray the wrong side of these pieces with basting spray and place on the bag centering it about  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top edge.

Remove the twin needle and replace with single needle. Thread machine with brown embroidery thread and choose a 4.0mm satin stitch. Snap on an open toe foot, clear foot or B foot. Stitch around the raw edges of the tree trunk. Thread machine with green embroidery thread. Stitch around tree pivoting at each corner.



Fold the top edges over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side and press. Fold over again to the organdy and press. Thread machine with construction thread. Using a straight stitch sew down the folded edges.

Mark bag 3" from each side and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from top edge. You will have 4 markings. Sew a small buttonhole or if you prefer an eyelet (these are for the ribbon handles).

Snap on the J foot and select the overcast stitch. With right sides together, sew side seams. Press to one direction. Line up the bottom raw edge with the raw edge of the side seam to box the bag. Sew with the overcasting stitch. Repeat on the other side. Press seams. Press side seams inward to pleat to form a lunch bag shape. If desired sew the first 1" of side seam with a straight stitch to hold seam down.

Cut ribbon in half. Thread ribbon through buttonholes or eyelets, knotting the ribbon ends on the inside of the bag.

Place piece of cardboard or interfacing in bottom of bag. If desired cover this piece with leftover fabric before putting it into the bag.

Decorate the tree with buttons, trim, crystals or beads if desired.

