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What you need:

- 16" (40cm) of the main fabric that will be seen on the outside of the bag.

Note: If the fabric has a directional print, use the two-toned bag steps, so the print is not upside down on one of the sides.

- 8" (20cm) for the top of the lining (main fabric or contrast fabric).
- 16" (40cm) of Solari Fabric Interfacing for insulation

Note: These instructions are designed for a standard wine bottle. If the maker would like to make a larger bottle tote bag they will need to adjust their width measurement.

- 51" (130cm) of 1" (2.5cm) twill tape or webbing for the straps.
- Thread (To match or contrast).
- Tailors chalk.
- Straight pins.
- Sewing machine.
- Ruler.
- Optional for decorating: Appliqué or Ribbon.



If you want this bag to be two-toned you will need 2 pieces W 16" (40cm) x H 20" (50cm) of your main fabric, contrasting or matching; this is your creative decision! Cut to W 12" (30cm) x H 16" (40cm) and sew along the shorter edge.

Note: If the fabric has a directional print, have the bottom of the fabric print attach at the seam. All other steps will be the same.

Step 1:

- Cut the main fabric to the dimensions of W 12" (30cm) x H 31" (79cm).
- Cut 2 pieces of the contrasting or main fabric to the dimensions of W 12.5" (32cm) x H 4" (10cm) for the top of the lining.
- Cut the Solari Fabric interfacing to the dimensions of W 12" (30cm) x H 26" (66cm) for the bottom of the lining.
- Cut the twill tape/webbing into 2 pieces of 26" (65cm).



Step 2: With right sides together pin and sew one top lining to the short edge of the Solari Interfacing. Repeat on the other side with remaining top lining.



Step 3: Fold the length of your main fabric in half so 2 shorter sides are together. Stitch both sides leaving the top side open. Follow the same step with the lining.



Step 4:

- Form a triangle by pulling the bag open at the bottom of the side seam.
- Lay fabric flat and from the bottom corner measure and mark up from the seam corner 2.5" (6.5cm).
- Draw a line perpendicular to the side seam at this mark. Pin in position and sew along the mark. Do this for both sides.
- Line up the points of both triangles to make sure they look the same or the bag will be uneven. Cut off the excess fabric of the triangle leaving a ½" (1.3cm) seam allowance. Follow the same step with the lining.



Step 5:

Mark on the wrong side of the main fabric, with chalk, the centre between the seams of the main fabric on both sides of the bag.



Step 6: With right sides together nestle the lining inside the main fabric and pin together at the top.



Step 7: Pin the straps in the middle of the chalk line and the edge seam. There should be 4 areas like this. Ensure the main part of the strap is on the right side and will not get caught in the stitching.



Step 8: Sew the lining and main fabric $\frac{5}{8}$ " (2cm) together. Leave a 2" (5cm) opening to turn the right side out along the centre chalk line of one side.



Step 9: Turn right sides out poking all corners square.



Step 10: Top stitch around the entire top to give straps extra strength.



Step 11: Make the centre seam by measuring between the 2 side seams and marking the centre down 8.5" (21.5cm) from the top with chalk on both sides of the bag. Pin the sides together and sew down the length on the chalk line. Repeat going over the same line of stitching for increased strength and stability.



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