

Cupcake Pajama Party Tote Bag

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FINISHED SIZE: 12" × 13" × 12"

Ingredients

White-on-white fabric: 1 rectangle
15" × 40" (1/2 yard)

Striped fabric: 1 rectangle 7 1/2" × 20"
(1/4 yard)

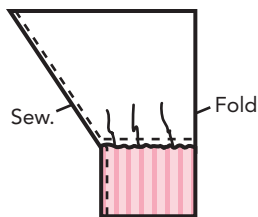
Ribbon: approximately 40"

Buttons: 2 large and assorted sizes,
as desired

Instructions

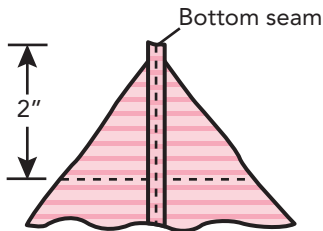
Note: Seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

1. Sew a basting stitch with a scant 1/4" seam allowance down one of the long sides of the white fabric.
2. Evenly gather the basting stitch until the edge of the white fabric is 20" wide.
3. Align the gathered edge of the white fabric right sides together with one of the 20" sides of the striped fabric. Sew, then press the seam to one side.
4. Fold the bag in half lengthwise, matching the seam. Sew, then press the seam to one side.



Sew side seam.

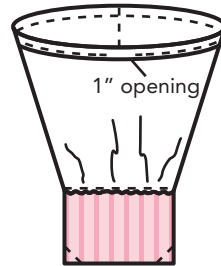
- 5.** Align the bottom edges of the bag. Sew.
- 6.** Spread open the bottom seam, and align it with the side seam. Measure 2" in from the corner point, and sew across the base. Backstitch at the starting and stopping points. Repeat for the other side, aligning the bottom seam with the middle of the side.



Sew across base.

- 7.** Fold and press a double 1" hem along the top (white) edge of the bag.

- 8.** Topstitch the hem in place, leaving a 1" opening in the middle of 1 side. Backstitch at the starting and stopping points.



Topstitch hem.

- 9.** Turn the bag right-side out.
- 10.** Thread the ribbon through the hem at the top of the bag. Sew a large button to each end of the ribbon to keep the ends from getting lost inside the hem when the bag is open.
- 11.** Sew decorative buttons to the white icing. Use white thread to attach the buttons so that the thread does not show through from the back of the fabric to the front.



tip: The tote bag can be stuffed with polyester fiberfill and used as a bed pillow.