

# The Cardinal's Visit

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## GIFT BAGS

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# Gift Bags

Finished Sizes: approximately 10" X 12" and 16" X 18"

All seams are sewn using a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise stated

WOF = Width of Fabric

## Requirements (Makes 2 bags)

- ¾ yd fabric
- 1 ⅓ yds ribbon

## Cutting Instructions

- Cut 1 - 16" x WOF strip
  - Sub cut 2 - 16" X 18" pieces
- Cut 1 - 10" x WOF strip
  - Sub cut 2 - 10" X 12" pieces

## Assembly

- Finish all outer edges of bag pieces using your favorite method. Pin bag pieces, right sides and finished edges together. Stitch sides and bottom edges, starting and stopping 4 ½" from the top.
- Press seam allowances open. Fold seam allowances on sides above 4 ½" mark to the wrong side and press. Stitch close to edges of seam allowances if desired.
- Fold top edges down 1 ½" to wrong side to form casings and press. Stitch 1/8" from edges of casings. This will form the channel for your ribbon.
- Cut two pieces of ribbon approximately 24" long (or as desired). Thread one piece of ribbon into one casing and through the other casing ending up with both ends on the same side of the bag. Thread the other piece of ribbon in reverse to the first piece so that these ends are on the opposite side of the bag and out adjacent opening. Tie the ends of each ribbon together.
- To create the bag 'box' bottom, turn bag inside out and match side seams of the bag to the bottom seam, making sure the 'corner' of the bag bottom is uppermost. Pin seams in place and measure from the corner/top along the seam line down 1 ½". Draw a line here by placing a ruler perpendicular across the bag. This will create a triangle. Stitch along the line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a ¼" seam allowance. Finish seam as desired. Repeat on the other side.
- Turn bag right side out.