

Ruffle Bag



Fabric, Notions, & Other Supplies

PLEASE NOTE: The measurements used in this demonstration are for a 4 Ruffle Bag. You will need to make appropriate adjustments for the 2 Ruffle & 3 Ruffle Bag. BEGINNERS: I would recommend making a 2 or 3 Ruffle Bag. 😊

Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout, unless otherwise noted.

2 Ruffle Bag

Top Ruffle = ¾ Yard Fabric
Bottom Ruffle = 1 Yard + 1 Inch Fabric

3 Ruffle Bag

¾ Yard Fabric for Each Ruffle

4 Ruffle Bag

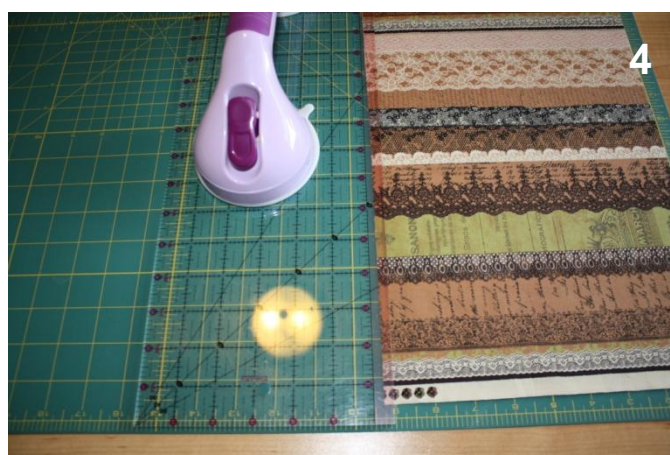
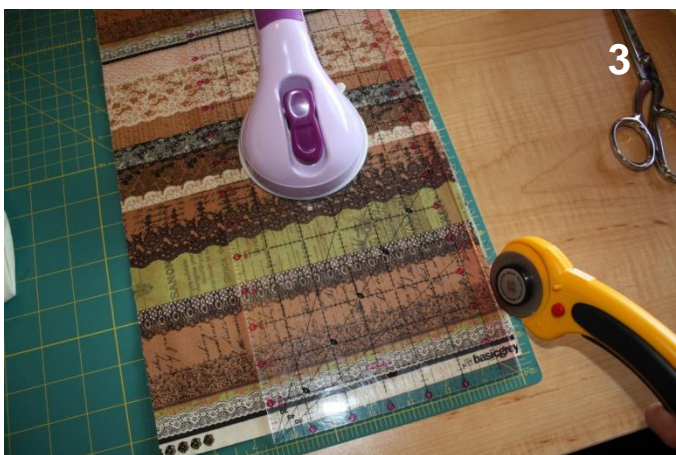
½ Yard Fabric for Each Ruffle

Other Notions & Supplies

- Sewing Machine & Matching Thread
 - 13.5 x 13.5 Canvas Bag
 - Denim Needle
 - Scissors
 - Pins
 - Rotary Cutter & Cutting Mat
 - Ironing Board & Iron



Step 1: Fold the fabric in half, lining up the selvedges.
Step 2: Iron out all the wrinkles.



Step 3: Using a large ruler, cutting mat, and a rotary cutter, cut off any excess fabric on the edge – to make it even and straight.

Step 4:

4 Ruffle Bag

Ruffle # 1: Cut **2** strips of fabric at 9". You will have **two** strips of fabric that measure 9" x 45". Repeat with coordinating fabric for Ruffles 2, 3, and 4.

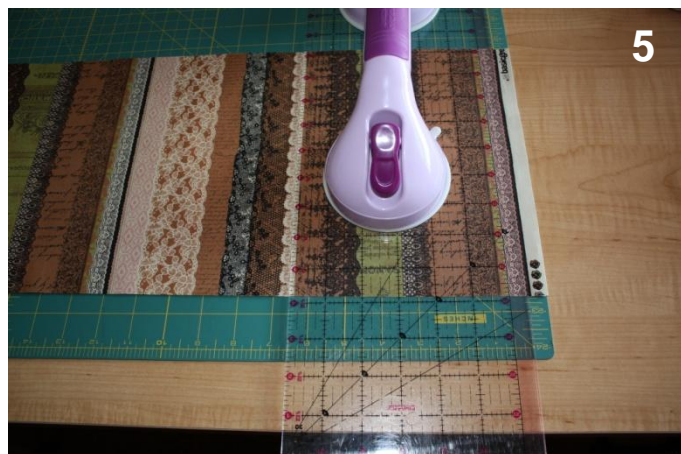
3 Ruffle Bag

Ruffle # 1: Cut **2** strips of fabric at 12". You will have **two** strips of fabric that measure 12" x 45". Repeat with coordinating fabric for Ruffles 2 and 3.

2 Ruffle Bag

Ruffle # 1 (Top Ruffle): Cut **2** strips of fabric at 12". You will have **two** strips of fabric that measure 12" x 45".

Ruffle # 2: Cut **2** strips of fabric at 18 1/2". You will have **two** strips of fabric that measure 18 1/2" x 45".



Step 5: Cut off the selvedges.

Step 6: Ruffle # 1, take one 9" x 45" strip of fabric and place it directly on top of the other 9" x 45" strip -- right sides together -- as shown. If desired, pin in place.



Step 7: Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, sew along the short edge of the fabric.

Step 8: Open the seam and press with an iron. You will now have a long strip measuring 9" x 90".



Step 9: Measure your long strip of fabric to 68" and cut. You will have some fabric left over that you can use to create a flower embellishment for your bag. ☺ You should now have a strip of fabric that measures 9" x 68".

Step 10: Fold your strip of fabric in half (long edge to long edge) **RIGHT** sides together. You will now have a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 68" strip of fabric with the wrong side of the fabric facing up as shown. If desired, pin along the entire long edge.



Step 11: Sew along the LONG edge of the strip of fabric, being sure to backstitch at the beginning. When you reach the opposite end of the strip, stop approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge. With your needle in the down position, lift up your presser foot and turn the fabric.

Step 12: Continue sewing along the short edge. Backstitch. The short edge at the opposite end will be left open so the fabric can be turned right side out.



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Step 13: Clip slightly the edges on the short end as shown. This will help create a nice pointed corner once the fabric is turned.

Step 14: Turn the strip of fabric right side out.



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Step 15: Using a pointed object such as a pencil or "That Purple Thang", place it inside your long strip and use it to square up the edges. The right side of this example is squared, the other is not.

Step 16: Iron the entire strip of fabric so that the seam is either at the top, or at the bottom of the strip.



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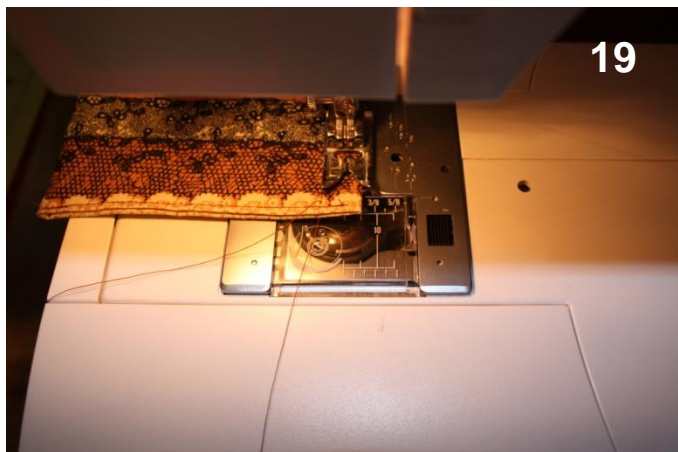
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Step 17: Take the open end of the strip of fabric and fold the edges in about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Pin in place.

Step 18: Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam or less, topstitch the opening closed, backstitching at both ends.

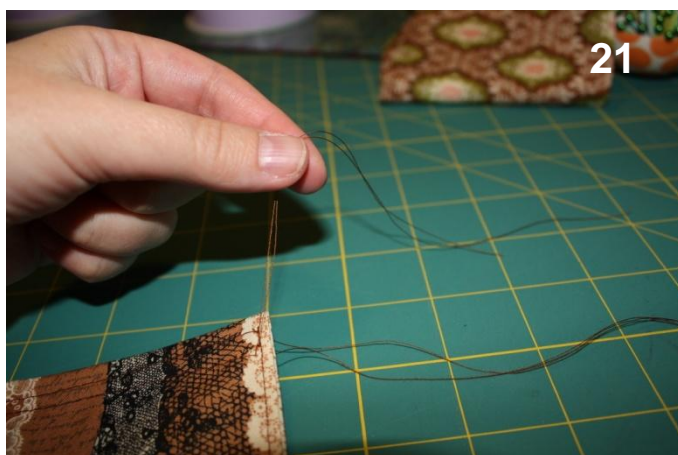


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Step 19: Set your sewing machine stitch to the largest stitch – or the gathering stitch. On the edge that DOES NOT have the seam, using a ½” seam allowance, sew along the entire length of the fabric, leaving a generous thread tail both at the beginning and the end. **DO NOT BACKSTITCH.** Repeat on the same edge, this time using a ¼” seam allowance. You will have TWO rows of stitching – one at ½”, the other at ¼”.

Step 20: On one side of the fabric strip, tie the threads together. This will make it so that the gathering will not “fall off” the thread and you will not lose your gather.



Step 21: On the other side of the fabric strip, separate the TOP two threads and the BOTTOM two threads.

Step 22: Take your two TOP threads and pull tightly, yet gently. The fabric will start to gather and “ruffle”. It’s really important to use high quality thread for this step so that it does not break.



Step 23: Gather the fabric until it reaches 28”.

Step 24: Once you’re satisfied with the length of the ruffle, tie a knot with the top and bottom threads and cut the excess thread away.

REPEAT STEPS 6 through 24 with your remaining ruffles.



Step 25: When all ruffles are completed, layer them on top of your canvas bag to determine placement.

Step 26: Pin the first layer in place – all around the bag, overlapping the ends if necessary.

CHANGE OUT your regular sewing needle with a **DENIM** Needle. Set your stitch to either a straight stitch or a zigzag stitch (I used a zigzag stitch).



Step 27: Sew on the ruffle. Sew the zigzag stitch in between the two gathering stitches made earlier. The bottom layer is the trickiest. After this layer, it gets much easier.

Step 28: REPEAT Steps 26 and 27 with the remaining ruffles.



Embellish as desired. If you sew ribbon (5/8" grosgrain ribbon works perfectly) around the top edge, then place pins every 1" to 1 1/2". Either hot glue or sew flowers or other embellishments to the bag.

FINISHED!
GREAT JOB!!



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