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Wine Gift Bag

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Supplies:

1/2 yard sturdy fabric (denim, duck, velveteen)

Tear-away stabilizer

Assorted rayon threads

Teeny Martini Hour and Small/Tiny Martini Hour Designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Sewing thread

12" of bias tape

1 yard cord

Cut one piece of fabric 12-3/4" wide by 14-1/2" high. Cut a circle of fabric 4-3/4" diameter (use a CD as a pattern). Overedge stitch the cut edges of each piece.

In your embroidery software, arrange embroidery designs as shown in the picture. Mark a spot 3-1/2" from lower edge and left edge of fabric. Hoop the stabilizer. Pin the fabric to the stabilizer, centering the mark in the hoop. Embroider the combined design. Remove excess stabilizer.

The bias tape needs to be wide enough to carry two lengths of the cord. Cut 6" lengths of bias tape. Mark fabric 11" from lower edge, 1" in from each side, and a 1" gap (see photo as a guide). Turn under the ends of the bias tape so it will fit within the 1" marks, centered over the line that is 11" from the lower edge. Stitch close to each long edge of the bias tape.

Fold fabric in half lengthwise. Stitch long edges together using a 1/2" seam allowance. Press open. On top edge, press 1" from top to the inside. Turn under raw edge. Press. Stitch close to the second fold.

Take round piece of fabric and fold in half. Mark each end of the fold with a pin. Open up then re-fold, bringing the pins together. Mark each end of the fold with a pin. Open. The circle is now divided evenly into four parts.

Fold the fabric tube in half along the seam. Place a pin at the seam and the opposite folded edge. Bring the pins together. Place a pin to mark each of the new folds. The tube is now evenly divided into four parts.

Pin the circle bottom to the tube, right sides together, matching pins. With circle fabric to the sewing machine bed, stitch the tube to the circle using a 1/2" seam allowance.

Cut the cord in half. Thread one part through both casings and tie ends together on one side of the bag. Thread the other cord through the casings, with the free ends coming out the opposite side of the bag. Tie those ends together.

Insert bottle. Pull cords. Give gift.

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