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GIFT BAGS

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MEDIUM - 21763-24 14" L x 12" W x 5" D **LARGE - 21759-73** 20" L x 14" W x 6" D

SMALL - 21760-63 12" L x 10" W x 3" D

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Finished Size: (sizes are approximate) Large: 20" H x 14" W x 6" D

> Medium: 14" H x 12" W x 5" D Small: 12" H x 10" W x 3" D

WOF = width of fabric

Fabric requirements	Yards	Cutting Instructions
Large #21759-73 Cars on green	1 ½ yard	• Cut two pieces of fabric that measure 20" (width) by 36" (height)
Medium #21763-24 Snowflake on red	% yard	•Cut two pieces of fabric that measure 17" (width) by 27" (height)
Small #21760-63 Lights on blue	% yard	• Cut two pieces of fabric that measure 13" (width) by 20" (height)
1/4" Cording for the drawstring You may want narrower cording for the small bag or use ribbon		 Large bag - 2 pieces measuring approximately 40" Medium bag - 2 pieces measuring approximately 36" Small bag - 2 pieces measuring approximately 32"

Assembly:

Prepping the bottom corner:

Using a ruler, a pencil and the appropriate size from the chart below, draw a square on the bottom two corners of each of the two bag pieces. Use scissors to cut out the corners.

Large - 3 ½" square Medium - 3" square Small - 2" square

Assembling the bag:

Sew the side seams and the bottom seam. Finish the edges off with an overcast stitch or use the serger. To make the corners in the bottom, match the side seam of one corner with the bottom seam from the same corner. Stitch across and finish the raw edges with an overcast stitch or use the serger.

Making the drawstring opening:

Turn under ¼" around the top edge of the bag (Fold A). Bring this top edge down inside the bag (wrong sides together). For the large bag, fold in about 9 inches, for the medium bag, fold in about 7 inches and for the small bag, fold in about 5 inches. Pin Fold A to the bag and stitch in place. Stitch about 1 inch away from this first line of stitching (towards the top of the bag) to get a channel in which you can thread the cording through. You will be stitching through TWO layers of fabric.

Using a seam ripper, gently open up the side seam on the outside of the gift bag between the two lines of stitching. Repeat this step for both sides of the bag. Take one piece of cording and thread it through the channel so it comes out the same side as you inserted it. Tie the ends in a knot. Repeat on the opposite side of the bag so you have a tie on both sides which makes it easy to close the bag.

NOTE: It is best to NOT prewash preprinted fabrics such as panels and border prints. The fabric goes through many processes to be delivered to the consumer and there may be some size variations. If you're unable to cut the panels to the size mentioned above, cut the pieces to a size that works for your panels and adjust any other measurements accordingly.