



PATTERN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2019

“Name Tag/Pouch”

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Supplies:

Medium Weight Clear Plastic Rectangle (3”x4”)

Double-Sided Tape

Gross Grain Ribbon ½” wide

Small Plastic Rings (optional)

Fabric Requirements:

Outer Bag: Cut two pieces 7” W x 8.5” L

Lining: Cut two pieces 7” W x 8.5” L

Optional iron-on interfacing: Cut two pcs 7” W x 8.5” L

Pouch Strap: One piece of Ribbon 38” L

Instructions:

Step One: Framing the Plastic Window

1. Cut out a 3”x4” piece of medium weight clear plastic (such as the type used for report covers.)
2. Use ½” wide Gross Grain Ribbon to frame the plastic window. Cut two pieces 4” long each for top and bottom, and two pieces 5” long each for the sides.
3. Use double-sided tape to adhere ribbon to sides of the plastic window. Tape is difficult to manage and works best by tearing off 1” pieces, then cut the pieces in half, lengthwise, to fit the center length of ribbon.
4. Align 4” long ribbons with edges of top and bottom of window. Set sewing machine for 2.5 or 3, top stitch (only one side) down middle of the ribbon. This side is now the top of the window.
5. Frame short sides of window with 5” pcs of ribbon using the extra length to overlap each end at the corners.
6. Apply narrow strips of tape to the back of only three sides (you should have already stitched the top of the window.)

Step Two: Making the Pouch

1. Place framed window on right side of one of the 7” x 8.5” outer bag fabrics. Center the framed window at the bottom. Tape should already be on back of the window. With the machine set at 2.5 or 3, top stitch the sides and bottom in the center of the ribbon. This finishes the window.
2. Sew outer fabric pieces, front and back, right sides together along the sides and bottom. Turn right side out through top opening. Turn top edge under ½” and press.
3. Follow the steps as in B above to sew lining fabric.
4. With turned under raw edges of outer fabric and lining, pin, then top stitch around the opening.

Step Three: Making the Pouch Strap

There are many ways to add straps to totes, bags, and pouches. I used gross grain ribbon and sewed each end to a small plastic ring, and hand stitched the rings to the inner seam side of the pouch. Please use the method you are most familiar or comfortable with.

