Luggage Tags
Skill Level: Beginner

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Find your luggage from a distance with these easy to make, scrap busters! Luggage tags are great gifts for weddings, graduations, birthdays and the holidays. They are perfect for the person who has everything.

Fabrics Needed

Front fabric	Fat eighth or a scrap at least 5" square
Back fabric	Fat eighth or a scrap at least 10" square

Materials Needed

Pellon® 70 Peltex® Ultra-Firm Sew-In	2-1/2" x 4-1/2"
Pellon® 931TD Fusible Midweight	3" x 4-1/2"
1/4" - 1/2" wide ribbon	18"
Thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Cut two 3″ x 5″ rectangles of back fabric
Cut one 3″ x 5″ rectangle of front fabric
Cut one 3″ x 4-1/2″ rectangle of Fusible Midweight
Cut one 2-1/2″ x 4-1/2″ rectangle of Peltex®

Place the two back fabric pieces right sides together. Starting and stopping 1/4″ from the top edge, stitch using a 1/4″ seam allowance on both long sides and across one short side.



Clip the seam allowance on the two bottom corners, being careful not to clip any stitches.

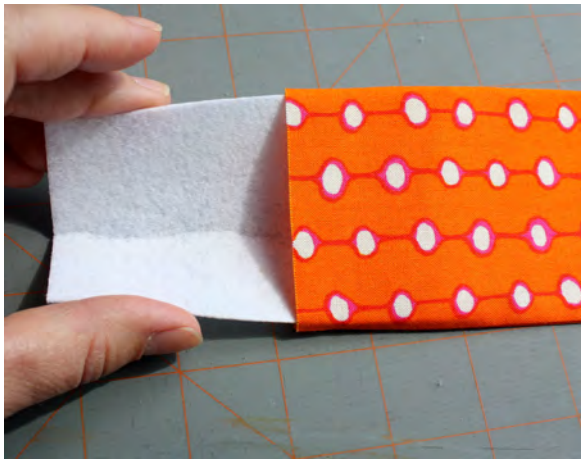


Turn the back piece right sides out. Use a pencil or chopstick to push out the bottom corners. Be careful not to push completely through the stitches. Press the seams flat. Clip the bottom two corners of your Peltex® rectangle.



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Insert the Peltex® rectangle into the back piece. It is helpful to curl the Peltex® a bit to get it to slide in. Make sure the seam allowances sit flat against the Peltex®. It will be a snug fit, so if problems are encountered, remove the Peltex® and trim the edges a tiny amount.

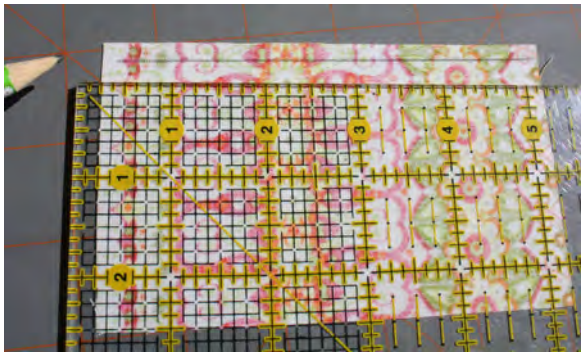


There should be a 1/4" seam allowance past the top of the Peltex® rectangle.



Front Window

Using a quilting ruler and a pencil, mark a line 1/4" from the right, bottom and left edges on the back of the front window piece. Mark a line 1/2" from the top edge.



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Press a 1/2" fold on the top edge, wrong sides together using the pencil line as a guide.



Topstitch using a 3/8" seam allowance along the top edge.



On the wrong side of the front piece, mark lines 3/4" from all four edges, including top folded edge. This will create a 1" x 3" rectangle that will become the window.



Draw a line down the middle of the rectangle/window and connect that line with 45° lines from each corner of the rectangle/window to create cutting guidelines.



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Fold the front window piece in half to make a small snip along the center cutting line.



Use that snip to insert the scissors and cut the guidelines. Cut closely into each corner.



Press the four window flaps towards the wrong side of the fabric to create the window.



Interfacing the Window

Place the wrong side of the window piece on top of the adhesive side of the interfacing.



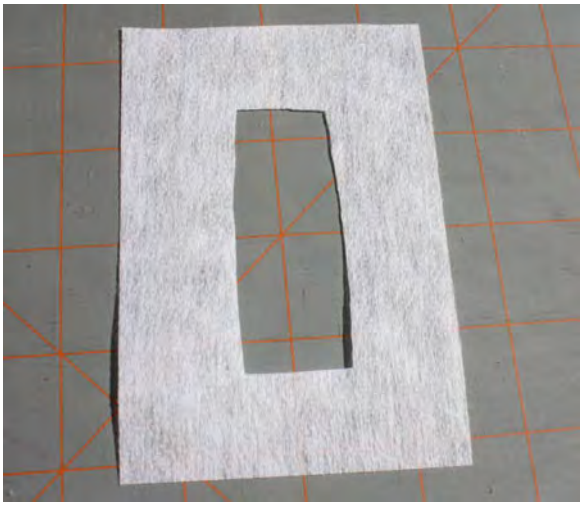
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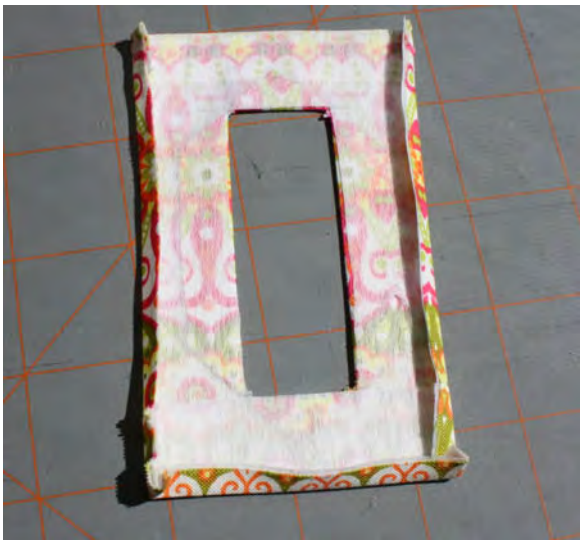
Trace the rectangle of the window onto the interfacing with a pencil.



Cut the rectangle out of the middle of the interfacing making it slightly larger than the one drawn in pencil.



Using an iron, fuse the interfacing piece to the wrong side of the window piece of fabric. Press the left, right and bottom edges back 1/4" along the pencil lines. Take care to not put iron directly on the interfacing. Use a scrap of fabric or pressing cloth if needed.



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Topstitch around the window close to its edge. Add any decorative stitching now. Stitch concentric rectangles around the window, zigzag or other decorative machine stitches, or some cute hand stitching.



Assembling Luggage Tag

Pin the window piece to the back piece with both right sides facing up. Make sure to keep pressed side and bottom edges folded under.



Topstitch the left, bottom and right side folded edges of the window piece to the back piece. Start and stop stitching at the window's top edge, backstitching for extra stability.



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Fold the raw fabric edges of the top of the back piece into the luggage tag using the top of the Peltex® as a guide. Use three or more pins to secure the closed edge.



Fold the piece of ribbon in half. Remove the middle pin securing the top of the luggage tag seam and insert the folded edge of the ribbon 1/2". Repin the seam.



Topstitch the top edge of the luggage tag backstitching at the edges and over the ribbon for stability.

Slide contact information into the window.



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