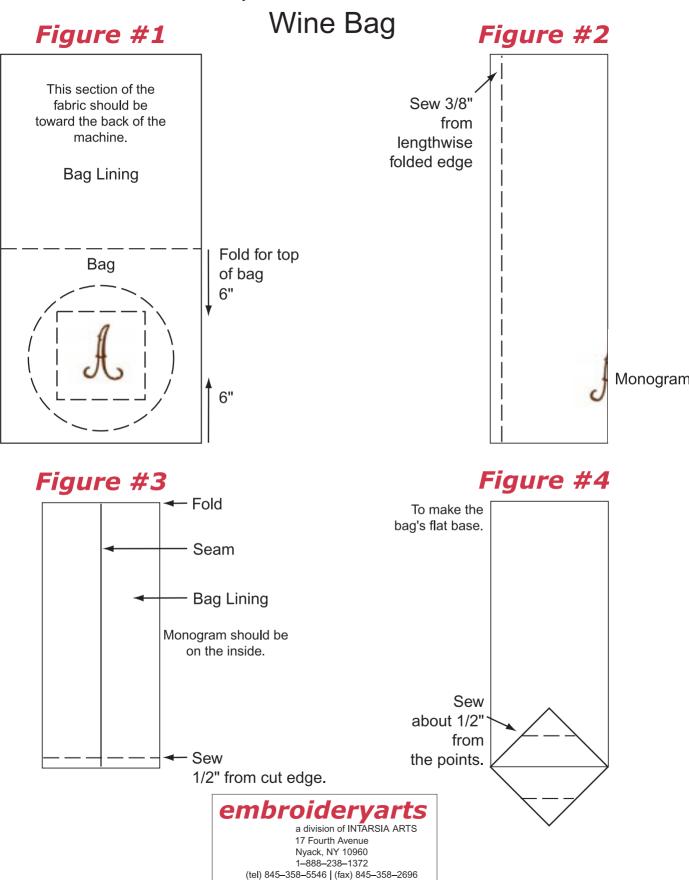
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## Directions for monogrammed wine bag / April 2001

(Our illustration uses a letter from our Jefferson Monogram Set, which is based on the monogram of Thomas Jefferson - statesman, architect, and wine lover!)

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Step 1. Print the illustrations and instructions.

These are .pdf files, and require Adobe Acrobat Reader software in order to view and print.

Step 2. Review instructions and materials required (materials list at the end of these instructions).

Step 3. Embroidery (see Figure 1)

Select an appropriate stabilizer and hoop the fabric as shown in Figure 1.

The fabric is large enough to provide an exterior and a lining, which is folded back after the embroidery is complete. The Monogram should be centered in the lower half of the fabric panel.

Embroider the monogram, then remove the stabilizer.

Step 4. Sew fabric (see Figure 2)

Fold the fabric right sides together and sew the two edges together 3/8î in from the edge. Press the seam open.

Step 5. Assemble the Bag (see Figure 3)

Pull the bag lining over the bag and match the raw edges, centering the seam allowance as shown in Figure 3. Sew 1/2" from the raw edge as shown. Note that the monogram should be on the inside at this point.

Step 6. Sew the bottom (see Figure 4)

Fold the bag as shown in Figure 4 and sew across each pointed end to create a flat base.

Step 7. Reverse the bag.

Fold the bag, right side out.

Step 8. Assemble the ribbons

Sew the decorative ribbons to the ties. We used 1/2" wide green ribbon for the ties, and Offray and Mokumba ribbons for the decorative elements.

Step 9. Final assembly for presentation

Insert the wine bottle, and position the decorative ribbons to the side of the monogram. Bring the ties around the bottle two or three times and tie a bow.

Adjust the bow and ribbons and enjoy presenting your gift to a special friend.

## Congratulations! Your project is complete.

## Materials

You will need:

- 1. Fabric: One 15" (38cm) x 30" (76.2cm) square of fabric. (We used drapery quality, Moire)
- 2. 1 1/2 yards of 1/2" green ribbon for the ties, cut in half to create two ties.
- 3. 10 -15 8" lengths of decorative ribbons for embellishment (We used Offray and Mokuba ribbons.)
- 4. Embroidery thread.
- 5. Sewing Thread.
- 6. Stabilizer.
- 7. Wine of your choice.