



Car Trash Bag Tutorial

This car trash bag has an outer fabric portion with a strap (can be tied or not), and a removable vinyl bag to make emptying easy and to contain messes.

Tools: You'll need the basics: rotary cutter, sewing machine, matching thread, an iron and ironing board, cutting mat, and measuring tape. I also recommend a canvas or denim needle.

Fabric: You'll need fabric for the exterior and the lining. Also heavy gauge vinyl and bias tape. You can also make bias tape from your fabric. Depending on your preferences, you may want a light to medium weight interfacing.

Cutting Your Fabric

Bag: Cut an 11" x 16" rectangle from your exterior fabric, and one from your lining fabric.

Strap: Cut a rectangle 2" x 13.5" for your strap, or cut 2 rectangles 2" x 13.5" if you want to tie the straps.

Vinyl Insert: Cut your vinyl 10" x 15".

Bias Tape: Cut your bias tape at 12", 9", 17" and 16".

Instructions

- (1) You'll need your vinyl and bias tape. Sew the 16" bias tape along the 15" side of the vinyl, centering it and allowing overhang. Tuck the ends under for a finished edge before you sew.
- (2) Fold your vinyl in half "hamburger" style. Your 16" bias tape sewn along the side will become the top "mouth" of the bag. Use the 12" bias tape and sew along the new edge. Tuck the end under at the top for a finished edge before you sew.
- (3) Pinch the bottom of the vinyl pieces together centering the 12" side seam you just sewed. Sew your 9" bias tape along the bottom, tucking the ends under for a finished edge before you sew. Sew 2-3 rows of stitches on this bottom piece. **Photo →**





- (4) Take your exterior (11" x 16" rectangle) and fold in half "hamburger" style, right sides together. Sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam open. Center the side seam, like you did with the vinyl, and sew across the bottom with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Clip the sides so you can press the seams up to reduce the bulk. Check to make sure your vinyl bag fits into this bag – if it doesn't, you might have made an oopsie. If it does fit, continue and repeat for the lining piece. Sew your label to the exterior bag piece (if you have one).



- (5) For your strap, fold and press your 2" x 13.5" rectangle like bias tape (press in half, open, then press each side into the center). If you want to make it adjustable, you'll need two of these rectangles so it can be tied at any length. If not, you'll sew each end down to the bag.
- (6) To finish your bag you have two options.
- Bias tape: Place your lining piece inside your exterior bag, lining up the tops. Pin and sew with a narrow seam that can be hidden by bias tape. Take your 17" bias tape, pin, and sew. Sew the two edges of the strap to the bag, forming a loop.
 - No bias tape: Place your lining piece inside your exterior bag. Tuck each under $\frac{1}{2}$ " so you have folded finished edges. Tuck your strap in at the back seam and sew.

