

# Bustle & Sew



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## Christmas Bottle Gift Bag



Who says Christmas is just for robins and reindeer? This little giraffe is happy to help out – very carefully holding his Christmas candle - a perfect way to present your Christmas gift bottle – and lovely to keep as well.



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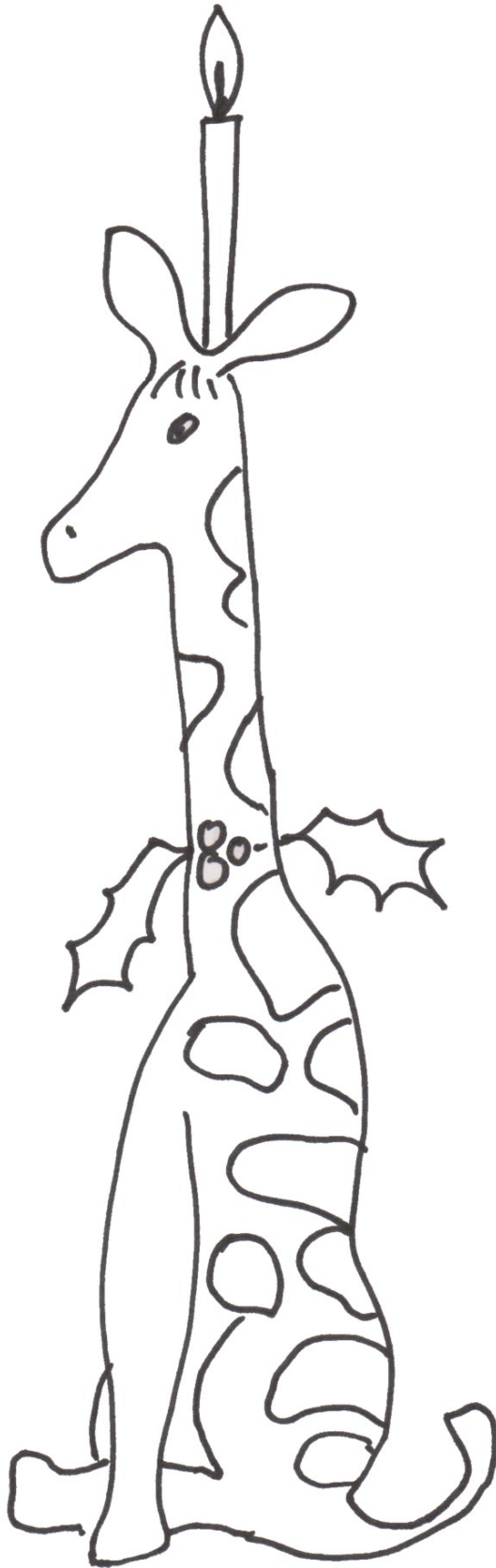
This bag is the perfect size for a standard bottle of wine – but you can resize it to fit whatever size you want...

### You will need:

1 piece of medium-weight canvas measuring 13 ½" tall x 17" wide  
 1 piece of medium-weight canvas cut into a 5" diameter circle  
 17" length ric-rac braid  
 16" x 1" wide cream cotton twill tape  
 10 x 4" piece fawn coloured felt  
 4" square brown felt  
 Scraps of red and green felt for candle and holly leaves  
 Embroidery floss in yellow, orange, black and red  
 Bondaweb or fabric adhesive  
 Pinking shears  
 Erasable fabric marker  
 Cream, red and brown machine thread

### Create your applique

- Fold your large piece of canvas in half vertically to find the centre and measure 2 ½" up from the bottom.
- Cut your giraffe shape in fawn felt and secure to the base canvas with Bondaweb or adhesive (whichever you prefer), positioning it on your centre fold and 2 ½" up from the bottom.
- Mark in the lines for his legs using your erasable fabric marker pen
- With brown thread in your machine needle and a paler coloured thread in the bobbin (if you have both brown then your stitching will appear too hard), stitch twice around the giraffe's body. Stitch in his legs, following the lines you marked with your fabric pen. Make zig-zag shapes for his tail end, hooves and mane.
- Cut out his patches in brown felt and apply to his body with fabric adhesive or Bondaweb as preferred. Machine stitch around the edges.
- Cut out the holly leaves in green felt and machine stitch into place. Stitch a centre vein down the middle of each leaf and across his neck between the leaves.
- Cut out the candle in red felt and machine stitch in place.
- Embroider 3 red holly berries in red floss, the giraffe's eye in black and the candle flame in orange and yellow.



ACTUAL SIZE



### Make your gift bag:

- With red thread in your machine needle, Stitch ric-rac braid to top of main piece, 2" down from top edge.
- Fold your canvas right sides together and machine down the two shorter edges of the canvas with a ½" seam allowance using cream thread.
- Trim the seam with pinking shears to prevent excess fraying (as this is a gift bag I have not lined it, but it would be easy to include a lining if you wished).
- Sew the base to the main body of the bag and trim the seam with pinking shears. Turn right side out.
- Trim top edge with pinking shears, turn 1 ½" to the inside and machine ¾" down from the top edge.
- Trim ends of twill tape with pinking shears and machine stitch to the inside of the bag, equidistant from the back seam and the centre front. Go over your stitching several times for strength.
- Change to red thread in your machine needle and stitch the ric-rac braid to the top over your machine stitching.
- Press back seam lightly if necessary. Insert bottle and enjoy!!



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