



Technique:	Sewing, Reverse Appliqué
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	10" (25.40cm) tall (excluding handle), 4" (10.16cm) diameter

### Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Take your bubbly to the next party in style in this fun felt wine carrier with a bit of glam. The glitz comes from a clever reverse appliqué on the bag front that allows the gold lamé to peek through the cut-out letters.

### Supplies

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**
- 1/3 yd (30.48cm) black felt
- 1/4 yd (22.86cm) gold lamé knit
- 1/8 yd (11.43cm) double-sided fusible craft interfacing
- Tear-away embroidery stabilizer
- Small, sharp pointed scissors

## Cutting

### From the black felt, cut:

- (1) strip, 12" x 1½" (30.48cm x 3.81cm), for handle
- (2) rectangles, 10" x 13½" (25.40cm x 34.29cm), for body
- (2) circles, 4½" (11.43cm diameter), for bottom

### From the gold lamé, cut:

- (1) strip, 12" x 1½" (30.48cm x 3.81cm), for handle
- (1) strip, 5½" x 12" (13.97cm x 30.48cm), for lettering underlay

### From the fusible interfacing, cut:

- (1) circle, 4" (10.16cm) diameter

## Making the Appliqué

1. Trace the Cheers saying onto the tear-away stabilizer. Remember that letters must be reversed to read properly on the tote right side.
2. Find the horizontal centers of the black felt body rectangle and mark at the top and bottom of the piece.
3. On the wrong side, center the gold lamé over the markings and pin in place. Center the Cheers marked stabilizer over the lamé so that the fabric covers all the lettering and the letter C is about ½" (1.27cm) from the lower felt rectangle edge. Pin in place.
4. Set the machine stitch length to 1.5mm for easier sewing around curves. Following the marked lettering lines on the stabilizer, stitch through all the layers outlining all the letters.
5. Trim the stabilizer and gold lamé ¼" (.64cm) outside the lettering.
6. From the right side, using small, sharp-pointed scissors, carefully trim out ONLY the black felt layer of fabric between the stitching lines. Leave the center of the e letters intact. Be very careful not to cut into the gold backing fabric.

**Tip:** For greater visibility when trimming, cut a line down the center of the letter space, then trim close to the stitching line on each side.

*Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).*

## Assembling the Handle

1. With right sides together, place the two handle strips together. Sew both long edges, then turn the handle right side out. Press.
2. Back the appliquéd felt body with the felt rectangle and edgestitch all sides.
3. Mark the quarter points on the upper edge of the carrier. Center a handle end over each side marking and lap the handle ½" (1.27cm) to the inside. Use two rows of stitching on each end to hold the handle in place.

## Assembling the Carry-all

1. Fold the carrier body right sides together and sew the center back seam. Press open.
2. Center the heavy craft interfacing circle between the two felt bottom circles and fuse in place.
3. Mark the quarter points on the bottom circle. Mark the quarter points on the lower body section.
4. Right sides together and matching quarter points, sew the body to the bottom circle.
5. Turn the carrier right side out and shape.
6. Fill with your favorite spirits.

## Tassel

### Supplies (for two tassels)

- 4" x 9" (10.16cm x 22.86cm) lightweight suede
- (2) 3/8" (.95cm)-diameter flat-back embellishments
- Craft glue suitable for leather
- Spring clamps
- Chalk marker
- Rotary cutter
- Assorted charms for embellishment

## Cutting

Trim the suede to create (2) 4" (10.16cm) squares for tassels and (2) 1/4" x 3" (.64cm x 7.62cm) strips for loops.

## Assembling the Tassel

1. Fold the loop strip in half and glue the short ends together. Clamp until dry.
2. On the 4" (10.16cm) square wrong side, chalk-mark a line 1" (2.54cm) from one edge.
3. Using sharp scissors or the rotary cutter, slash the leather every 1/8" (.32cm) up to the marked line. Cut carefully and keep slashes parallel.
4. With the wrong side up, glue the loop to the unslashed portion of the suede, extending the short raw edges to the marked line.
5. Spread glue along the unslashed portion of the suede wrong side and beginning with the loop end, tightly roll the suede. Clamp to secure.

## Finishing

1. When the tassel glue is dry, apply glue to the back of the embellishment and position on the front of the tassel. Clamp to secure.
2. Let the glue dry thoroughly and remove the clamps.

## Pom Poms

### Supplies

- 1 skein Red Heart yarn
- Susan Bate Pom Pom maker

Using tool, create (2) one-inch pom poms and (1) two-inch pom pom.

Follow instructions for the tool or view this video.  
<http://www.redheart.com/Video/Learn-how-to-make-Pom-Poms/p/VID0160>

Leave yarn tails 4-6 inches long. Thread yarn tails through the loops on the tassels. Adjust cluster of tassels and pom poms as desired. Knot yarn ends and attach to inside band of purse.

