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fabric luggage tag



You know the feeling... you're waiting at the luggage carousel and you spot a bag that looks like yours coming around. Then you see another one. And if you're me, probably a third, and maybe a fourth. I've tried tying coloured ribbon to the handle, but I always think it looks a little scruffy... not very stylish. Fabric luggage tags? That's more like it!

What you'll need

- 8½" ribbon
- remnant of fabric
- co-ordinating thread
- iron-on interfacing (the stiffer the better)
- flexible vinyl or plastic (I used a spare plastic file sleeve)
- pattern pieces (page 4)



Step-by-step



1

Cut out your pieces. You'll need one tag shape from interfacing, two tags from fabric, a rectangle cut from vinyl or plastic, and tag top from fabric — the patterns are on page 4.

Iron your interfacing to one of the fabric tags. This is going to be the back of the luggage tag, so make it the prettiest piece of fabric — I hate to advocate fussy cutting, but sometimes it's worth it.



2



3

Fold under 1/2" on the fabric tag top, press, then stitch close to the pressed edge.

It's time to start layering! Start with the interfaced fabric tag (interfacing side up), then the looped ribbon, your second fabric tag (right side up), the vinyl or plastic, and finally the fabric tag top.

Depending on how slippery the plastic is, you might want to pin top and bottom to hold things in place while sewing.



4



5

Set your machine to a wide zigzag with a narrow stitch distance, and stitch around the edges.

I usually stitch around once fairly quickly to hold things in place, then a second time more carefully to make sure everything's neat and the corners are covered.

And there you have it! Print your details onto a slip of paper or thin card, slide it into the front pocket of the tag and attach to your luggage. If you don't want your details on display, print them on the blank side of co-ordinating scrapbooking or origami paper (or even coloured card), and have the pretty paper show instead.

Pattern pieces

