

Custom Gift Bags

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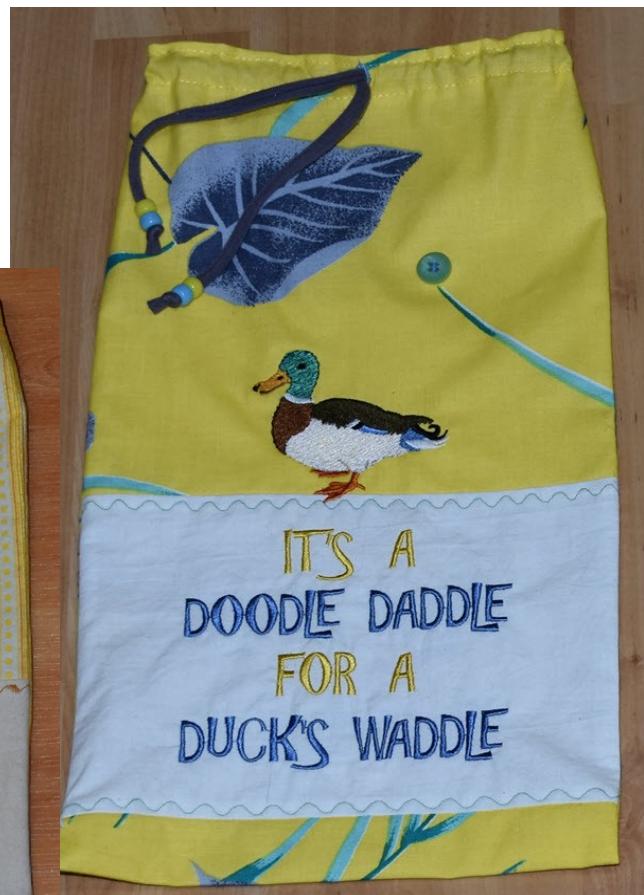
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For several years now, I have been making drawstring gift bags that we use for wrapping most of our Christmas gifts. It turns out everyone loves them, especially the guys, most of whom – like DH – are overwhelmed by the chore of wrapping.



I've now made a few hundred in all sizes, and lately I've been looking for ways to make them more unique, with themes such as these hockey ones, inspired by this great hockey fabric!

I've also been digitizing my folks' funny expressions, to bring a smile to my sibs' faces on Christmas morning.



As you might remember, I even digitized the folks' handwriting to put on gift bags for my sibs – a very well received surprise, especially since my parents are both gone.

Lots of love,
Mum.

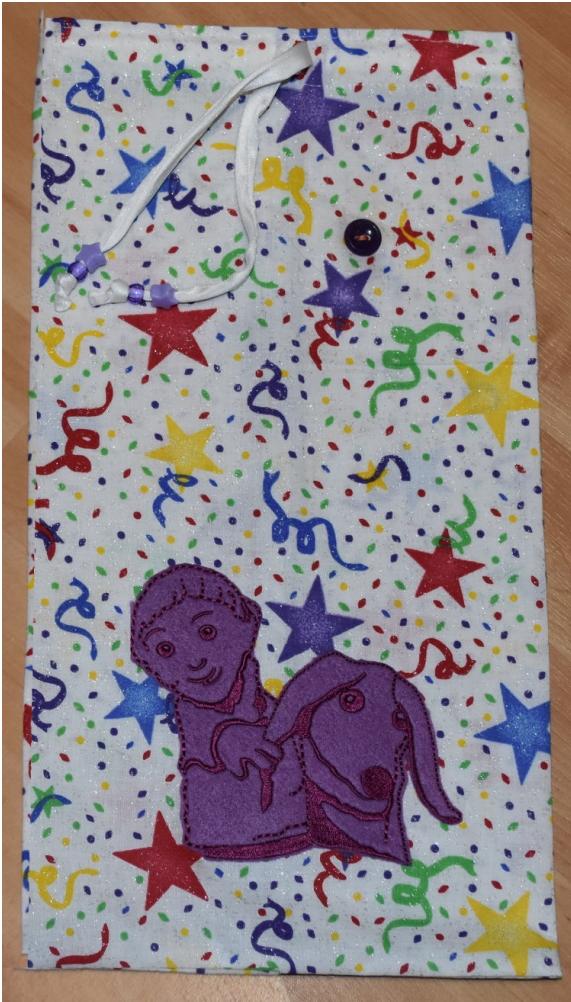
Love Dad



I cut Looney Tunes figures from several large-print fabrics – perfect for appliqueing onto gift bags to go beneath our Looney Tunes themed tree in the family room!

I used this fabric, which my dad himself picked out, to make bags with his handwriting on them. Leftover remnants yielded motifs to make several tiny appliqued gift bags, which will hold stocking stuffers for each of the sibs.





I love Christmas items that capture fond childhood moments and memories, and that's what I had in mind with this redwork design of Casey and Finnegan, much-loved puppet companions from the Canadian children's program *Mr. Dressup*. I chose a print in primary colours and keyed the embroidered appliques to colours in the star motifs.



To make the designs on these bags I floated a piece of felt on top of the fabric in the hoop, and stitched the redwork design on top of that. Then I used curved scissors to trim the felt close around the stitching. I guess we'll have to wait and see what's going in these bags for Christmas.

No matter what's inside, bags like these will themselves become a fun and meaningful part of the gift, to be treasured and re-used.