

Gift Box

Presentation is important, particularly when giving a hand-made gift, and this elegant box is almost a gift in itself! Fill with jewellery, cookies, sweets or pot pourri, and just see the delight on the face of the person you're giving it to...

What you need

Five pieces of outer fabric measuring 5in (13cm) square

Five pieces of lining fabric measuring 5in (13cm) square

Eight rectangles of fabric measuring 5 x 4in (13 x 10cm)

A saucer measuring 5in (13cm) in diameter

Fusible interfacing for the outer panels: five pieces measuring 5in (13cm) square

21in (53.5cm) of lace trim

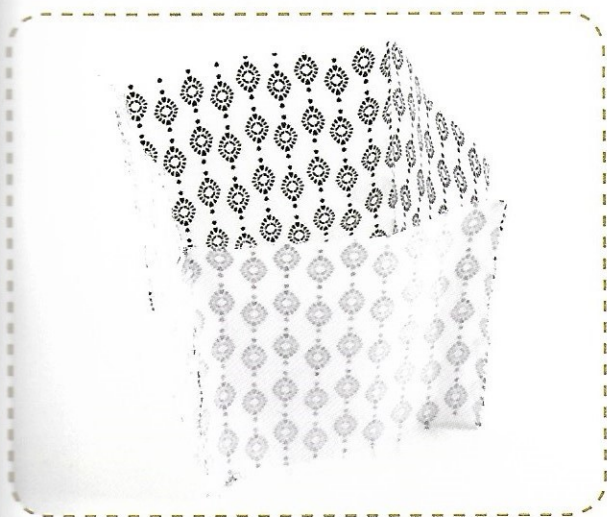
40in (102cm) of ribbon

Two buttons, one large and one small, to trim

Pen to mark your fabric

Fabric glue

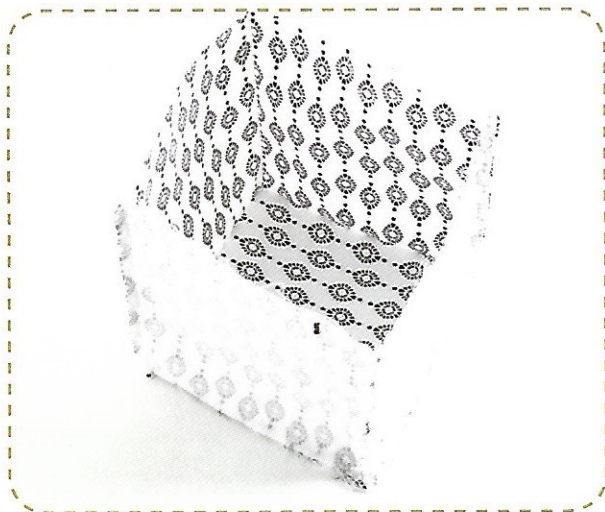




2 Sew the final square on to the base to make a cube. Turn the fabric out the right way.

3 Repeat with the lining squares, but leave one side of the base unstitched for turning. Do not turn this cube through.

1 Iron the interfacing on to the outer panel pieces. Sew four of the squares together to make a tube.



4 Take the eight rectangular pieces, place the saucer over the top and draw round the curve. Cut around the drawn shape to create eight curved pieces.

5 Pair two of the curved shapes, right sides together, and sew around the curved edge. Repeat to create three other shapes.

6 Snip into the curve of each curved shape, or trim with pinking shears.



7 Turn the four curved shapes through, then press.

8 Sew the bottom straight edge of each curved piece to the top of the outer cube.

9 Drop the whole of this cube inside the lining – remember that the lining cube should be inside out.

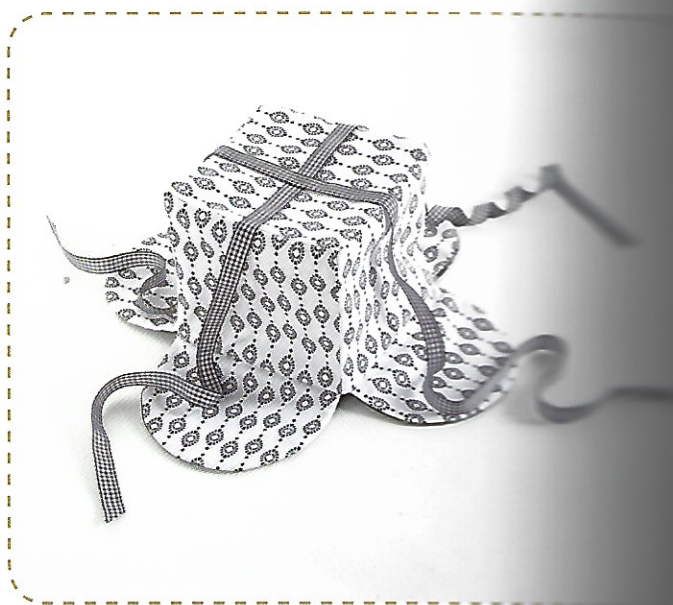
10 Sew all the way around the top, joining the two cubes together. You may need to use the free arm of your sewing machine to do this.



11 Turn the right way out, through the unstitched section of the lining.

12 Sew the opening closed by hand, then push the lining inside the outer cube; press.

13 Cut the ribbon in half.



14 Pop a dot of fabric glue in the centre of the base of the cube, lay the middle of one piece of ribbon across the glue and, when dry, pop another dot of glue in the middle of this ribbon and lay the second ribbon on top.

15 When the glue has dried, run each of the four pieces of ribbon up the side of the cube, and glue at the top, just before you reach the curved flaps.



16 Attach the lace strip all the way around the top of the cube with more fabric glue.

17 Sew the smaller button on top of the larger one, and stitch to the front of the box to trim.

18 When you fold over the flaps and tie the bow, you'll have a beautiful little gift box!



Tip

Decorate your gift box with silk flowers or embroider on initials to make it more personal.