

Circle Bell

Two for the time of one! This sweet little bell will charm everyone—especially if you really hang a small jingle bell inside.



You'll Need

- 1 piece each of 2 different fabrics and 1 piece of regular-weight fast2fuse at least 6" x 6" each
- 26"-28" rattail cording
- 2 small jingle bells—optional
- Embellishments
- Olfa circle cutter—optional

How-Tos

1. Fuse different fabric to each side of a 6" round or square piece of regular-weight fast2fuse.
2. Cut into a 5" circle (or use the pattern on page 28).



A circle cutter makes the job faster and easier.



Cut the circle in half.

3. To cut the circle in half, measure in 2½" from the edge of the circle and cut a straight line.

4. From this point, you have 2 ornaments to work on. Embellish a different side of each for 2 totally different ornaments—or do the same things to both and have identical ornaments.

fun!

Make the circle a bit bigger and cut it in thirds for a longer, leaner bell.

5. Beginning at the center of the straight cut, zigzag rattail or other decorative cording on using monofilament polyester thread or thread to match your fabric and cording (page 6). Leave about 1" of cording at the start.

6. At the end, make a loop of cording. Use 6"–8" of cording, depending on how low you want it to hang. Bring the end of the cording across the start of the loop and anchor it well. Trim the end to about 1". These ends will be hidden inside the bell.



Leave cording at the start and a loop at the end.

7. Embellish the sides and edges of the bell. Use decorative stitching, hot ribbon, hot-fix crystals, prebeaded fringes, feathers ... go for it!

easy!

Sew some prebeaded fringe inside the bell so just the beads show from the outside. Attach with decorative or monofilament thread, depending on what you want for the outside of the bell.

8. Fold the circle in half and sew the sides together with a 1.5–2.0 width, 1.0 length zigzag (bottom photo on page 19). Backstitch at the start and end. A drop of thread glue at the end will make sure the threads won't pull out. Be careful to keep any embellishment fringes out of the way as you sew up the sides.

9. Steam it a bit (page 11) and gently hold it over the base of a small glass (I finally found a use for that cute shot glass in the back of the cupboard!) to get a nice round shape.



Cool to shape over a small glass after steaming.

fun!

Make the circle bigger, cut it into thirds instead of halves, cut the edge with a wave blade ... play!

Triangular Bell

Three small pieces plus three small holiday bells, and it's a charmer. Listen to its sweet music when the air moves it.



What You'll Need

- 2 pieces of fabric and 1 piece of regular-weight fast2fuse at least 3" x 8" each
- 30" rattail or other decorative cording
- 3 small holiday bells
- Clearview Triangle Ruler—optional, but very helpful

How-Tos

1. Fuse fabric to both sides of a 3" x 8" piece of fast2fuse.
2. Trim the strip to 2½", and then cut 3 equilateral triangles (pattern on page 28).
3. Zigzag cording around each of the triangles (pages 10–11).
4. Lay 2 triangles back to back and sew them together with a shortened, narrow zigzag (1.5 width, 1.5 length) (see bottom photo below).
5. Lay the third triangle back to back with one of the others and repeat this step.



Sew the 3 triangles together.

6. Fold the piece in half and sew the last 2 sides together. This will mean folding 1 of the triangles in the middle—it's OK! It will easily steam back into shape.



Fold one of the triangles in half to sew the last seam.

7. Thread a long needle with about 30" of thread. Double the thread and tie a knot.

8. Insert the needle into the sewn-together point from the inside, then turn around and insert it from the outside through to the inside. (This hides the tail of the knot.)



Insert the needle from the inside of the bell to hide the tails.

9. Thread a bell on and take the needle through the top again. Make a few small anchoring stitches to hold it to the length you want and repeat for the other 2 bells.

10. Hang it with the same thread (pages 11–12). Put a small drop of thread glue at the top to hold all the stitches.

Gift Box

With just a bit of hand sewing you can create this sweet gift box ornament and the ribbon to decorate it.



What You'll Need

- ❑ 1 piece of regular-weight fast2fuse at least 4½" × 4½"
- ❑ 1 piece of fabric 5½" × 8"
- ❑ Approximately 1 yard of ⅛"-wide ribbon
- ❑ Small bow

How-Tos

1. Cut six 1½" × 1½" squares of fast2fuse (pattern on page 28).
2. Cut a 5½" × 8" piece of fabric into six 2½" × 2½" squares.
3. Center one fast2fuse square on a square of fabric and fuse it on. Do not fuse fabric to the second side.
4. Fold over the edges to the back and fuse in place. (Steps 1–6, pages 9–10)
5. With a fagoting stitch or zigzag, stitch the squares together by machine, ready to fold into a box. Use polyester monofilament thread or thread to match your fabric.



Fagoting stitch



Sew the squares together, ready to shape into a box.

6. Sew the remaining edges together by hand. Use an overcast stitch or sew an invisible stitch catching each side alternately. Sew a few anchoring stitches at the end of each seam.
7. Wrap with ⅛" ribbon, tie a bow, hang by a corner with a thread (pages 11–12), and it's ready to make your tree more festive.

fun!

Make your own bow! Take a 12" length of ⅛" ribbon. Mark ½" from the end, then lightly mark every inch, leaving ½" at the end. Thread a needle with a single thread and knot it. Thread the ribbon on it going through it back and forth at each mark. Pull the thread tight. Spread the folds out a bit and thread a large bead on, then sew back through it. Sew through 2 more times, catching the bead each time. Sew a few anchoring stitches and glue the ribbon onto your package.

Circle Strip

You can't get much more basic than a straight strip of stiff interfacing and fabric. This is a very fast ornament to make, and with the right fabric and a few beads, it is sure to become a classic on your tree.



What You'll Need

- 2 pieces of fabric and 1 piece of regular-weight fast2fuse, at least 2" x 11" each
- 20" rattail or other decorative cording
- Beads or bells to hang inside the circle

How-Tos

1. Cut a 1½" x 10" piece of fast2fuse.
2. Fuse fabric to both sides of it. Trim the fabric even with the edges of the fast2fuse.

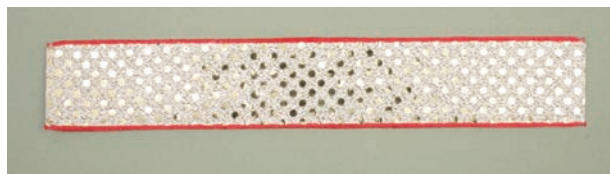
fun!

Open mesh makes a great "fabric" too. Remember to use a protective sheet when fusing it.

easy!

Fuse a strip of fabric that is at least 3" wide to one side of the stiff interfacing, fold the fabric around the long edge, and iron it to the other side. Zigzag cording onto the unfinished long side only.

3. Zigzag cording onto both of the long sides. Be sure to secure it well at the ends. A bit of thread glue helps here (page 10).



Sew the cording to both long sides of the sandwich.