

DIY Muslin Favor Bags with Highlander Celtic Stamps

Rubber stamps used for this project:

- #431 Luckenbooth Doves rubber stamp
- #010 Celtic heart mini rubber stamp

I also used:

- 4 x 6" cotton muslin bags with drawstrings
- Ranger archival ink in *Magenta Hue*
- Divine Twine in *Peppermint* (red, pink, white)
- Thin cardboard piece to insert inside when stamping.
- Optional: Cotton muslin material to practice on



Step 1: Assemble all items on your work surface.

Step 2: Iron the muslin bag on the *cotton* setting, using a thin ironing cloth on top. Light steam works well. You'll want the stamping surface

Step 3: Slip a small piece of cardboard 3-1/4" wide by 5-1/2" high inside the bag to keep the ink from bleeding onto the other side. Mark a line in the middle, on top, to help align the design when you stamp it.

Step 4: Ink the largest stamp with the Ranger ink pad, making sure you have good coverage, and stamp it first on paper a few times, or piece of muslin, to make sure the image is crisp & complete, and you have a feel for the placement on the bag. Tip: I drew lines on the paper for my practice session.



Step 3, with cardboard piece to the left, bag on right

Step 5: Stamp the design on the center front of the muslin bag, using the cardboard "template" to align vertically. Use firm, even pressure on all areas of the stamp. Tip: Lay a ruler across the bottom of your stamping area for horizontal alignment and avoid bottom seam.

Step 6, photo, right: Add an accent design with the mini heart on the reverse side. Flip the bag over and ink the mini stamp, practicing several times on paper first. Place a ruler at the bottom of the bag for horizontal alignment and stamp at the 2, 3, and 4-inch marks. This will give you 3 evenly spaced, nicely lined-up hearts.



Step 7, above: Tie one end of the bag's drawstring to one end of the baker's twine and pull gently through the bag. Try to make the knot as small as possible. You'll want to end up with the two ends of the twine as long as the bag. Clip the end free, knot the 2 ends of the twine for a more finished look.

Step 8: The fun part! Fill your bag with treats (Jordan almonds, Hershey's kisses, hard candies, jellybeans), lavender, small wrapped soaps. Let your imagination guide you!



***Project tips:** Pinterest will give you lots of ideas for filling and using favor bags.
YouTube has great tutorials for stamping cotton muslin bags*