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Easy Reusable Tote

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

CRAFTING TIME: 1 Hour

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Supplies & Tools

- 1 yard Lollie Snacks pattern D40-E (Main Fabric)
- 1/2 yard Pacifica pattern D55-G (Lining Fabric)
- Basic Sewing Materials (Scissors, Ruler, sewing needles, pins)
- Water Soluble Marking Pen
- Iron and Ironing Board

Directions

1. Cut out your fabric. From your main fabric cut TWO 14"x14" squares for outside of the bag. Again from your main fabric cut TWO 4"x22" strips for the handles. From your lining fabric cut TWO 14"x14" squares for the inside of the bag.

- Bag Handles: Prep the handles by folding them lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Open the handles and then fold the raw edged in on both sides towards the center crease and press again. Fold in half again with the edges meeting up. **Raw edges should be facing inside the handle. Pin and stitch down the length using a 1/8" stitch. Repeat for the second handle.
- 2.

- Bag: With right sides together use a 1/4" seam allowance to stitch the sides seams and bottom of your main body fabric D40-E leaving the top open. Repeat using lining fabric D55-G.
- 3.

- To allow the bag to have a flat bottom, fold the bottom corner of your bag to create a triangle in corner. Matching up the side seam and bottom seam. Pin the corner and use your marking pen to mark 1.5" away from corner. Draw a stitching line and stitch across to create a pleat. Clip away excess fabric leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat on all corners of both the outer fabric and the lining fabric.
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- Insert the lining fabric inside the outer fabric with right sides together making sure to line up the side seams.
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Directions

- Insert one of the bag handles between the outer fabric and lining fabric about 3" from each of the side seams so that the handles are inside the bag and pin. The raw edges of the handle should be along the raw edge of the bag. *Make sure the handles are not twisted and are straight. Repeat on opposite side with the second set of handles. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew around the top of the bag making sure to leave a 3" opening for turning right side out.
6. Turn bag right side out and press the top seam.
 7. Push the lining fabric into the bag and press the top edge. *Make sure the raw edge is folded in between the layers to not show.
 8. Top stitch around the entire top of the bag using a 1/8" seam allowance and enjoy. *Optional to slip stitch the hole closed before top stitching.
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