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Easy Reusable Tote

SKILL LEVEL: Advanced

CRAFTING TIME: 1 Hour

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Supplies & Tools

- 1 Yard FT fabric (Main)
- ½ Yard FT fabric to match (Lining)
- Sewing machine and matching thread
- Water soluble marking pen
- Iron and Ironing board
- Basic Sewing Supplies (Scissors, Ruler, sewing needles, pins)

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 linig Fabric cut TWO 14"x14" squares for the inside of the bag.

2. Bag Handles: Prep the handles by folding them lengthwise with the wrong sides together and press. Open the handles and then fold the raw edge in on both sides towards the center crease and press again. Fold in half again weith the edges meeting up. **Raw edges should be facing inside the handle. Pin and stitch down the length of each side using a ⅛ inch seam allowance. Repeat for the second handle.

3. Bag: With right sides together use a ¼ inch seam allowance to stitch the side seams and bottom of your main body fabric leaving the top open. Repeat this step with the lining fabric.

4. To allow the bag to have a flat bottom, cut a 2 inch square out of each corner of your main fabric. Line up each of the corner raw edges and stitch together. Repeat this step with your lining fabric.

5. Insdert the lining fabric inside the main fabric with right sides together making sure to line up the side seams.

6. Insert one of the bag handles between the main fabric and the lining about 3 inches from each of the side seams. Make sure the full handle is inside the bag sandwiched between the two layers and pin in place.

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Directions

6. Continue from previous page - 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 the opposite side with the second handle. Using a ¼ inch seam allowance, sew around the top of the bag making sure to leave a 3" opening for turning right side out.

7. Turn the bag right side out and press the top seam.

8. 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.

9. Top stitch around the entire top of the bag using a ⅛ inch seam allowance and enjoy. *Optional to slip stitch the hole closed before top stitching.