

Tote bag pattern

Lined tote with fabric handles.

The pattern below is for the small tote. If you wish to make a larger tote alternative measurements are at the end of the pattern.

To make one small tote you will need:

- One 4 x 42 in strip of fabric for the handles
- Two 13 ½ x 14 in pieces for the outer bag
- Two 13 ½ x 14 in pieces for the lining

To stitch the handles:

1. Press fabric strip in half lengthwise. Open fabric up and press each outside edge to the centre.
2. Fold fabric in half and press. Top-stitch down each side of strap close to the edge. Cut fabric in half so you have two straps about 21 in long.

To stitch the tote:

3. The bottom of the bag is 13 1/2 in wide and the sides 14 in long. Lay lining pieces right sides together and stitch down each 14in side and across the bottom. Leave a 3in opening on one 14in side.
4. Stitch the two outer fabric pieces right sides together on three sides, leaving the 13 ½ in top open.
5. To “box” the bottom of the outer bag. Pinch bottom corner together, lining up side seam with bottom seam and stitch across 1 1/2 in from the corner. Trim off excess fabric. Repeat for other corner and also lining corners.
6. Turn outer bag right side out and position handles 3in from each outer edge. Stitch to outer bag with a 1/8 in seam.
7. Place outer bag inside lining so that the right side of the fabric is facing. Stitch around the top edge.
8. Turn bag through opening in the side seam and stitch the opening closed.

9. Press well and top stitch around the top edge of the bag.

Measurements for a larger tote:

- One 4 x 42 in strip of fabric for the handles
- Two 15 x 18 in pieces for the outer bag
- Two 15 x 18 in pieces for the lining

For the larger tote you will need to position the handles further in from the outer edge.

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