

Grocery Tote

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Finished Size: 12" w x 15" h x 5" d

BEFORE CUTTING AND SEWING, PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THEM.

A 1/4" seam allowance is used throughout.

Materials Needed

(all measurements based on accurate cutting, 1/4" seam allowance, and 42" wide strips)

1/2 yard medium to heavy weight fabric for outside
– essex linen, canvas, home decorator weight
1/2 yard muslin for lining
1 1/4 yard cotton webbing - 1" width

Cutting Instructions:

Cut 2 – 17 1/2" x 18 1/2" rectangles out of both outside and lining fabric

Cut 2 – 22" pieces from 1" wide cotton webbing

Assembly Instructions:

1. Place outside fabrics right sides together. Pin around sides and bottom.

Figure 1.

Repeat with lining.

2. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch around bag, pivoting at the corners.

Figure 2.

Repeat with lining.

3. To create the gusset, fold the corner as shown, making sure you can feel the seams nest together. (One seam goes to the left and the other to the right.)

Measure down 5" from the point, and mark a line across the triangle.

Figure 3.

Pin the fabrics together.

4. Stitch across the triangle and pencil line, back-tacking at each end of the seam.

Figure 4.

Repeat for the other corner of the outer fabric and both corners of the lining.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

5. Trim off corners 1/4" from the stitching.
Figure 5.

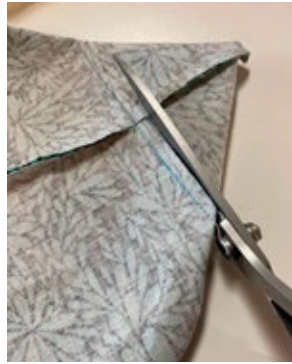


Figure 5

6. Press lining and outside of bag.
Press top edge of each down 1/4".
Figure 6.

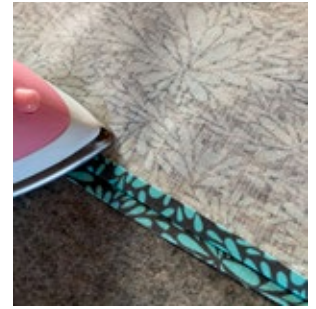


Figure 6

7. Turn outside fabric right-side out and place lining inside, wrong sides together. Line up the edge seams of both fabrics and pin in place. Lay flat on table and measure 4" from side seam, place one end of cotton webbing in-between the two fabrics, 1/2" from edge, and pin in place.

Repeat for other side of handle.
(Make sure it is not twisted.)
Turn bag over and pin other handle in place, using the first handle for placement.
Figure 7.

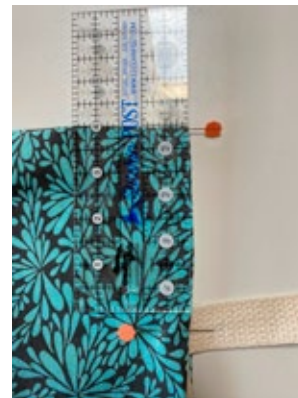


Figure 7

8. Pin around the entire top of the bag.
Figure 8.



Figure 8

9. Top stitch 1/8" in from edge around top of bag.
Figure 9.



Figure 9

10. Top stitch around top of bag a second time, 1/4" in from the edge.
Figure 10.



Figure 10

11. Enjoy!



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