



How To Sew A Simple Shopping Tote

Supplies

- One piece of non-stretchy, patterned fabric (A) measuring 18"x44".
- One piece of non-stretchy, solid fabric (B) measuring 18"x44".
- Coordinating thread. Cotton, polyester, or all purpose.

Directions

Cut the fabric

1. Print and cut pattern (page 3) according to its directions.
2. Cut exterior fabric (A) and interior fabric (B) to 18"x44".
3. Fold fabric A & B in half in one direction bringing the two 18" edges together.
4. Place pattern on top of folded fabric and align it according to its directions.
5. Cut fabric according to pattern directions.

Make the pocket

6. Trim two of the scrap pieces to a rectangular shape to be used as pocket.
7. Pin & sew the two pocket pieces along three sides of pocket fabric aligning the edge of presser foot along the edge of the fabric.
8. Clip corners, turn right side out, press.
9. Fabric A has been folded twice. Unfold fabric A once leaving it with one fold
10. Pin pocket to one layer of A. Unfold fabric A completely. Sew bottom and right side of pocket (opposite to raw edge) to fabric A.

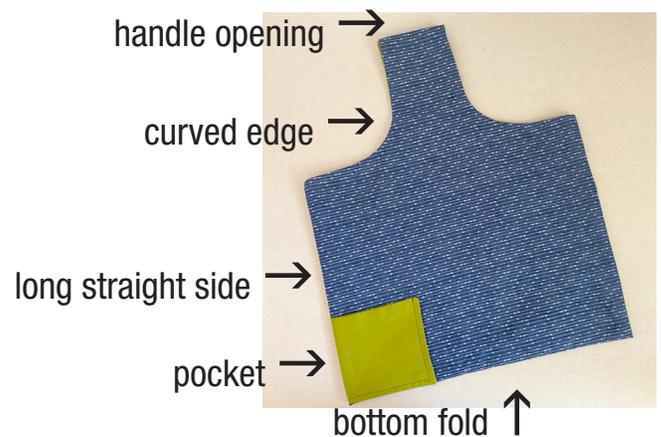
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Sew the bag

11. Open fabric A and refold in half along bottom so the right sides are touching. Pin along long straight sides. Sew with 1/2" seam allowance.
12. Unfold fabric B once so one fold remains. Folded result should measure 18"x22".
13. Pin along long straight sides. Sew with 1/2" seam allowance.
14. Trim corners at angle on fabric A and B without cutting sewn seam.
15. Turn fabric A right side out. Fabric B remains inside out.
16. Tuck fabric A into fabric B. Align corners, curved edges, and seams.
17. Pin fabric A and B together along all four curved edges.
18. Sew with 1/2" seam allowance from the start of one curved edge all the way to the start of the other. Do not sew the short straight edges (handle opening).
19. Make small clips in the curved edges, close to but not into seam.
20. Pull bag right side out through handle openings.
21. Press bag with iron.
22. Turn the raw edge of one of the handles inside itself approximately 1/2" and press
23. Tuck raw edge of other handle into the opening of folded handle.
24. Pin two handle pieces together.
25. Sew along folded, pressed edge of handle using approximately 1/8" seam allowance from fold, then again with approximately 1/4" seam allowance.
26. Press bag and enjoy!

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6. Cut fabric along this edge of the pattern. ↑ 

3. Align this edge of the page with the short, 18" raw edges, or selvage edges of the fabric. →

4. Align this edge of the page with the long, 22" folded edge of the fabric. ↓

→  5. Align this edge of the page with the long, 22" raw edges of the fabric.