

Project 4: Tote Bag



Materials	Tools
Fabric ½ yard	Sewing machine
Webbing 1", 2 yards	Measuring tape or ruler
Matching thread	Fabric scissors
	Sewing pins
	Iron

Steps for making the Tote Bag:

1. Cut two 16" tall by 14" wide panels from the fabric. Make sure the pattern is going the correct direction on both panels.
2. Cut two 22 ½" long pieces from the webbing.
3. Fold the top of the fabric by ¼" and press.
4. Fold again by ½" and press.

5. Pin the handle pieces to the top edge of the right side of each panel 3" from the sides. The raw edges of the handles should match up with the top of the panel so the handles will be facing down. Make sure the handles aren't twisted.

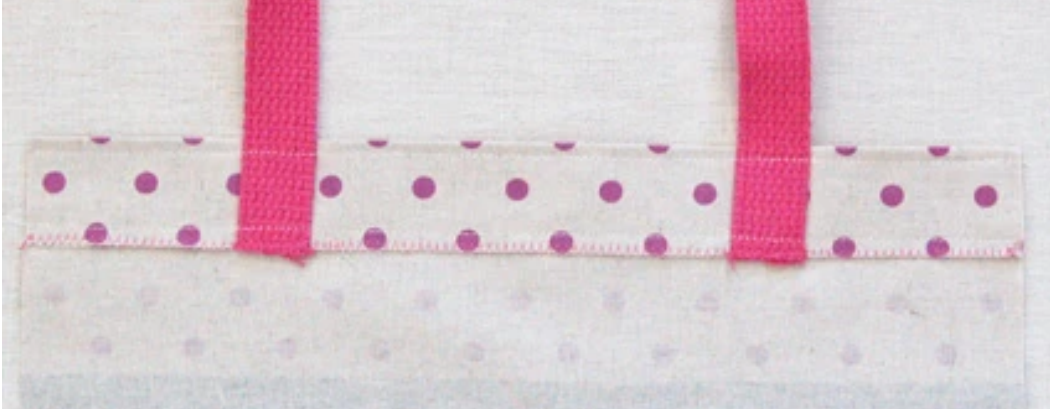


6. Sew a zigzag stitch across the top edge, sewing the handle to the top edge in the process.
7. Turn the panels so their wrong sides are facing up.
8. Press their top edges with the handles down 1 1/2". Now pin in place making sure to pin the handle so it's perpendicular to the horizontal sides.



9. Sew this fold down a $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top edge.

10. Then sew a second seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom zig zag stitch.



11. Pin the panels right sides together

12. Choose how to sew the sides together: straight stitch, straight stitch with zigzag (to prevent fraying) or french seam.

13. Turn the bag right sides out and press the corners.

14. Tada! Your tote bag is done!