

## HANDY DANDY TOTE

**KIT SUPPLIES:** Two pieces of fabric (front and back), one strip about 4" x 42" long  
\*note some kits might have slightly different measurements for the bag. We are using donated fabric. So if the bags are a slightly different size when finished they will be very much appreciated by those that will be gifted them. :)

**You will need:** Sewing machine or serger, matching thread, ruler, pins, scissor and iron

**STEP 1-** Making tote handles. Taking the strip, open fabric up and press flat. Then press each outside edge to the center. Fold strip in half lengthwise and press. Top-stitch down each side of handle close to the edge. Cut fabric in half so you have two handles the same length, about 22" long. set aside



**STEP 2-** Now let's make the tote bag. Taking your two pieces of fabric and bring rights sides together, pin in place. You will sew 1/4" along the sides and across the bottom of the fabric, leaving the top edge open. Reinforce along the sides and bottom edges with a zig-zag stitch, unless using a serger.

**STEP 3-**Making corners. Pinch bottom corner together and stitch across 1 1/2" from point of corner. Do this on both sides \*note you may leave corners as is or reinforce seam by serging or using a zig-zag stitch.



**STEP 4**-Going back to the top edge of the tote, press 1/4" down, then turning again measuring 1' down and pin in place. Press



**STEP 5**-Placing handles. Center the ends of straps inside the folded casing edge of bag. Measure 3"-4" from side seam place handle under folded casing, and pin in place. Do this from each of the side edges. Repeat on other side measuring again 3"-4" from side seam. Your handles should be close to the same on each side. line up and make adjustments as needed. make sure handles are turned in the right position before sewing casing close.

Bring handles facing up, pin in place and top stitch along edge.(stitch close to edge) Make sure your handle strap is not twisted, lay straps flat in upright position. You may reinforce handles by sewing an X on casings.



**YAHOO!** you're finished! Pin your name to your bag.

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