

Project Sheet

Skill Level: **Intermediate** | Project time: **2 hours**

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REUSABLE TOTE BAG

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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1 yd. fabric of your choice
 - 6" of Hook and Loop tape or fastener of your choice
 - 1 yd. Fusible Fleece
- Right Side of Fabric
Right Side of Fabric
Wrong Side of Fabric
Wrong Side of Fabric

DIRECTIONS:

Read all instructions before beginning and press after each step.
You will need some sewing knowledge for this project.
All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
After each step press seams open.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS: (read before starting project)

- Cut 2 - 11" x 9" from each fabric, lining, and fusible fleece = Front and Back panel
- Cut 2 - 7" x 9" from each fabric, lining and fusible fleece = Bottom panel
- Cut 2 - 11" x 7" from each fabric lining and fusible fleece = Side panel
- Cut 2 - 12" x 3" from fabric = Handles
- Cut 2 - 7" x 7" from fabric and fusible fleece = Pocket

CONSTRUCTION:

- Press fusible fleece to wrong side of fabric of Front, Back, Bottom, Sides, and one Pocket.
- Handles – Fold in half lengthwise and press, unfold. Press raw edges into the center crease, fold in half and press. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " around perimeter on both handles and set aside.
- Pocket - Place fabrics right sides together. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the perimeter, leaving a 3" opening for turning. Turn and press the opening inward, center and pin the pocket on the Front panel (the one with the Fusible Fleece) and topstitch a $\frac{1}{8}$ " around leaving the top open.
- Place one Side panel and the Bottom panel (the one with the fusible fleece) and stitch, place the other Side panel on the opposite side of the Bottom and stitch.
- Match the Front panel (the one with the fusible fleece) at the top edge of the Side panel, pin in place, and stitch down the side, stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " short of the bottom. Pivot stitch across the bottom stop $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Pivot stitch up the other side. Repeat for back panel. This is you Outside of the Bag.
- Repeat step 5 for the Lining.
- Handles – On front and back of the Outside of the bag measure 2" from side seams. Pin the straps on the right side of the bag facing inward. (Handles will be facing down)



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- Outer Bag and Lining - With right sides together matching side seams pin Lining to Outer bag along the top edge (handles will be encased). Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around the perimeter, leaving a 5" opening for turning.
- Turn inside out and press the opening inward along seam allowance. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam around perimeter, fold and press side seam together.
- Hook and Loop tape – Mark center of the sides and Stitch $2\frac{1}{2}$ " of the Hook and Loop tape on each side of bag at top. Stitch a 1" Hook and Loop tape in the center of the front and back.

Enjoy!



Inside of Bag

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