

Grocery Tote

Supplies:

½ yard of home decorator or canvas fabric cut into 18" by 36" piece
(If directional fabric, cut in half turn one half around so the design is upright, sew the bottom closed with a French seam.)

1 ½ yard of 1.25" heavy twill tape, cut into 2 even pieces

Instructions: First, please read all the instructions.

1. Hem each 18" end:

- Fold ½", press, fold ½", press.
- Straight stitch hems.

2. Pin straps to right side of bag:

- Lay fabric right side up.
- Place each end of strap 5 ½" in and 4" down on each side of one 18" end of tote
- Be sure the loop above the bag isn't twisted.
- Fold raw edge of strap under 1".
- Pin strap onto fabric.

Do same with the other strap on the other end of tote

3. Sew straps to bag:

- Top stitch 1/8" in all the way around the strap where it meets the tote body
- Reinforce stitches around the top and bottom of the strap. Move to next strap until all four strap ends are secured.

4. Sew sides by making French seams:

- Fold fabric in half **WRONG** sides together.
- Match the tops to make sure it is straight- pin side edges.
- Using zig zag or serger stitch sew the raw edge sides of the bag as close to the edge as possible.
- Press the seams to set the stitches.
- Press the bottom of the bag to get a good crease. Turn the project wrong side out.
- Iron or finger press the seams just sewn to get them nice and flat.
- Straight stitch the sides so the raw edge of the seams is tucked in.

5. Making the bottom gusset:

- At one bottom corner open the corner so the side seam is aligned with the bottom pressed crease. Flatten out the corners of the bag.
- Make sure the pressed bottom crease is aligned with the side seam of the bag.
- Measure in 3" from the point and mark the line across the project. (This is your sew line) Pin.
- DO the same as above on the other side. Using a zig zag or serger stitch sew along the line.

6. Turn the bag right side out. Voila!

