

# Simple Tote Bag

## How to Make a Reversible Tote Bag



For a finished tote bag size 10" x 13" you will need:

- 2 pieces of fabric 14" (width) x 16" (length) for the outside of the tote bag  
\* (1/2 yard fabric)
- 2 pieces of fabric 14" (width) x 16" (length) for the inside of the tote bag  
\* (1/2 yard fabric)
- 2 pieces 4" x 30" for the straps

\*If you have a different size in mind, add 4" to the width and 3" to the length of the desired finished size.

### The Straps

1. Press the 4" x 30" fabric pieces in half lengthwise right sides together.
2. Stitch a 1/2" seam along the raw edges (not the fold). Do not stitch the ends.
3. Turn right side out; press seam in the center of the strap or if making a reversible bag press the seam to the side.

### The Bag



1. With right sides together sew 1/2" seams of the outside fabric and the inside fabric on three sides. (pic #2)
2. Pinch bottom corner together, match the seams and stitch across 1 1/2" from corner. (pic #3) Do all 4 corners. (pic #4)



3. Turn the inside bag right side out. Place inside bag in the outside bag right sides together. (pic #5)



4.) Place straps in between right sides of fabric on each side 3" from the side edges. Match the raw edges, keeping the length of the straps inside. (pic #6)



5.) Pin straps and top edge of bag. Stitch around top of bag 1/2" from edge. Leave one 3" opening between one set of straps for turning the bag right side out. (pic #7)



6.) Turn bag right side out through the 3" opening. (pic #8)

7.) Push lining inside the bag and top stitch all the way around the top of bag. This will close up the opening used for turning.

8.) Optional: Cut a piece of cardboard the size of the bottom of the bag, cover with fabric and use glue to hold fabric to the cardboard. Push firmly to bottom of bag.

9.) Now add your own touches such as outside pockets, inside pockets, closures, trims and other embellishments.



You did it!!  
Congratulations!