

TOTE BAG INSTRUCTIONS

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Cut one 30" x 45" piece of heavy weight woven fabric for outer bag.

Cut one 30" x 45" piece of lighter weight woven fabric for lining.

Cut one piece of outer bag fabric 5" x 36" for shoulder strap

If using denim, no lining is necessary but all raw edges should be serged or finished in some fashion.

When using outer fabric suitable for a boy please make sure lining is also.

½ inch seams

Fold long sides of fabric in half right sides together. Fold will be bottom of bag. Make certain sides measure 22 ½" before stitching.

Stitch side seams of outer fabric. Clip raw edge of fold to seam. Press seams open.

Stitch side seams of lining same as outer fabric, but leave 4" opening in center of one side. Press seams open.

Pin side seams to bottom fold of outer fabric. This will form a point. Mark stitching line on 8" measure across the seam...4" on each side of seam. Stitch on line. Trim to ½". Repeat for lining. This will create a "box" bottom for the bag.

Turn outer bag right side out. Pin strap to center of side seams with 1 ½" extending beyond the top edge. Stitch across 3 times ¼" from edge.

Place outer bag inside lining - right sides together - matching side seams and top edge. Stitch top edge with 1" seam stitching back and forth several times across the straps. Press seam open..

Turn bag right side out through opening in lining. Machine stitch or hand stitch opening closed. Press top edge.

Top stitch 1" below top opening.

Attach 3 size 16 gripper snaps evenly spaced to the opening.

Please do not turn in bags without snaps.