

SINGER® Easy Quilted Tote



A great little project to help develop your quilting skills. With a contrasting thread the quilted detail will standout and make your simple tote fabulous!

Shopping List:

| □ C | Cotton fabric | Fabric marking tool |
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| В | atting | Cutting tools |
| □ C | Contrasting thread | Pins |



Fabric:

1/2 yard main fabric

- 1/2 yard lining
- 1/2 yard batting

What to Cut:

- 1. Cut 12 1/2-inch x 30-inch piece of main fabric, lining and batting.
- 2. Cut (2) 3-inch x 20-inch pieces for main fabric and batting.

How to Assemble:

- 3. Position main fabric on batting, lining up edges and pin in place with right side up.
- 4. Mark design on bag front. (1-inch from top edge and 2-inches from side will be top corner)
- 5. Insert the appropriate needle for the fabric to be sewn.
- 6. Attach the Satin Stitch foot.

NOTE: The Satin Stitch foot allows for clear view and a center marked point for help when following marked lines.

- 7. Set your machine for a straight stitch.
- 8. Press the programmable needle up/down button.

NOTE: Push the switch and the LED lamp will be lit red and needle will stop at the down position whenever you stop sewing. Push it again to stop needle at up position.

- 9. Thread the top of the machine and bobbin with all-purpose thread in a color that contrasts color of the fabric.
- 10. Carefully stitch following marked lines. Be sure to remove pins as you sew. The presser foot will help you guide the fabric evenly while stitching.

NOTE: The more slowly you sew the more control you have guiding the fabric while stitching.

11. Backstitch at the beginning and end of the stitching to help secure the thread in place.

NOTE: What is backstitching? Backstitching secures the machine stitching so the threads do not become loose and pull out. It is done by reversing a few stitches on top of or just next to those machine stitches at the beginning or end of a line of machine sewing. How to backstitch: Position needle about ½" from top edge of fabric. Stitch in reverse almost to the raw edge. Change to forward and stitch to the end of the fabric. Reverse and backstitch about ½".

- 12. Remove the fabric from the machine.
- 13. Trim the thread tails.
- 14. Fold bag in half matching 12 1/2-inch edges with right sides facing. Pin together along edge.
- 15. Attach general or all-purpose presser foot.



- 16. Thread the top of the machine and bobbin with all-purpose thread in a color that matches color of the fabric.
- 17. Stitch 1/2 –inch from edge staring at top edge, beginning with backstitch, 1/2 inch from bottom edge stop.

NOTE: Remove pins as you get to them do not sew over pins. Running into a pin can cause needle to break and damage your machine.

- 18. With needle in down position lift presser foot and pivot fabric 90-degrees.
- 19. Lower presser foot and continue sewing to folded edge backstitch at end.
- 20. Press seams open and folded side flat.
- 21. Match side seam with bottom seam pin together. Repeat step with opposite side matching pressed edge with bottom seam.
- 22. On each side, sew 2-inches from point in a line parallel to seam lines creating bottom corners.
- 23. In same manner shape lining shape following step14 -22, leaving 4-inch opening along bottom in step 19.
- 24. Sew straps by layering batting and fabric with right side of fabric facing out.
- 25. Fold layered stacks lengthwise pin to secure.
- 26. Sew with 1/2-inch seam along length of cut edge. Repeat with second handle.
- 27. Turn handles right side out.
- 28. Press handles plat with seam line centered at back.
- 29. Position handles on tote front and back, pin in place.
- 30. Sew in place with 1/4-inch seam.
- 31. Match raw edges of lining and tote with right sides facing. Pin in place.
- 32. Sew 1/2 inch seam allowance around bag opening.
- 33. Turn tote right side out through the opening in the lining.
- 34. Press tote opening.
- 35. Sew opening closed.

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