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## Terrific Tote Bag

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Take this terrific tote to the park, on the plane or for a ride in the car. Fill it with some munchies, a good book, or your cosmetics. You can also use it as a great gift bag.

### Supplies:

½ yard of medium to lightweight fabric (Home dec., corduroy, denim are ideal)  
½ yard of quilting fabric for lining  
Scrap of quilting fabric for applique  
Husqvarna Viking Mix n' Match templates (Twist, Leaf, Flower)  
Cutting and Pressing Mat  
Ominigrad Ruler  
Rotary Cutter  
Schmetz Universal needle 80/12  
Steam-A-Seam2 12" x 1 yard  
America Sews Tear-Easy Stabilizer  
Fasturn Miniturn tube  
Sewing threads  
Clover Chaco Liner  
White ¼" piecing foot (optional)  
White Open toe foot (optional) for applique



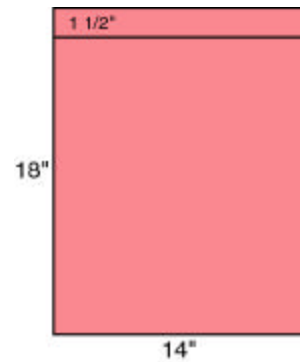
### Cutting:

From Medium weight fabric:  
Cut: 2 rectangles 18" L x 14" W  
2 strips 2 ½ " W x 18" L (handles)

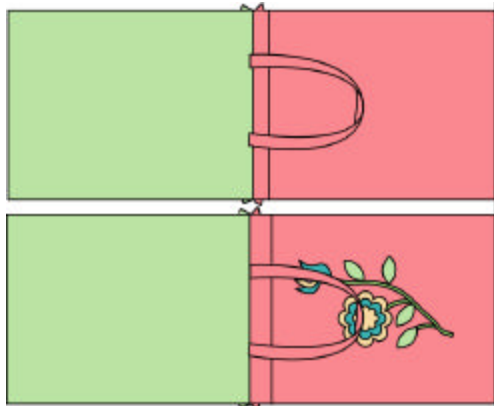
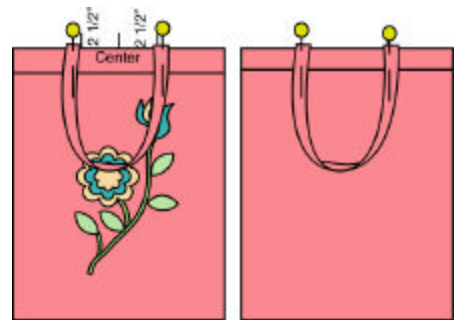
From lining:  
Cut: 2 rectangles 16" L x 14" W

**Construction:**

1. Mark a line 1 1/2" down as shown on both rectangles of fabric. This is now the top of the bag.
2. Prepare your applique pieces: from the Flower template, trace flower B, E, and F on one side of the Steam-A-Seam2. From the Leaf template, trace 4 of template C, and from the Twist template trace 4 of template C. Cut around the outside edge of the traced design. Then peel off the paper on one side, and stick it to your fabric. Cut around the outside edge of the traced design. Peel off paper and position applique pieces onto bag front, then press in place.

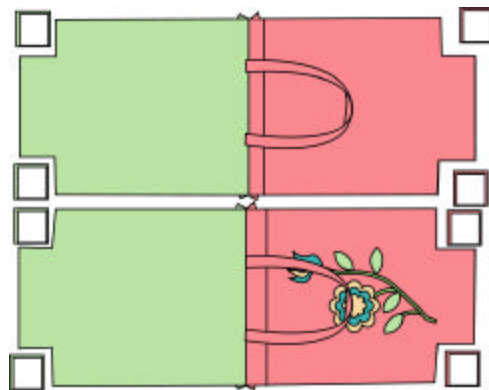


3. For stem, cut a 3/4" bias strip, fold in half lengthwise and sew with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Turn inside out with Miniturn tube, press with seam toward side.
4. Set your sewing machine for a narrow zigzag (2.0W and 1.5L). Place a piece of Tear-Easy stabilizer under bag top; stitch the outline of the appliques. When completed, gently pull stabilizer from the appliques. Press.
5. Fold both 2 1/2"W strips in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew with a 1/4" seam allowance, Hint: Use the optional 1/4" foot for perfect 1/4" seam allowance. Turn inside out, press and set aside.
6. Fold both rectangles in half, and from the center measure 2 1/2", place a mark on both sides (this will be the placement for the handles). Pin handles as shown.
7. Sew lining to top, right sides together, with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press with seams toward lining. (Do it for both sides of bag).



8. Next, sew both sides (lining and top), right sides together, with a 1/4" seam allowance.

9. Cut a template 2 1/2" square. Place it at bottom corners of bag top and lining, trace around it and cut.



10. Sew bottom edge of bag top with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. To close side corner of bag bottom, line up side seam and bottom seam, right sides together, and sew with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
11. Sew bottom edge of lining leaving a 5-inch opening at center for turning bag inside out. Sew side corner as for bag top.
12. Pull bag inside out through lining opening. Fold bag top on the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " line. Pin in place making sure that bag handles are pulled toward the top.
13. Thread machine with matching thread or contrasting thread and sew a row of straight stitch (or decorative stitches) following traced line, around bag top. Then, do same for very top edge of bag (make sure handles are pulled up toward top of bag).
14. Close lining opening with a zig zag stitch.
15. From handles measure  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " out to the edge. Fold the bag wrong sides together and sew a tuck from the top,  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " down at all four corners of bag. (This will shape the bag).

Voila!