



Summer Tote

Great for your Summer reading!

Fabrics

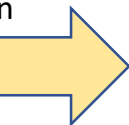
1/3 - yard for bottom tote fabric and strap

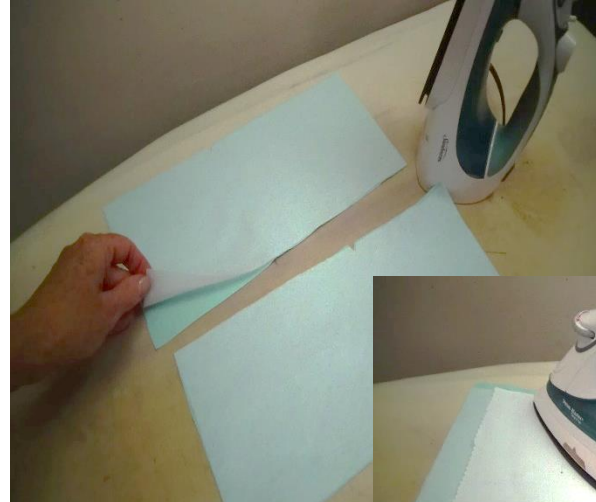
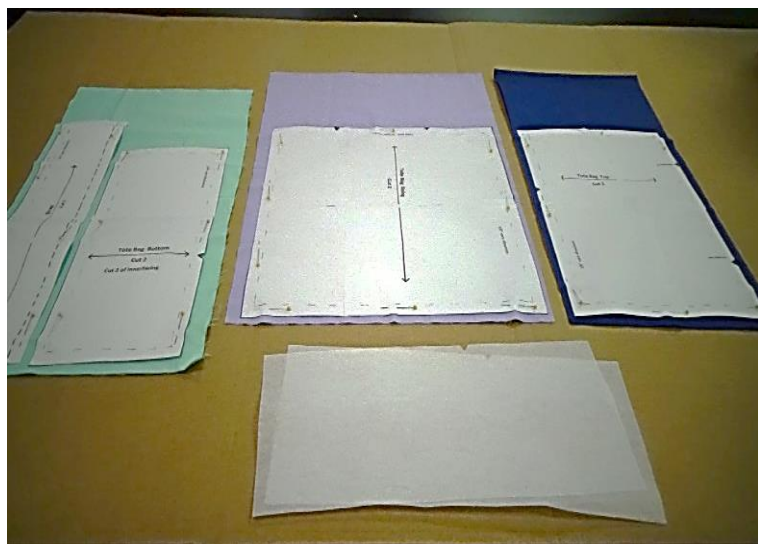
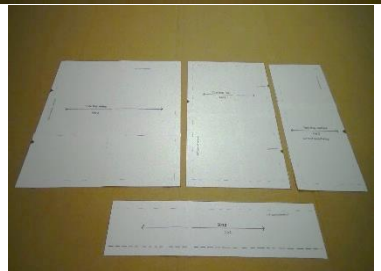
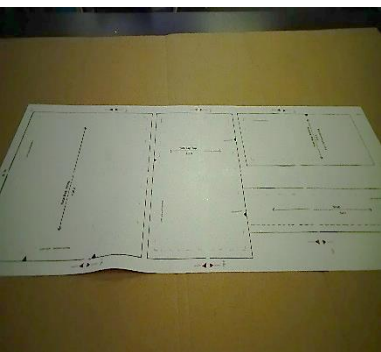
1/3 - yard for top tote fabric

1/2 - yard lining fabric

1/4 - yard of fusible interfacing

Check this box for
each step
finished to help
keep you on
track.





A. Tape pattern at connection points and cut out the pattern pieces.



B. Layout your fabrics. Pin patterns down and cut out on the cut lines

Top of tote fabric. bottom of tote and strap fabric, the lining and the innerfacing for bottom of tote. It's a cut 2 of each fabric.



C. Fuse (press) the innerfacing (sticky side to the wrong side of fabric) Use a press cloth incase the innerfacing sticks to your iron.



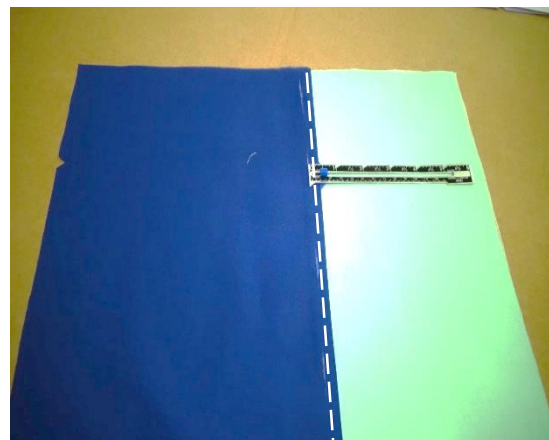
Be sure to cut out the notches too.



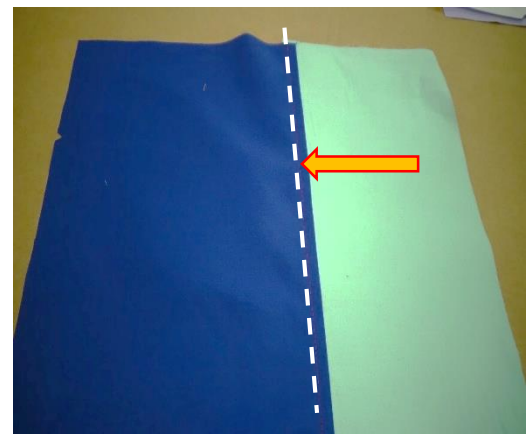
1. Match up your top tote to the bottom tote at the notches. Pin and mark your seam allowances (5/8 of an inch)



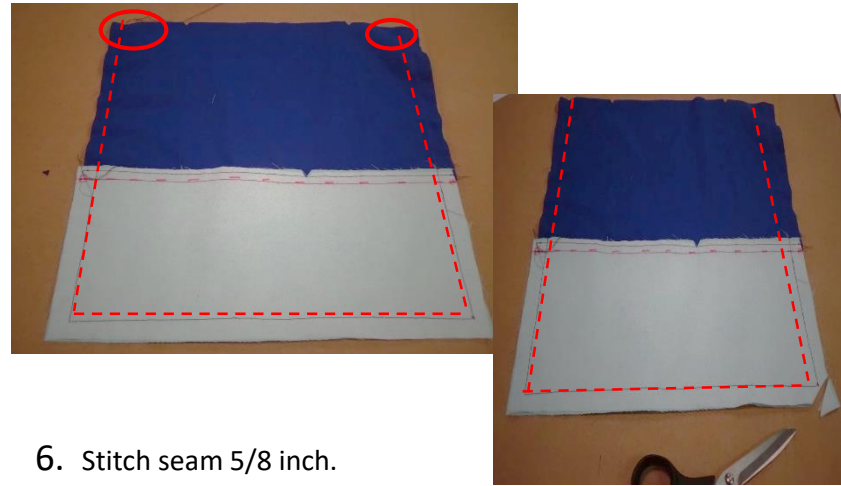
2. Stitch both seams, be sure to reversed at begin and end.



3. Press up the seam to go toward the top and then mark a 1/2 inch mark as indicated in this photo.



4. Topstitch the seam on your 1/2 inch mark to anchor the seam down and for a nice finished look.



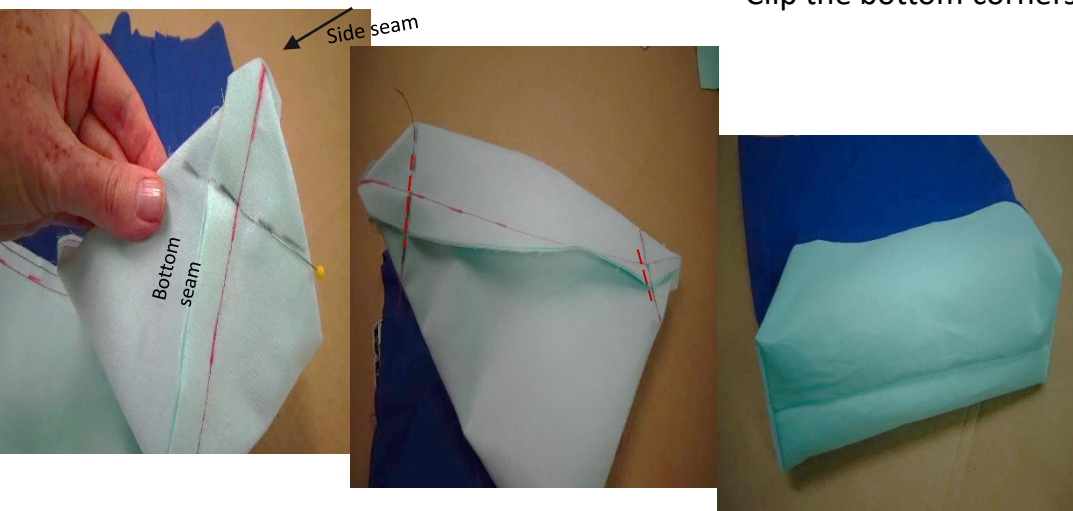
5. Place sewn tote pieces right (pretty) sides together. Pin around sides and bottom seams, marking a 5/8 inch seam allowance. You will be stitching on 3 sides as indicated, leaving top part open.



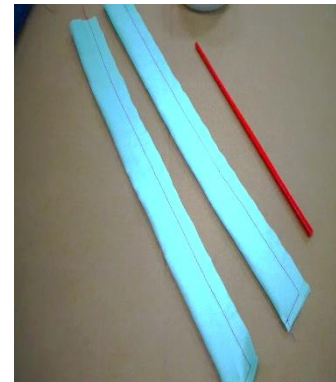
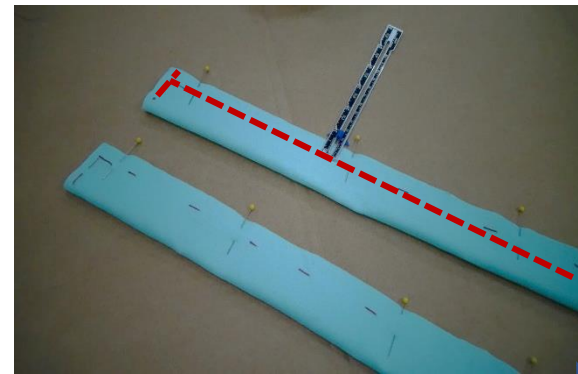
6. Stitch seam 5/8 inch. Reverse stitch at begin and end of stitch. Clip the bottom corners as indicated.



7. Press side seam allowances open as far down as you can get as indicated. If you have a sleeve board it will make it easier. If not, use the slimmer side of iron board.



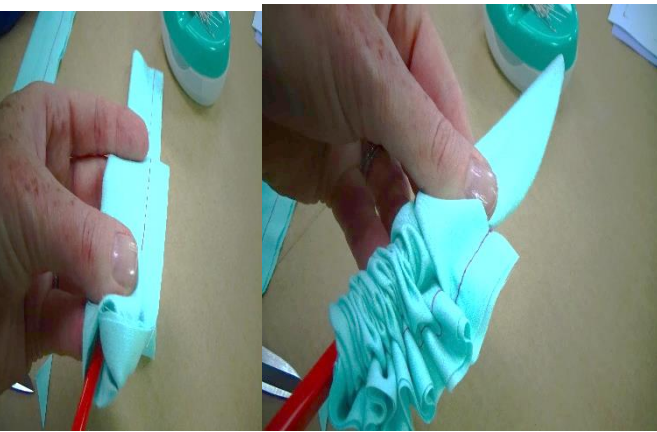
8. Optional: stitch bottom corners for a flat tote bottom. Fold bottom seams into a triangle shape matching up side seams and bottom seams, mark down 2 inches from end and sew a straight seam thru all the thicknesses. See photo ...



9. Sew the straps, Fold in half length wise and mark a 5/8 inch seam allowance. Stitch down the length, pivot and sew across just one end as indicated. This will help it be easier to turn inside out.



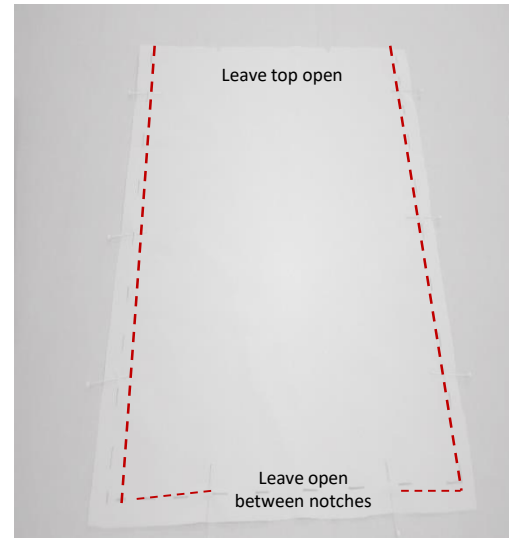
10. Use your red chopstick and push the stitched end thru the tube to get the rights sides out. (more info on next page)



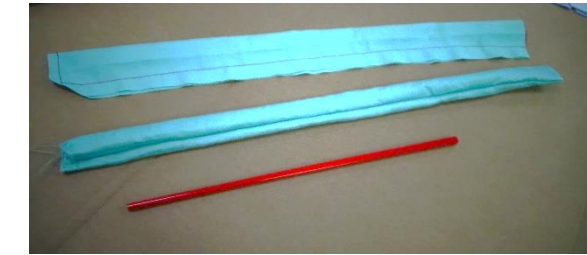
11. Use the chop stick to push stitched end thru to open end. Press the straps flat.



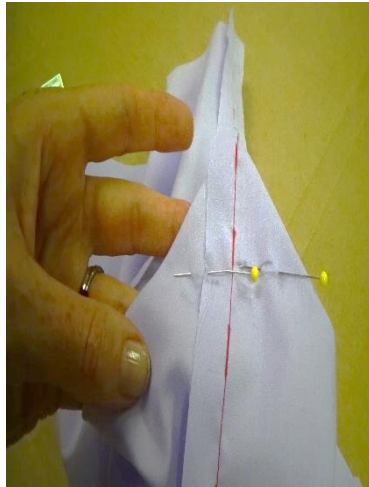
12. Place straps at notched edges on top of tote. Adjust the distance how you would like them set. Be sure straps are laying right and they don't get twisted. Baste stitch (use your long stitch) the straps on for easier stitching in the next step,.



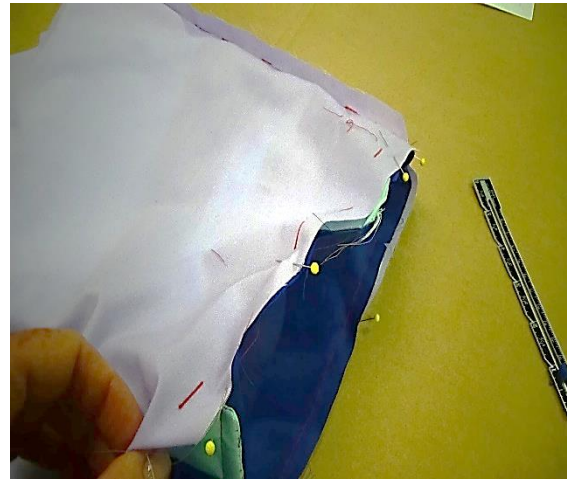
13. The lining – Place the fabric pieces with right sides together. Pin and mark seam allowances around the 3 sides and marking where you will need to keep the opening between the notches.



14. Stitch as indicated, reversing at all start and stop points



15. Optional. Sew bottom seams the same way as you did on the bag.

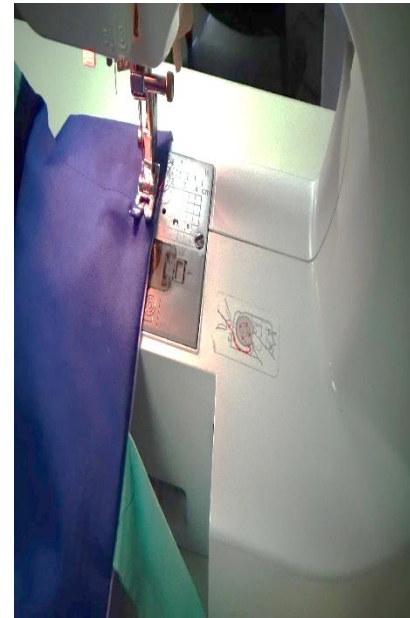


16. Attaching the lining. Place tote and lining right sides together, you will be sewing them together at the tops. Place lining up around the tote and match up at the side seams, pin at the top and mark a 5/8 inch seam allowance



17. Stitch in a circle around the top of the tote bag as indicated. Thru all thicknesses at strap areas.





18. Pull the tote bag thru the opening in the lining and then tuck it into the bag.



19. Press at the top of tote, be sure it is even and flat.



20. Topstitch about ½ inch down from top edge around the top of the tote.



21. Tuck in the opening at bottom of lining and press flat, then stitch close to the fold edge to securely close up the opening.



You are all done with your summer tote!

