

HOBBYSEW'S GUIDE:



THE TOTE BAG

REQUIREMENTS

21" OF FABRIC IN TWO DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR LINING AND OUTER LAYERS OF BAG

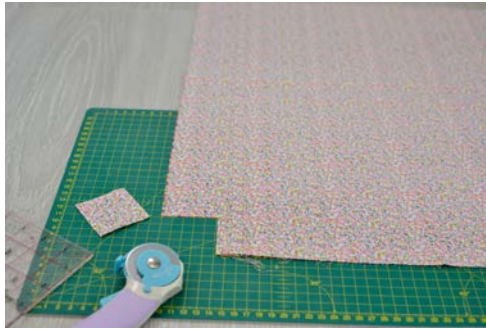
10" FABRIC FOR THE STRAPS OF THE BAG
THREAD TO STITCH TOGETHER
SEWING MACHINE

CUTTING OUT

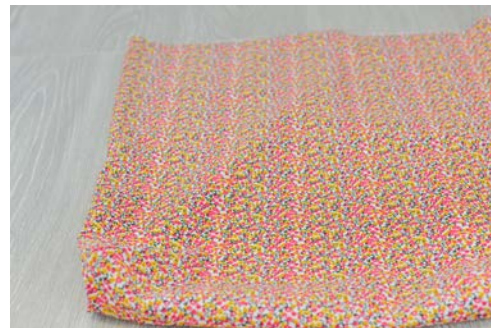
2 X 21" SQUARES; 2 PIECES OF FABRIC FOR LINING
2 PIECES OF FABRIC FOR OUTER
2 STRIPS OF 10" X 27 ½" FOR STRAPS

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1. WITH THE RIGHT SIDES OF THE OUTER FABRIC TOGETHER; CUT A 2" SQUARE AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT AND LEFT CORNERS. SEW THESE TWO PIECES OF THE OUTER FABRIC TOGETHER ALONG THE SIDE EDGES AND THE BOTTOM EDGE AS INDICATED BY THE DIAGRAM.



2. FOLLOWING THE DIAGRAM OPEN THE 2" BOTTOM CORNERS, FLATTEN THE SEAMS TOGETHER AND STITCH IN PLACE; FOLLOWING THE DIAGRAM, THIS WILL CREATE THE FLAT BOTTOM FOR THE BAG. TURN THIS OUTER CASING OF THE BAG RIGHT SIDE OUT.



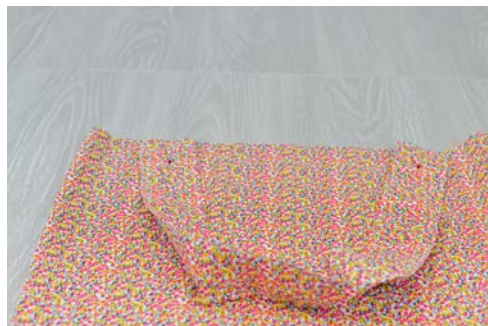
3. REPEAT THESE STEPS FOR THE LINING FABRIC; HOWEVER, LEAVE THE LINING WRONG SIDE OUT.



4. FOR STRAPS: FOLD EACH LONG SIDE OF THE STRAPS INTO THE CENTRE, AND FOLD IN HALF AGAIN. TOPSTITCH ALONG BOTH EDGES.



5. STRAP PLACEMENT: PIN EACH STRAP 3" FROM OUTER FABRIC SIDE SEAMS, MAKING SURE THE RAW EDGES OF THE STRAPS AND THE OUTER FABRIC ALIGN ON THE TOP EDGE. PIN IN PLACE, AND SEW WITH A 1/4" SEAM.



6. JOINING ALL LAYERS TOGETHER: INSERT THE OUTER FABRIC BAG INSIDE THE LINING LAYER; ENSURING THAT THE OUTER FABRIC BAG IS TURNED THE RIGHT WAY AROUND AND THE LINING IS INSIDE OUT. SEW A 1/2" SEAM AROUND THE TOP EDGE OF THIS, ENSURING YOU LEAVE A 2" GAP TO TURN THE BAG.



7. TURN THE BAG OUT USING THIS 2" GAP AND THEN TOPSTITCH TO SECURE.

