

Lined Tote Bag Pattern

The dimensions of the finished Tote Bag: 8 ½ in wide x 11 ½ in tall x 4 in deep

Materials:

- Fabric for Outer Shell - ½ yard
- Fabric for the Bottom Panel and Handles - ½ yard
- Coordinating Fabric for the Lining - ½ yard
- Medium Weight Interfacing - 14 in by 46 in piece (Pellon 808 Craft Fuse or equal)
- Coordinating thread

Cutting

Upper Shell Print Fabric

Outer Shell:	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
Pocket & Lining:	5 ¾" x 6 ½ "	Cut 2

Bottom Shell & Handle Fabric

Handles:	3" x WOF (40"min)	Cut 2
Bottom panels:	14" x 6 ¾"	Cut 2

Lining Fabric

Coordinating Lining	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
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Fusible Interfacing

Interfacing for Outer Shell:	14" x 15 ½ "	Cut 2
Interfacing for Bottom:	14" x 6 ¾"	Cut 2



Interfaceing - Fuse interfacing to both pieces of the Outer Shell and Bottom panels.

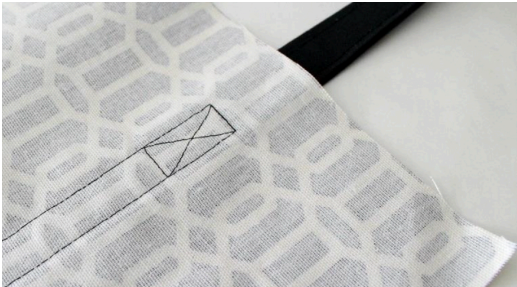
- Place the **shiny fusible side of the interfacing to the wrong side** of the fabric.
- Turn the iron on the wool/steam setting with steam. Use a pressing cloth or iron on the right side of the piece of fabric.
- Press iron down firmly in place for about 8-10 seconds. Lift and repeat, slightly overlapping until the entire area is fused.

Prepare Handles and Pocket

- Prepare each Handle by folding it in half, wrong sides together and press. Open it up and press each outside edge to the center line. Fold fabric in half again and press. The final width of the handle will be ¾ inch, with the raw edges enclosed in the fold. Edge stitch down each side. Set aside.
- Prepare the Outer Pocket by placing the pocket pieces right sides together. Sew just the top seam with a ¼ inch seam-allowance. Turn right sides out and press. Top-stitch across top,sewn edge of pocket.

Attach Pocket and Handles

- Align the prepared Open Pocket on the **center** of the Front Outer Shell with the top, sewn edge of the Pocket **3 ¼ inches from the top raw edge** of the Outer Shell. Sew the sides of the pocket in place
- Place one prepared Handle on the Front Outer Shell, centered 5 inches apart, aligning the raw edges of the handles, 2 inches from the bottom of the Shell. Be careful not to twist the Handle where it extends over the top of the Shell. The Handle will overlap the side edges of the Outer Pocket. Pin in place.



- Mark lines on the Handle 1 ½ inches from the raw top edge of the Shell, and again 1 ¼ inches down from the first lines. Sew the Handle to the Front Outer Shell one side at a time; stop stitching on your marked line, 1 ½ inches from the top. Begin at the bottom edge of the Handle, stitch over previous top-stitching on the Handle and create an X pattern as pictured using your marked lines as guides.
- Repeat to attach the second Handle to the Back Outer Shell.

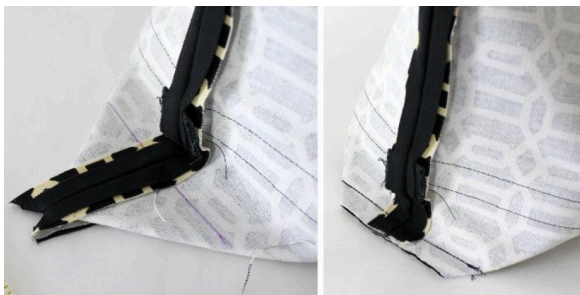
Attach Bottom Panels

- With right sides together and with one Bottom Panel oriented seemingly upside down. Align the top raw edge of the Bottom Panel 6 ¼ inches from the bottom raw edge of the Outer Shell. Sew along the top edge of the Bottom Panel with a ¼ inch seam allowance. On the Front Shell this seam will overlap the bottom of the pocket, closing the edge.
- Flip the Bottom Panel down, into place and press the seam on the right side of the shell. Top-stitch the top edge of the Bottom Panel. Repeat to sew the Bottom Panel to the Back Outer Shell.



Construct the Outer Shell

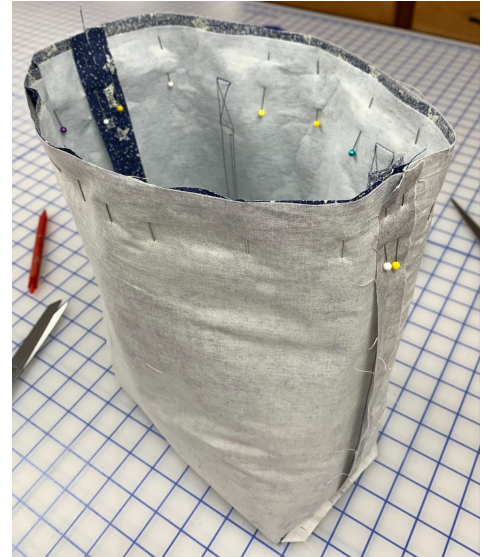
- With right sides together, place the Front and Back Outer Shells together, being sure to align the Handles and the tops of the bottoms of the panels. Sew along the side seams and the bottom seam **using a ½ inch seam allowance**. Reinforce the bottom seam by sewing it a second time.



- Pinch one bottom corner together so the bottom and side seams align. Mark 2 inches from the corner point and mark a perpendicular line 4 inches wide. Stitch on the line and reinforce the seam. Trim the seam allowance to ½ inch. Repeat on the second corner.
- Repeat this process to sew together and form the lining.

Join Outer Shell and Lining

- Pin the handles down onto the Outer Shell with a safety pin so they are out of the way.
- With the Outer Shell right side out and the Lining right side in, place the Outer Shell into the Lining so that the right sides are together and the top, raw edges align. Pin in place matching the side seams and avoiding the Handles.
- Sew together with a 1 inch seam-allowance. ***Leave at least a 5 inch opening for turning*** and tack the seam at both ends.



Turn Right Side Out

- Reach into the bag and pull the Outer Shell up, then pull the bag and lining through the opening so that the right side of the Shell and Lining are showing.
- Position the lining inside the bag and press along the top edge of the seam and down the sides of the lining.
- Edge-stitch the top seam, closing the opening for turning as you do so.
- Top-stitch a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ inch down from the first edge stitching.



Congratulations you are done!

