



LINED TOTE BAG

The steps and methods described have been adapted from Purl Soho "The Forty Minute Tote" and DIY Tote Bag by Whitney Sews.

Bag Dimensions:

- Finished Height: 15 inches tall
- Finished Dimensions of Opening: 14 inches wide, measured flat
- Finished Dimensions of Bottom: 11 inches wide x 5 inches deep
- Finished Strap Length: 20 inches

NOTE: Dimensions vary on pre-made kits.

Cutting

Outer fabric:

- Cut two rectangles 17" by 18"

Lining fabric:

- Cut two rectangles 17" by 18"

For the straps:

- Cut two lengths, 22" by 4" long.

Attach The Makers Label!



Before sewing the bag together, pin the signed Makers Label to the outer bag fabric, 3 inches from the top of the short side, and sew around to attach.

Make the Straps

Fold one of the 4-inch wide strips of fabric in half lengthwise, right side out, and press with iron along the fold.

Open the fabric and fold each raw edge of the fabric to the center crease and iron. Fold lengthwise once more so the folded edges align and iron. Pin the folded strap along the long open edge. Straight stitch along both sides of the strap close to the edge.

Sewing the Outer Bag

Pin the outer fabric pieces right sides together along the two long sides and bottom short side.

Sew the pieces together with a 1/2-inch seam allowance.

Box the Corners



Open the bag and press one of the bottom corners so that the side is directly on top of the bottom seam and the corner forms a sharp point as shown below.

Make sure the seam allowances of the side and bottom are laying flat.

Mark a line perpendicular to the side seam at the point where the corner is 5 inches wide or 2 1/2 inches long.



Sew along this marked line and snip off the outside triangle of the corner.

Repeat for the second bottom corner.

Once both the sides are sewn and the corners are trimmed off your bag will have a boxed bottom as shown above.

Turn the outer bag right side out and pin the straps on the upper edge of the fabric 4 1/2 inches from the left and right side seam, leaving 1 inch hanging out of the bag and making sure straps are not twisted.



Sewing the Lining

Repeat the previous steps to sew the lining, but leave a 4-inch gap on one of the long sides. The gap is used to turn the bag right side out when finished.

- Sew the lining pieces right sides together, leaving the 4-inch gap!
- Create the boxed corners

Sewing the Bag Together

With right sides together, insert the outer bag and straps into the lining, matching side seams. The lining will have wrong sides facing out. Pin lining and outer bag together along the top edge, and sew across with a 1/2-inch seam allowance.



Once the inner and outer bags are connected, gently push the outer bag through the opening in the lining side seam to enclose all raw edges. With the bag right sides out, sew the lining opening closed with a straight stitch. Topstitch along top edge of bag 3/8 of an inch from top. This reinforces the straps.

