

Large Tote Bag Instructions (for Haven or Crossroads)

Finished at 17" or so deep x 20" wide. Cut at 18" x 21".

Cut two handles 21" long. If you use webbing and want to cover your handles, cut the fabric 3" wide.

Cut batting, top, backing and lining all the same size. For front of bag... right side up, lay on batting...quilt. For back of bag...right side up, lay on batting...quilt.

Lining...right sides together...sew sides and bottom; leave an 8" opening at the bottom to turn inside out. Ensure you back stitch each side of the opening.

With right sides together, sew outside of bag's sides and bottom. Would suggest using a Microtex needle.

Position handles with ends at top edge of outside 5" from centre, 9" apart from inside edge to inside edge, ensure the loops are hanging down towards bottom of bag.

Stitch handles in place...back and forth 3 or 4 times to secure.

With outside of bag, right sides out, put bag inside right side of lining.

Stitch around top...carefully. Use 1/2" seam allowance. Ensure you are catching batting, top, backing, handles and lining. Stitch over handles a couple of times. Iron lining.

Stitch lining opening closed.

Stuff bag inside lining.

Stitch around top 1/2" from edge.

Turn inside out.

Box corners.

Turn right side out. Done. Admire your handiwork!

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