

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOTE BAGS

(Donations to Maryhouse and to Shriner's Hospital)

Cutting Instructions:

1. For bag: On fold, with fold at the bottom, cut 18" x 18"
2. For pocket: cut one 9" x 10"
3. For straps: cut two 3" wide x 28 to 30" long

Serge & Sew Instructions:

1. Fold each strap in half (long ways) and serge on ends and down the long sides
2. Serge around all 4 edges of the pocket
3. Sew the pocket to the front of the bag about 2" above the fold
4. Serge the top edges of the bag
5. Serge the two sides together
6. Fold the top down 1 or 1 ½ inches
Place the straps 3" in from the sides on top of the folded edges of the top
Sew down top hem and straps at the same time sewing at the lower edges first then sew again around the top edges.
7. Turn bag inside out and box stitch the corners.

Sewing Only Instructions – (No serger needed)

1. Fold each strap right sides together and sew long edges
Fold up the short ends and stitch to make a clean finish
2. Fold in ¼" around all edges of the pocket and stitch
Sew the pocket to the front of the bag about 2" above the fold
3. Fold the top edges of the bag in ¼" and stitch
4. Sew side seams and zig zag edges
5. Fold the top down 1 or 1 ½ inches
Place the straps 3" in from the sides on top of the folded edges of the top
Sew down top hem and straps at the same time sewing at the lower edges first then sew again around the top edges.
6. Turn bag inside out and box stitch the corners.

Box Stitching:

Fold the bag so that the side seam and bottom seam are on top of each other. Stitch across the corner so that the stitching is about 2" long.

