

Foldable Shopping Tote

Materials:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. (65cm) of at least 42" (110cm) wide non directional fabric
- 5" x 10" (12cm x 25cm) scrap of interfacing (optional, good if using a thinner fabric)
- Plastic snap, ca $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) in diameter and snap tool if needed
- General Sewing Supplies

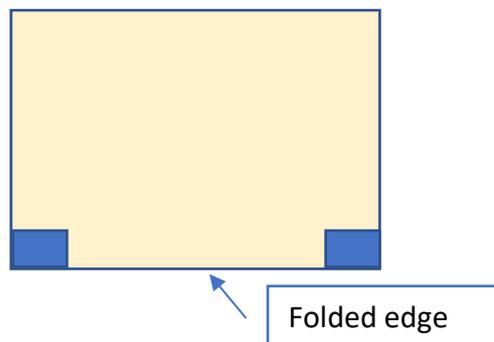
Print the pocket pattern piece on the last page of this pattern. Make sure the printer is set to actual size or 100%.

Fabric cutting instructions:

- 1 piece; 17"x33" (43cmx84cm)
- 2 pieces; 4"x22" (10cmx56cm) for handles
- 2 pieces of pocket pattern piece included on the last page

Interfacing – cut one of pattern pocket piece if using interfacing

Fold the big piece in half so the short ends meet. Mark a 2" x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle in each corner on the **folded** edge. Cut out the corners with scissors.



Handles:

1. Fold and press the handle pieces in half length wise wrong sides together and unfold. Fold the long raw edges towards the middle so they meet in this crease. Refold the first crease, the handles should be 1 inch wide now.
2. Topstitch close to the long edges and two to three seams in between for extra strength.
3. Baste 5" apart (centred) on the short ends of the bag piece (see diagram pg. 3).

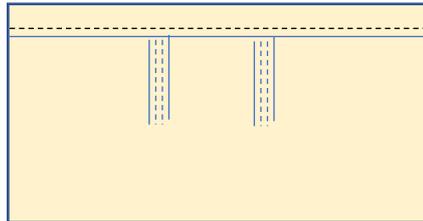


Pocket:

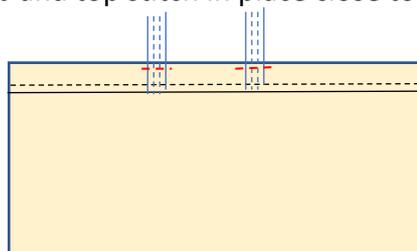
1. Iron on the interfacing (if using) to one of the pocket pieces.
2. Stitch the pocket pieces right sides together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave a 2" opening on the short straight edge for turning.
3. Cut the corners and make small cuts along the rounded corners in the seam allowance (or use pinking shears). Turn to the right side through the opening. Push out all the corners and "roll out" the seams with your fingers. Press and top stitch close to the edge all the way around.
4. Attach the snap button according to the markings on the pattern piece. The male and female piece should face opposite directions.
5. Stitch the pocket to one side of the bag. See placement on diagram and red stitching on pattern piece.

Construction of bag:

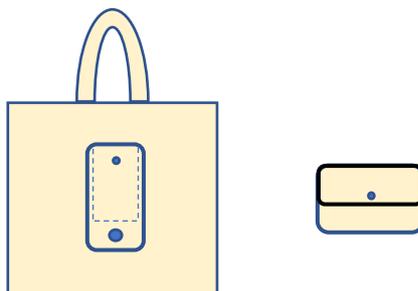
1. Stitch the side seams with a French seam, i.e. stitch wrong sides together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance and trim half the seam allowance to $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Press seam open and fold right sides together and stitch with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to enclose the raw edges from the first seam.
2. Box the corners by matching the side seams to the bottom fold, stitch with a French seam.
3. Fold $\frac{3}{4}$ " of the top edge twice and stitch close to the edge.



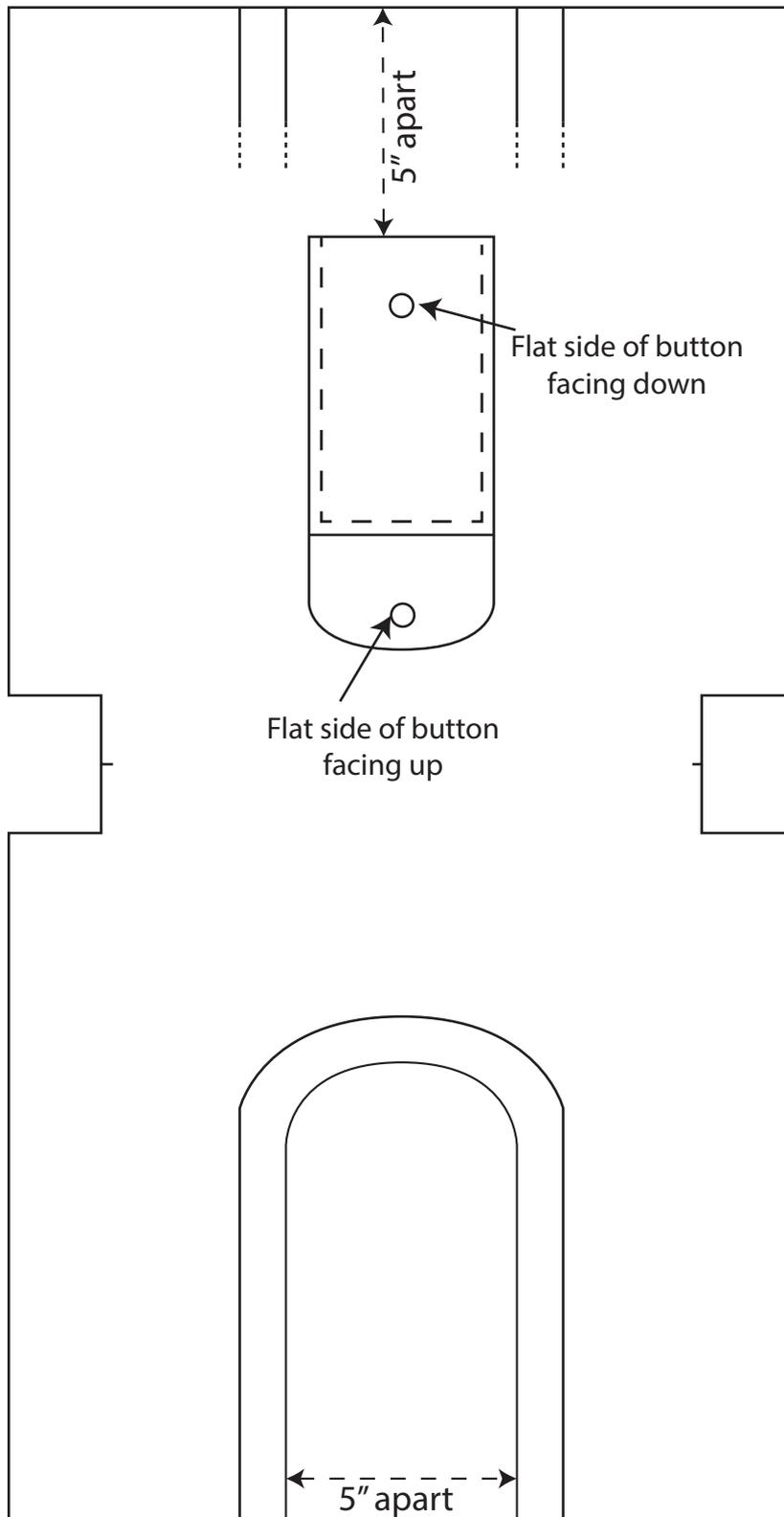
4. Fold the handles up and top stitch in place close to the top edge.



Enjoy your tote bag!



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