

Fat Quarter Tote

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Skill Level: Intermediate

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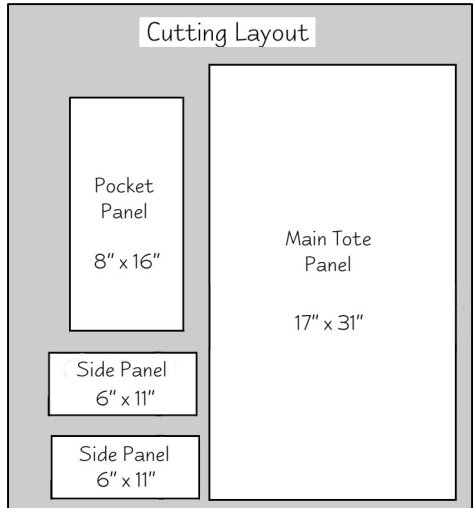
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Supplies:

- Fabric – 1yd
- Webbing – 2 ¼ yd
- Zipper – 36” heavy zipper



Cutting Instructions:

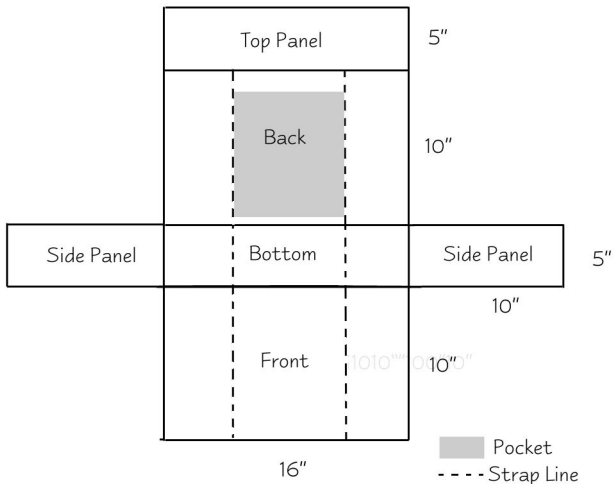
Bag Body – Cut 1, optionally insert a piece of mesh into the Main Panel section to let fat quarters breathe, 17" x 31"

Side Panels – Cut 2, 6" x 11"

Pocket – Cut 1, 8" x 16"

Strap - Cut 1, 80"

Heavy Duty Zipper – cut to 37" if using a longer zipper and back tack across cut end



Assembling the Tote

1. Use ½” seam allowance for all construction work.
2. Mark positioning lines on tote. Mark the location for the straps 5” in from each side of the bag, running the full length of the tote. Mark a line 5 ½” in from the edge of the top to denote the edge of the Top Panel. Mark a line parallel with the Top Panel of the bag and 9” down from the Top Panel/Back Panel edge; this marks the bottom edge for the pocket placement.
3. Make the Pocket. Fold the outside pocket in half, wrong sides together and press. The pocket will be sewn down with the handles.
4. Attach the outside pocket. Place the pocket between the handle lines. Place the bottom edge of the pocket along the bottom pocket line, with the **folded** edge of the pocket towards the Front panel of the bag, and stitch the bottom edge of the pocket in place. Flip the pocket up towards the Top Panel and pin. The side edges will be caught under the webbing when sewn down. This should leave a 6” x 7” pocket for holding patterns.
5. Attach the handles. Overlap and sew the two ends together. Place the overlapping ends in the area that will be the Bottom. Pin the handle in place running along the handle lines from step 1, do not pin the handle to the area that will be the Top Panel, the handles will hang free over this area. Adjust the handles to make even. Stitch securely down both edges of the webbing stopping 1” short of the Top Panel and 1” short of the outside edge of the Front panel.
6. Attach the 2 side panels along the short end, starting 10 ½” down from the top edge of the Front Panel on both sides.
7. Make the tote. Put right-sides together and stitch the corners to form the bag, overcasting the seams to reinforce them. Attach the Side Panel to the Back Panel and turn the corner to continue along the edge of the Top Panel. Repeat for both sides.
8. Attach the zipper. Attach one side of the zipper to the Front Panel of the bag going from one corner around the front to the opposite corner. Attach the other side of the zipper to the top edge of the bags Side and Top Panels.
9. Optionally add pocketbook feet to the Bottom of the bag.
10. Pocketbook lining or a fabric-covered board can be laid in the bottom of the bag for greater stability.

