## Large Lined Tote Bag 2024

Fabric: Outer fabric - Heavy weight (Drapery or pants weight or heavier) woven Lining fabric- lighter weight woven fabric

If you have tightly woven heavy fabric that is smooth on the wrong side, you should consider using the pattern for the unlined tote bag.

Note- If the outer fabric is suitable for a boy, be sure the lining fabric is also.

Cutting : cutting may vary depending on the fabric design (directional or random) and size (45" or 60").

Cut one 30" X 45" piece of fabric for the outer bag

Cut one 30" X 45" piece for the lining

Cut one 5" X 36 piece of the outer fabric for the strap

Strap : Fold the strap fabric in half lengthwise and press.
Open out the fabric, then fold both long edges to the center and press.
Fold lengthwise again so the folded edges are together and press.
Topstitch on both edges of the strap.

Bag: Fold the fabric, right sides together, to have a front and a back, each 22 ½ " X 30". Seam the 22 ½ " sides. Fold the bag so the seam matches the bottom crease or seam, forming a point. Measure 5" from the point and seam across . Trim point off, ½ inch from the seam. This makes a box corner for the bag. Repeat for the other side. Sew the lining in the same way.

Turn the bag right side out and the lining wrong side out. Insert the lining into the bag, matching seams. Pin the strap ends to the bag/lining at the seams. Be sure the strap does not twist.

Sew the edge of the bag and lining catching the strap ends. If serging, secure threads. If sewing, finish the seam with a zigzag stitch or by pinking the edge.

Turn 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches of the edge down to the inside of the bag and sew the edge in place. Stitch around the top edge of the bag  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge and sew an X at each end of the strap. Fig 1



Place 3 No. 16 snaps evenly across the top of the bag, with the prongs on the outside on both sides. Fig. 2

