

UNLINED LARGE TOTE BAG

Fabric: 30 inches by 45 inches for bag
6 inches by 36 inches for strap
(Optional: 2.5" by 36" fusible fleece)

1. Fold bag fabric right sides together to make bag 22.5" x 30". Sew short sides using zig zag stitch, French seam, or serge to finish raw edges.
2. Place a 5" x 5" template at the bottom corner with one edge inside the seam and another on the fold. Mark the fabric on the other two sides and cut out the corner. (See illustration right.)

3. Open the corner and center the seam over the fold. Sew the raw edges. (See illustration below.) If serging, pull the threads.



4. Sew long side of strap, leaving ends open. Center seam and press. (Opt.: Attach fusible fleece.) Turn right side out. Top stitch close to long edges.



5. Pin the ends of the strap at the side seams at the top of the bag, with the strap on the outside of the bag and raw edges even, right sides together. Sew (zig-zag stitch) or serge around the top of the bag, sewing the strap ends to the bag. You may turn under the edge of the top if you want.

5. Turn under the top edge of the bag about one inch and sew in place. Top stitch 1/4" from the folded edge. Sew across the straps a couple of times to reinforce the seams there.

6. Put three size 16 snaps, equally spaced, at the top of the bag. (See illustration below.) Bags may be turned in without snaps.

