

SMALL TOTE BAG FOR NE GEORGIA MEDICAL

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Woven Fabric - No lining necessary

Cut fabric 36" wide by 16" long.

Handle/Strap - Cut 4" x 36"

Fold the 36" length in half wrong sides together. On each side make a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide. Turn to the wrong side and seam again (about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to enclose the raw edges). This makes a French seam.

To make the flat bottom of the bag...crease the bottom fold and press. Match the side seam to the center bottom fold crease. Mark a line across the side seam where the measurement is 5". Stitch along this line. Repeat on the other side of the bag. The bag bottom will be a 5" x 9" rectangle.

To make handles. Press 4" x 36" piece in half lengthwise - open and bring the edges to the center. Press and refold to make 1" wide strap. Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from each edge. Cut in half to make the 2 handles. Both ends of each handle are sewn on the same side of the bag. Turn the top opening down about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and fold under the raw edge about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Tuck the ends of the strap under the hem (each edge should be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from the side seam. Stitch the hem in place (catching in the handle.) Stitch again $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the hem and again $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top edge - securing the handle in both places.