



608 ~ Reusable Shoppers in 2 Styles

15 x 12 and 12 x 10 inch sizes

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REUSABLE SHOPPERS

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

SMALL BAG:



1/2 yard for one bag: cut 1 - 16" x 27"

ALSO NEEDED:

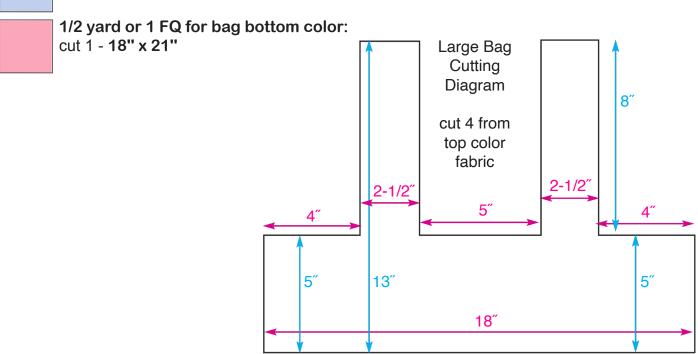
3/8 inch webbing: 76 inches
1/8 or 1/4 inch elastic: 4 inches



bags fit perfectly with pattern #605 Market Shopping Bag

LARGE BAG:

3/4 yard for bag top color: cut 4- 13" x 18" cut according to diagram below



ASSEMBLY NOTES:

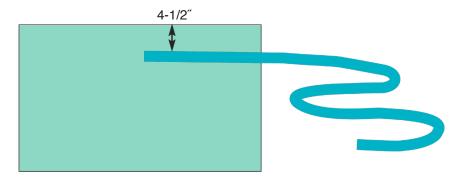
cut all pieces using a rotary cutter and ruler.

1/4" seam allowances used in construction unless otherwise noted

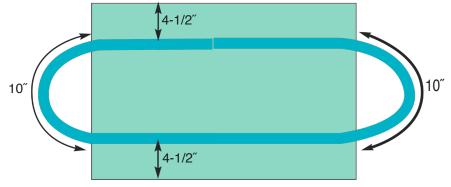
Read through all instructions to be sure you understand all steps before beginning, or cutting any of your fabric.

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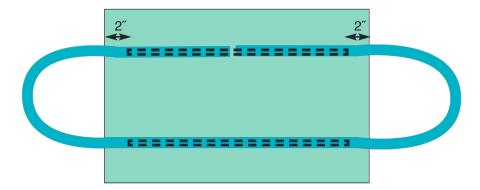
1. Lay the bag piece out flat, right side up. Pin the whole 76 inch webbing strap in place. It needs to be 4-1/2 inches in from each long edge, and having 10 inches free at the two shorter edges, for handles. Start pinning close to the middle of the tote, so the ends are less visible.



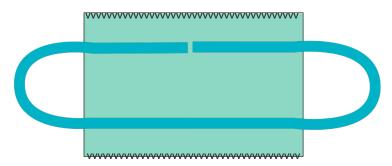
2. Continue pinning and adjusting as needed until the webbing is pinned all the way around, and back to the starting end. Be sure the two handle sections are the same length, about 10 inches each.



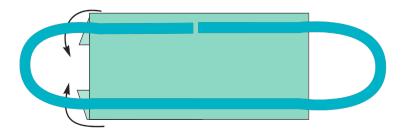
3. Once you have the webbing all correctly pinned, you need to stitch it down, along both edges. Stop the stitching 2 inches from the ends where the handles are so we can finish off the top edge of the bag later. You can add a bit of Fray Check or craft glue to the ends of the webbing if you like, though it isn't vital.



4. Serge or zigzag the side seams now.



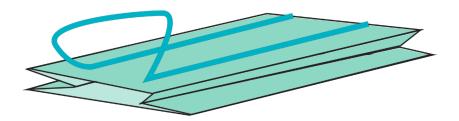
5. Measure and fold the side seams under 2-3/4 inches on each side. Line the two sides up to make sure they match each other, then press these folds well.



6. Open out the sides you just folded and pressed, fold the bag in half and sew the side seams.

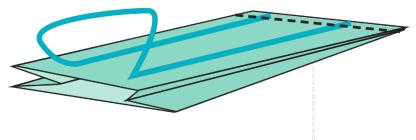


7. Turn bag to right side, refolding the sides on the folds you made in step 5. The corners of the bags stay inside the bag, with the sides folded inwards. Press the sides to get nice crisp folds.

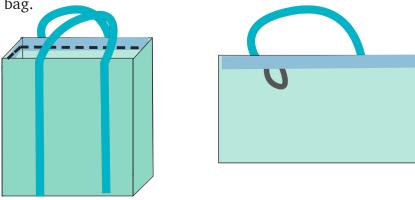


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8. Stitch a line along the bottom fold of the bag, catching the inside edges in the seam. Back tack at both ends.



9. On the top edge of the bag, fold under about 1/2 inch all the way around, then fold 1/2 inch again. Stitch folded edge all the way around, to make a nice finished top to your bag. As you sew, tuck both ends of the piece of elastic in this seam if you'd like a loop to wrap around your folded/rolled up bag.

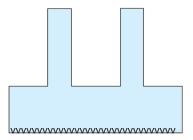


That's all there is to it, and your bag is finished. This size is ideal for a couple loaves of bread, some bakery or for keeping your produce from getting squashed by heavier items.

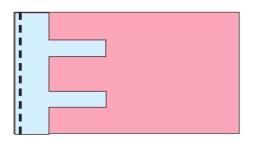


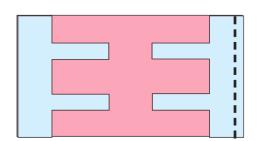
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1. After you have cut the necessary pieces following the diagram on page 2, take two of the top sections and hem or serge the bottom edges. These two pieces will be for the facing.

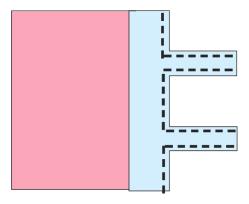


2. Right sides together, sew one end of the bottom section to one of the remaining top sections, then sew the remaining top section to the other end. Press ends out.





3. On each end, with right sides together, sew a facing piece to a top section along edges shown here. Clip corners and turn to right side and press. Do not sew ends of handles.



4. Measure and fold the side seams under 3 inches on each side. Line the two sides up to make sure they match each other, then press these folds well.

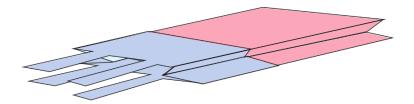


REUSABLE SHOPPER - LARGE

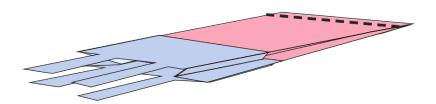
5. Open out the sides you just folded and pressed and fold the bag in half. Open up the facing so it is folded onto the handles, and sew the side seam. Back tack seams.



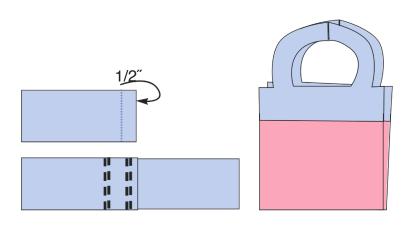
6. Turn bag to right side, refolding the sides on the folds you made in step 4. The corners of the bags stay inside the bag, with the sides folded inwards. Press the sides to get nice crisp folds.



7. With the bottom corners all straight and snug against the bottom fold of the bag, stitch a seam along the bottom fold of the bag, to keep the corners of the bag in place. Back tack both ends.



8. Turn under about 1/2 inch on one strap and tuck the other half of that handle inside. Stitch back and forth across this joining about 3 or 4 times. Do the same with the other handle. That's all, your large roomy bag is ready to be loaded up and used.





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