Directions for Cancer Tote

These bags are given to women after breast cancer surgery to carry their mastectomy pillows, important papers, etc. for their follow-up visits.

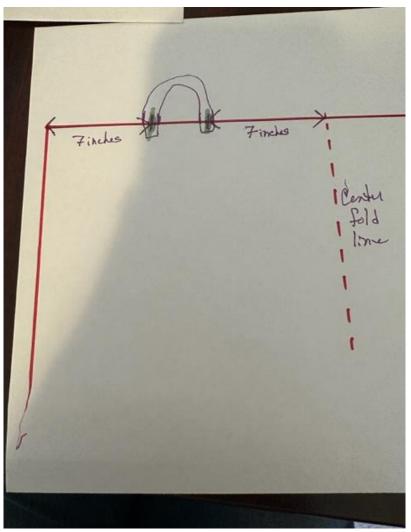
- 1. If using a home dec fabric, denim or other heavy fabric, lining is not necessary.
- 2. If using quilting cotton or lightweight fabric, please line the bags.
- 3. All seams are ¼ inch unless otherwise specified. If your fabric needs a deeper seam allowance, adjust measurements to include wider seam allowance. Directions for Cancer Tote

Unlined Cancer Tote:

- 1. Cut fabric 18 inches x 36 inches, mark center fold of 36 inch length. (For a 5/8 seam allowance, cut 19 1/4 inches x 37 ½ inches)
- 2. If you wish to add a pocket to the outside for cell phones, glasses, etc use the following directions. Pockets are not necessary.
 - a. Cut 14.5 inches x 5 inches to make lined pocket.
 - b. Fold to 7.25 x 5 inches, right sides together, press
 - c. Stitch using ¼ in seam, leaving opening on one side for turning.
 - d. Turn, Press.
 - e. Position Pocket in center of one side of bag. The top of the pocket should be 5 ½ inches from the top and the bottom of the pocket should be 5½ inches from the bottom of the bag. The sides of the pocket should be 6¾ inches from the side and center mark. Stitch making sure to back-tack the corners.

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- 3. Turn down ¼ inch the top of the bag (long side) and finish.
- 4. For Handles, cut two lengths of fabric 18 inches x 2.5 inches. Fold, right sides together, stitch long sides together, turn, press.
- 5. Position center of handle 7 inches from edge and center the other end 7 inches from center fold. (see illustration below)



- 7. Stitch handles to bag, stitching on a "X" to reinforce the attachment of the handles.
- 8. Fold along the center mark, creating a 18 inch x 18 inch bag. Sew the bottom and side seam, finish the seams on unlined bags, using zig-zag, serger or your preferred finish.

9. Boxed the corners, three inch seam.



- 10. Trim boxed corners and finish seam.
- 11. Turn and push out corners, seams.



13.Completed CA Tote with pocket.