

## Harbor House Tote Bag

Approximate finished Tote size-27 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep , 7" bottom pleat

If you are using a heavier weight fabric 58"-60" such as canvas, denim, duck cloth, upholstery..... you will need 1 $\frac{2}{3}$  yds. of fabric

Measure and cut...

1-30" wide by 48" long piece of fabric for body of Tote

2-30" wide by 14" long pieces of fabric for 2 pockets

2-1" wide by 30" long pieces of webbing for 2 straps or 2-5" wide by 30" long pieces of fabric for straps (fold in both long sides, press in half & top stitch on right side)...finished width of strap is approximately

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

If you are using a lighter weight fabric 44"-45" such as a cotton or cotton blend you will need two fabrics but sew as one...you will need 2-1 $\frac{1}{3}$  yds. Of fabric (if you want contrast) or 2 $\frac{2}{3}$  yds. Of same fabric

Measure and cut...

2-30" wide by 48" long pieces of fabric for body of Tote

2-30" wide by 14" long pieces of fabric for 2 pockets....single thickness for pockets

2-1" wide by 30" long webbing for straps or

2-5" wide by 30" long pieces of fabric for straps (fold in both long sides, press in half & top stitch on right side) finished width of strap is approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Directions

1st prepare pockets for placement on Body of Tote

-press under 1" on 30" long edge...this will be the bottom edge of pocket

-press under  $\frac{1}{2}$ " twice & stitch...this is the top of the pocket

Then...measure 8" down from the top ends of Tote Body, pin in place but only stitch across the bottom of pocket

Then...mark the center of the large pocket, draw and stitch on the line to form two pockets...doing so eliminates a large floppy looking pocket

You are now ready to French Seam the side seams., turn down the top edge of Tote Body 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " twice, and top stitch on the outside all the way around...doing so will make a sturdy hem to attach the straps

Lastly, securely stitch the straps to the top of the Bag measuring 8" in from side seams, 1" inside the hem

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