

Upscale Tote Bag

Cut fabric and lining 20 inches X 31.5 inches

Sew 20in handles 2.5 inches from the center on top and bottom of fabric. Pin.

Optional: Sew 12 X 12 pocket onto right side of lining.

Place lining right sides together onto fabric. Sew the entire rectangle leaving a 6 inch gap in one side seam. Trim corners. Turn inside out. Press.

Top stitch across both tops. Reverse stitch over handles for extra reinforcement.

Stitch a straight line on both sides 2.5 inches from the side. Fold (and press) on the stitching line.

Sew scant 1/4 inch all the way down.

Fold right sides together and sew the two side seams.

Sew gussets just less than 5 inches, so the straight seam is just outside. Turn.

Video on Facebook by DIY Tips Tale entitled "The easiest way to sew stylish shopping bag #sewingbags" : <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18z1tJvqyH/>

