

The large tote will accommodate an 18" x 24" cutting mat.

Supplies:

Yardages given are based on 44" fabric width.

Large Tote

- 2 1/2 yd main fabric
 - 2 1/2 yd lining fabric
 - 1 yd binding fabric
 - 2 1/2 yd thin, dense batting such as Thermolam or Hobbs Heirloom
 - 1 1/2 yd handle webbing, 1" width
 - 3/4 yd grosgrain ribbon to match main fabric, 5/8" width
 - 1/4 yd Velcro, 5/8" width
 - 1 button, 1" diameter
 - 2 6" x 9" clear vinyl zippered pencil pockets
- Thread to match or coordinate with main fabric
- Small brass basting pins

Small Tote

- 5/8 yd main fabric
 - 5/8 yd lining fabric
 - 3/8 yd binding fabric
 - 23" x 45" piece of thin, dense batting, such as Thermolam or Hobbs Heirloom
 - 3/4 yd handle webbing, 1" width
 - 3/8 yd grosgrain ribbon to match main fabric, 5/8" width
 - 1/4 yd Velcro, 5/8" width
 - 1 button, 3/4" diameter
 - 1 6" x 9" clear vinyl zippered pencil pocket
- Thread to match or coordinate with main fabric
- Small brass basting pins

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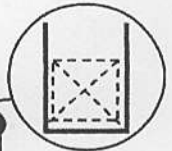
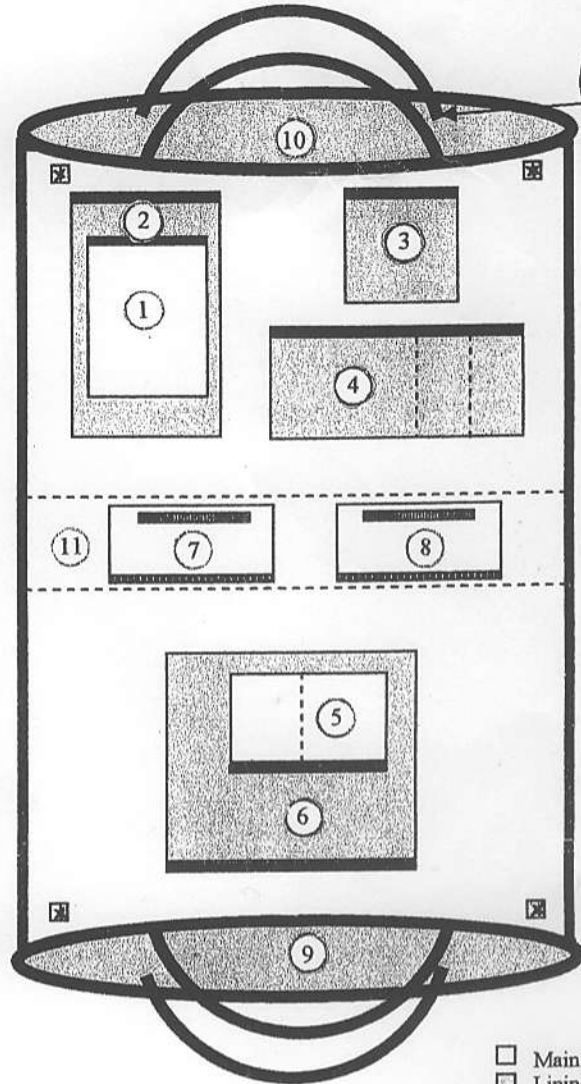
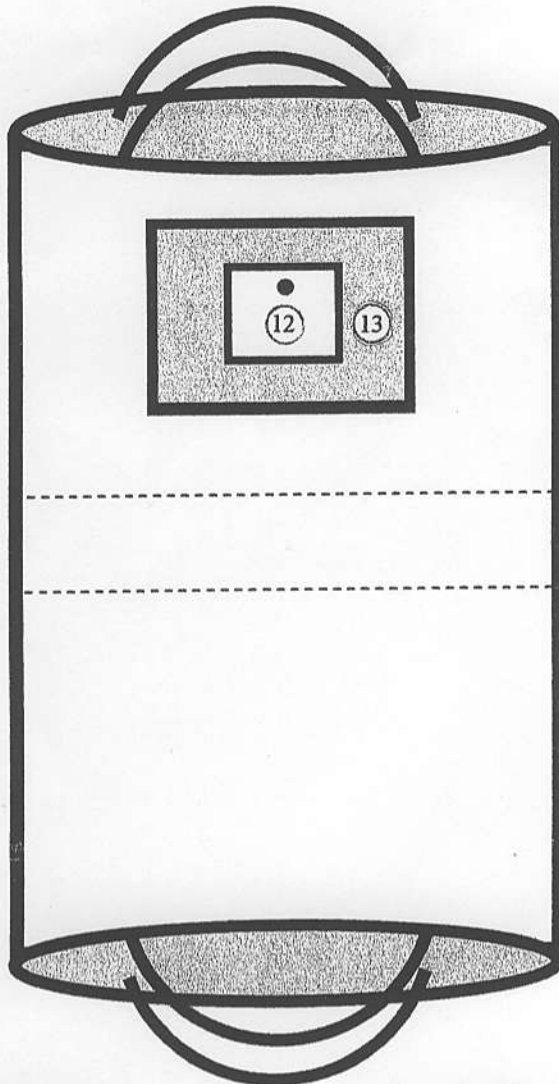
QUILTER'S TOTES

Large: 27" x 18" when closed
Small: 11 1/2" x 10" when closed

LARGE TOTE LAYOUT

OUTSIDE LARGE TOTE—OPENED OUT

INSIDE LARGE TOTE—OPENED OUT



ENLARGEMENT DETAIL

Pocket Number

Size

Suggested Use

- Main Fabric
- ▨ Lining Fabric
- Binding Fabric
- - - - - Stitching Line
- * Velcro

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7" x 10"
8½" x 15"
6½" x 6"
13½" x 6½"

pattern (pocket 1 is layered on top of pocket 2)
6" x 12" ruler, mini cut & press board
Easy Angle ruler, candy bar
stitched lines, sewn *after* pocket is attached to tote, divide pocket into 3 sections
a) 7" x 6½" 6" square ruler
b) 3" x 6½" rotary cutter
c) 3½" x 6½" scissors

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6" x 8½"

stitched lines divide pocket into 2 sections (pocket 5 is layered on top of pocket 6 and dividing lines are stitched *before* attaching to tote section)
a) 5" x 6" scratch pad
b) 3½" x 6" 6" ruler, purse-size tissue

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13½" x 13½"
6" x 9"
27" x 18"

book, 12½" square ruler
clear vinyl zippered pencil pockets for small items, such as needles, thread, thimble
18" x 24" rotary cutting mat, sketch pad
(pocket is formed when tote sections are sewn together)
fabric (pocket is formed when tote sections are sewn together)
6" x 24" rotary cutting ruler

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13½" x 11"

name tag, directions to class, sunglasses (buttonhole is made on pocket 12 before layering it on top of pocket 13); pocket is on outside of tote
8½" x 11" book or notebook; pocket is on outside of tote

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Step Four—Small Quilter's Tote Pockets

Please refer to Small Tote Layout for cutting sizes and placement of pockets. See instructions for Large Quilter's Tote given in Step—Five Quilter's Tote Pockets for layering pockets and appliquéing to tote sections.

The small tote requires only one zippered pencil pocket. Mark centers on long sides of tote section. Place pencil pocket on tote, 2" in from each side. The long edge of pocket opposite the zipper should be directly on the center line. Lay ribbon over long edge opposite the zipper. Tuck ribbon ends under pencil pocket. Using a straight stitch, sew in place, stitching a line from side bound edges and along each edge of ribbon, then across the ends of ribbon.

Step Five—Handles and Velcro

Cut two pieces of handle webbing, each measuring 13½" long. Position handles at top edges of tote section without pockets, ends of handles against the lining fabric side. Placement of handles is 2" in from each side, raw edge of handle ends should be 1¼" down from top bound edges. To secure handle ends to tote, sew a square with an "X" inside the square, being careful not to sew into binding. See Enlargement Detail on Large Tote Layout. Cut two pieces of Velcro, each 1½" long. Stitch to upper corners of inside tote section.

Step Six—Outside Pocket

Using binding strip that was set aside, stitch binding with ⅝" seam to 5" x 5" pocket, sewing it on as you did for tote sections. Make a buttonhole at center top edge of pocket. Center pocket on outside of tote and mark button placement. Sew button to tote. Align button and buttonhole and stitch in the ditch on three sides of pocket.

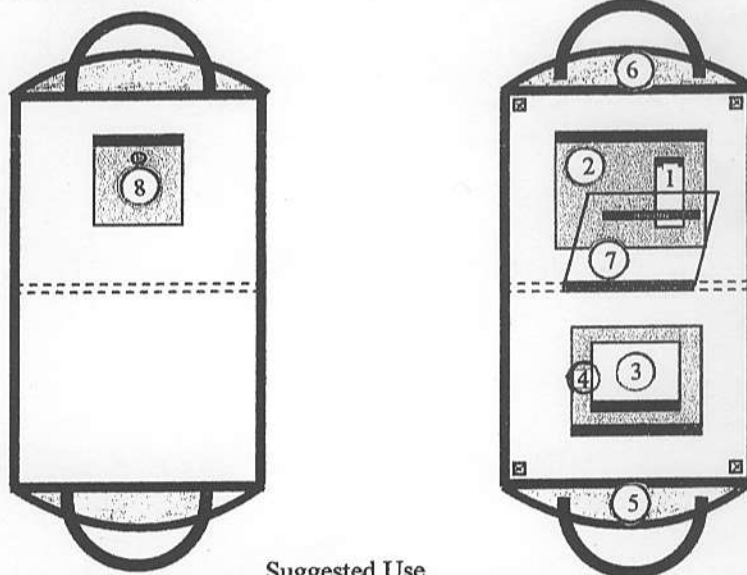
Step Seven—Join Small Quilter's Tote Sections

Layer completed tote sections, lining fabric sides together. With outside of tote facing you, sew inside and outside tote sections together, stitching in the ditch, backstitching to secure. Repeat for other side.

SMALL TOTE LAYOUT

Outside Small Tote—Opened Out

Inside Small Tote—Opened Out



- Main Fabric
- ▨ Lining Fabric
- Binding Fabric
- - - Stitching Line
- * Velcro

Pocket Number

Size

2¼" x 5½"
8½" x 6½"

5½" x 4½"
7½" x 6½"
10½" x 9½"
10½" x 9½"

6" x 9"

5" x 5"

Suggested Use

small rotary cutter (pocket 1 is layered on top of pocket 2)
stitched lines divide the pocket into 3 sections

- a) 2" x 6½" six inch ruler
- b) 2½" x 6½" small scissors
- c) 4" x 6½" sewing glasses, checkbook

4" square ruler (pocket 3 is layered on top of pocket 4)
mini cut & press board (approximately 6" square)
fabric (pocket is formed when tote sections are stitched together)
pattern, 6" square ruler, ¼" masking tape

(pocket is formed when tote sections are stitched together)
clear vinyl zippered pencil pocket for small items such as needles, thread,
thimble, bobbins, pencil and seam ripper

name tag, directions to class, sunglasses (pocket is on outside of tote)

For best results, please read all instructions before you begin.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LARGE QUILTER'S TOTE

Step One—Marking the Quilting Lines

On a smooth flat surface, lay out 2½ yard piece of main fabric, right side up. With marking pencil, draw vertical and horizontal machine quilting grid lines on right side of main fabric. Lines should be 2" apart.

Step Two—Machine Quilting

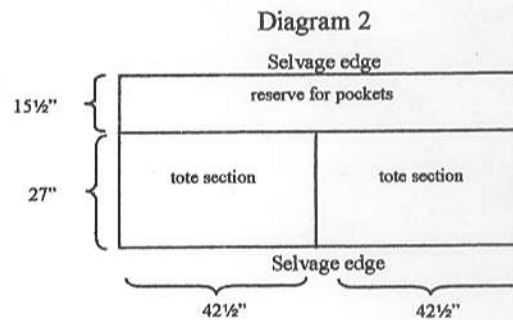
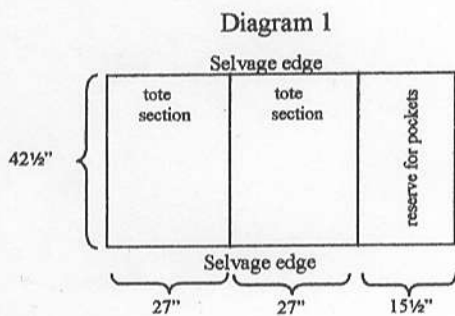
Layer the main fabric, lining fabric and batting as follows: Cut batting the same size as main fabric. On a smooth flat surface, lay lining fabric right side DOWN, lay batting on top of lining fabric. Place main fabric on top of batting with right side UP. With small brass basting pins, pin through all three layers, placing pins within grid lines. Avoid pinning on marked lines.

A walking (even feed) foot is recommended for machine quilting. Begin machine quilting by sewing from raw edge to raw edge on the center marked lines, first in one direction then the other direction, to secure the layers. Continue to sew on the marked lines, working from the stitched center line to the edges for vertical lines, then from stitched horizontal center line to the edges.

It may be helpful to watch the needle, not the presser foot. When all lines are quilted, remove the basting pins.

Step Three—Cutting the Quilter's Tote Sections

Lay the quilted fabric on a smooth flat surface. Measure the width, selvage to selvage. If quilted fabric measures 42½" or greater, cut tote sections following Diagram 1. If quilted fabric measures less than 42½", cut tote sections following Diagram 2.



Step Four—Binding Quilter's Tote Sections

Bind each tote section separately. From binding fabric, cut 12 strips, 2½" wide; set aside 4 strips for pocket binding. For each tote section, join four strips, end to end, with diagonal seams. Fold binding in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch binding to tote section with ⅜" seam. Turn binding to back. Stitch in place by hand, covering the stitching line. Repeat for second tote section.

Step Five—Quilter's Tote Pockets

Gather together all your tools, equipment and supplies that will be put into the finished tote. Lay them out on the main fabric side of one section. Equipment should be 2" from binding and 1" from ruler pocket area. See Large Tote Layout page. If more pockets or different pockets are required than shown on layout, customize pockets to suit personal needs, following instructions below.

From the quilted fabric reserved for pockets, cut pocket sections per Large Tote Layout. For additional pockets or different sized pockets, measure your equipment item and add approximately one inch to each side. Example: equipment item measures 4" x 5". Cut pocket approximately 6" x 7". The extra inch all the way around allows for machine appliquéing pocket to tote section and some "give" so pocket doesn't stretch or tear when filled.

Using 4 binding strips that were set aside, stitch binding with ⅜" seam to 11 x 13½" and 7" x 7" pockets, sewing it on as you did for tote sections. Turn binding and stitch in place, covering the stitching line. These pockets are for the outside of tote. Bind top edge only for all other pockets. These pockets are for inside of tote.

Step Six—Machine Appliqué for Inside Tote Pockets

Refer to Large Tote Layout for pocket placement.

Make a test piece before proceeding with the tote. With two scraps of quilted fabric, lay one on top of the other as if applying pocket to tote section. Experiment with sewing machine settings so that machine appliqué stitches are close enough together to completely cover the raw edge and still feed easily under the presser foot. Consult machine owner's guide for suggested settings.

To make layered pockets, place top pocket onto base pocket. Stitch a straight line of basting stitches very close to raw edge along three sides of top pocket. Machine appliqué pocket in place. If top pocket is to be divided into two or three sections, stitch these lines now, backstitching to secure. When pockets are layered and divided as needed, place prepared pockets against main fabric side of one tote section. (Note that pocket #4 is divided *after* being appliquéd to tote.) Stitch a straight line of basting stitches along three sides of base pockets. Machine appliqué pockets to tote section.

Mark center on long sides of tote section. Measure width of 24" ruler and add 1/2". Example, ruler is 6" wide, add 1/2" for a total of 6 1/2". Divide total by two (3 1/4"). On long sides of tote, measure 3 1/4" each way from center and mark. Draw stitching lines from bound edge to bound edge at 3 1/4" marks. This defines ruler pocket area.

Place each pencil pocket 3" from the bound edge of tote section and within ruler pocket area. Lay ribbon over long edge opposite the zipper. Tuck ends under the pencil pocket. With straight stitch, sew in place, stitching along each edge of ribbon and across the ends.

Step Seven—Handles and Velcro

Cut 4 pieces of handle webbing, each measuring 13 1/2" long. Position handles at top edges, handle ends against the lining fabric side of both tote sections. Place handles 10" in from each side. Raw edge of handle should be 1 1/4" down from top bound edge. To secure handles ends to tote, sew a square with an "X" inside the square, being careful not to sew into binding. See Enlargement Detail on Large Tote Layout.

Cut 3 pieces of Velcro, each 1 1/2" long. Stitch 2 Velcro pieces to upper corners of inside tote sections and 1 piece of Velcro inside top edge of book pocket. Use Velcro for any other pockets you feel require it.

Step Eight—Attaching Outside Tote Pockets

Make buttonhole at center top edge of bound 7" x 7" pocket. Layer 7" x 7" pocket on top of bound 11" x 13 1/2" pocket and mark button placement. Sew button to base pocket. Layer pockets and stitch in the ditch (where binding meets pocket fabric) on three sides of top pocket, leaving top edge open. Place layered pocket on tote. Stitch in the ditch on three sides.

Step Nine—Join Quilter's Tote Sections

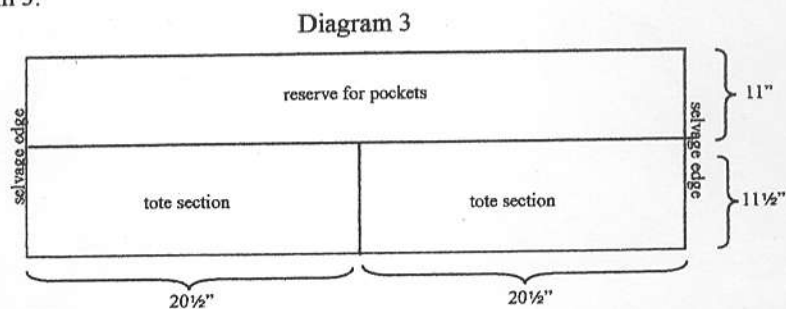
Layer completed tote sections, lining fabric sides together. With outside of tote facing you, stitch in the ditch at sides from top bound edge to ruler pocket opening, backstitching to secure. Repeat for each side, leaving ruler pocket area unsewn.

Sew across tote on marked lines for ruler pocket area, beginning and ending at side bound edges, backstitching to secure, taking care not to catch pencil pockets.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SMALL QUILTER'S TOTE

Please read all instructions for Large Quilter's Tote before beginning.

Follow Step One—Marking the Quilting Lines and Step Two—Machine Quilting instructions given for the Large Quilter's Tote. Cut the Small Quilter's Tote sections as shown in Diagram 3.



Step Three—Binding Small Quilter's Tote Sections

From binding fabric, cut 5 strips 2 1/2" wide. Set aside one strip for outside pocket. Follow instructions for Large Quilter's Tote given in Step Four—Binding Quilter's Tote Sections. Use 2 binding strips for each tote section.