

Lainie's Tote

Craft Leftovers

Over Christmas break I went into a bag making frenzy. I made myself a market bag, my sister 2, and had plans for another for my friend. When she came over to pick out her fabric her daughter came along too. I told her that I would make her a market bag just for her. You know, kid's sized. She picked out some awesome fabric and buttons for it. I whipped it right up and dropped it off at her house. I never did finish her mom's bag. Her birthday in April for sure.

Ingredients:

One 12 1/2" x 2" of Main Colored Fabric and of a Contrasting Colored Fabric

Two 12 1/2" x 9" of Main Colored Fabric and of a Contrasting Colored Fabric

One 5" x 7" piece of Contrasting colored fabric

One 7" length of 1/4" ribbon

2 buttons 9/16" or larger



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Directions:

Use the one inch bias tape maker to make the straps from the 2" x 12 1/2" pieces of fabric. Sew together with wrong sides together by straight stitching along the long sides of the fabric.

Sew a 1/2" hem along the top long side of all 9" x 12 1/2" fabric pieces.

Fold over and press each edge of the pocket 1/4". Center on one of the liner pieces, 1" from the top of the fabric and sew around the edge of pocket along the sides and the top. Sew 2 3/4" from one edge to divide it into two pockets that are different sizes.

Sew liner pieces right sides together along the 2 sides and bottom. Repeat for the outer fabric.

Make a flat bottom for Lainie's tote by matching the side seam to the bottom seam and then flattening to form a triangle. At the point where the triangle is 3" wide, fold and press. Stitch the fold to hold in place. Repeat for the other corner as well as the corner of the other fabric.

Turn outer fabric right side out.

Place the liner (wrong side out) into the outer fabric (right side out) and pin in place starting at the side seam and going all the way around the top hem.

Pin the handle in place so each end of the handle is centered with each side seam between the liner and the outer fabric. fold the ribbon in half and pin between the liner and outer fabric, center it in the front of the bag.

Sew around the top of the hem, 1/4" away from the edge of your fabric. Sew again around the hem, 1" away from the edge of your fabric.

Sew a button on the opposite side of the bag so it lines up with the ribbon loop when the bag opening is pinched together. Sew your other button 3/4" above the other button for when the bag gets nice a full.

Enjoy!



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