

## TOTE BAG DIRECTIONS

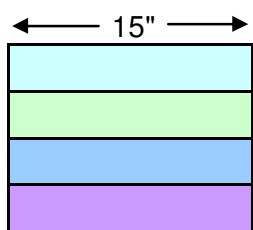
These directions accompany the kit the guild provides members.

You are welcome to duplicate the bag's dimensions, substituting a quilt block or other arrangement of fabrics for the outsides of the bag.

### Materials in Kit

- (8) 3 1/2" by 15" strips for outer bag sides
- (2) 15 inch squares for lining
- (2) 2 1/2" by 37" long strips for handles
- (1) 15 inch square of batting

### Making the Squares for the Outside of the Tote:

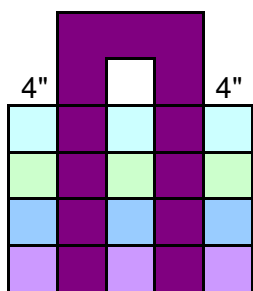


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Use a 1/4" seam allowance for steps 1 - 8.

- 1 Sew 4 of the eight 15" strips together for the front.
- 2 Repeat step one with the second set of 4 strips for the back.
- 3 Press seams down.
- 4 Pin batting to the wrong side of ONE of the sides.
- 5 Pin one of the lining pieces to this same side, but on the outside with right sides together.
- 6 Stitch the 3 layers together at the top.
- 7 Press and turn.
- 8 Pin the wrong sides of the remaining lining & side together stitch across the top.
- 9 Press and turn.

### Handles:



- 1 Turn 1/4" of each edge toward the center of the wrong side - press.
- 2 Fold strip in half, matching pressed edges. Top stitch.
- 3 Starting at the bottom of each side, pin the right side of each handle to the right side of each side - four inches from the edges.
- 4 Sew the handle down by top stitching 1/4" from each edge.

### Assembling the Bag:

French seams are used to sew the sides and bottom together.

- 1 Pin WRONG sides together and stitch the three raw edges with a 1/4" seam.
- 2 Trim to 1/8", close to the stitching. Turn inside out and press.
- 3 Stitch the three sides again using 1/4" seams. Turn and you are finished.

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