



## **2-hour Tote Bag**

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\*Fat Quarter (FQ)- a piece of fabric that measures ~18" x 22". Very popular in fabric and quilt shops already cut to this size.

### **Supplies:**

- Exterior fabric: 1/2 yard
- Lining fabric: 1/2 yard
- Bottom panel exterior & Lining: 1-2 fat quarters
- Exterior Pockets & pocket lining: 1 fat quarter
- Binding fabric: 1-2 fat quarters
- Bag Body Interfacing: One pack of **Bosal Duet Fuse- double sided fusible batting.**
- Shoulder strap: 3.25 yards of 1" wide webbing of your choice.
- All purpose 100% polyester thread
- 80/12 or 90/14 Universal sewing machine needle (may need larger needle if using leather, cork or vinyl for bag.)
- Basic sewing supplies: safety pin, rulers, cutting tools, plastic clips, fabric safe marking tool, iron + ironing board, sewing machine with straight stitch & zig zag capability.

### **Cutting:**

- 1) Cut 2 exterior fabric main body at 16" x 21"
- 2) Cut 2 lining fabric main body at 16" x 21"
- 3) Cut 2 double sided fusible fleece (or batting, foam, etc) at 16" x 21"
- 4) Cut 1 exterior fabric for bag bottom at 8" x 15"
- 5) Cut 1 lining fabric for bag bottom at 8" x 15"
- 6) Cut 1 double sided fusible fleece (or batting, foam, etc) at 8" x 15"
- 7) Cut 1 double sided fusible fleece (or batting, foam, etc) at 9" x 22"
- 8) Cut 3 strips of fabric for bag and pocket binding at 2" x 22"
- 9) Cut 2 pieces of 1" wide webbing at 56" each.

### **Directions:**

- 1) Sandwich together one 16" x 21" piece of **Duet Fuse** in between one exterior and lining fabric panel. Fuse together. Quilting is optional. Repeat to make one more exterior panel. **Watch Video #2.**
- 2) Trim bag panels down to 15" x 20". **Note:** if using a directional print make sure you orient it so the 20" dimension is running horizontally in front of you when "reading" the fabric. **Watch Video #2.**
- 3) Baste around all four sides of both bag panels with a zig zag stitch. **Watch Video #2.**
- 4) Place the 9" x 22" strip of **Duet Fuse** inside the fat quarter of fabric you'll be using for your. Two exterior pockets. Fold fabric over the fusible batting and fuse layers together. Then cut out two pocket panels at 8" x 8.5" and zig zag stitch around all four sides of both. **Watch Video #3.**
- 5) Take one 2" x 22" strip of binding fabric and fold and press it in half lengthwise. Open the strip and fold outer long edges in to reach the center crease line you just created. Press and glue baste (optional). Slide the top edge of one pocket panel inside the binding strip and clip in place. Repeat to other pocket panel. Topstitch across the top edge of both pocket panels to secure binding in place. Trim away any excess binding on the sides of each. **Watch Video #3.**

- 6) Mark centers along bottom edge of both bag panels and both pocket panels. Place one pocket panel on top of one bag panel with center marks touching along bottom edge. Place clips to hold in place. Repeat to remaining bag and pocket panel. **Watch Video #4.**
- 7) Sew down both sides and the bottom edge of the pockets to secure them to the bag panel. Use an 1/8" seam allowance. **Watch Video #4.**
- 8) Take the two 56" lengths of webbing and place them flush with the bottom edge of the bag panel, over the side edges of the pockets and up towards the top of the bag panel. The webbing strap will be sewn so it covers the raw edges of the pockets. Before sewing make sure the straps measure the same distance in from the sides of the bag panel. Place clips and/or pins and sew down the sides of the webbing at 1/8" seam allowance. Make sure to stop 5/8"- 3/4" down from the top raw edge of the bag panel (we need to leave room to bind it). Repeat with remaining bag panel and webbing strap. **Watch Video #4.**
- 9) Take the two remaining 2" x 22" strips of fabric and press them into a binding strip just as you did for the pockets. Place the top raw edge of one bag panel inside binding strip and topstitch to secure it in place. Make sure to move the webbing straps out of your way while you sew binding on. Trim away any excess binding. Repeat to other bag panel. **Watch Video #5.**
- 10) Take the 8" x 15" piece of fabric for the bag bottom exterior and fold it in half once and then again in the opposite direction. On the corner that has the four layers of raw edges measure and mark 3" over to the right and 3" down the side. Draw a curve matching those two points and trim through all the layers. When you open it up you should end up with an oblong shaped piece of fabric. Use this one as your template to cut one more from your lining fabric and one of the fusible batting. **Watch Video #6.**
- 11) Take exterior fabric, lining fabric and **Duet Fuse** and sandwich together and fuse to create the bag bottom panel. Zig zag stitch around the bag bottom panel. **Watch Video #7.**
- 12) Mark the centers along all four sides of the bag bottom panel. Then match it up with pretty sides (exterior fabric to exterior fabric) touching on the bag body. Place clips all around to secure and sew to attach using a 1/2" seam allowance. **Watch Video #7.**
- 13) Now you have the option to zig zag around the bottom panel seam allowance again and leave it like that or make and attach binding to conceal the seam allowance.
- 14) For step by step instructions on making and attaching the binding option please **Watch Video #8.**

That's it! Enjoy your new tote!