# Easy Reversible Jumbo Shopper Tote Made with 10" Precuts



#### Pattern Information – Read all instructions carefully before beginning

- Finished bag size (not including handle drop) is approximately 18" x 18"
- Unless otherwise noted, a 1/4" seam allowance used

### **Fabric Needed**

- 16 10" squares 8 for the outside and 8 for the inside
- 2 10" squares for the handles
- 2 pieces of lightweight cotton fusible interfacing cut 19 3/8" x 19 3/8"

## **Bag Assembly**

Sew together 4 of the 10" squares to form a 4-patch. (fig. 1) Repeat until you have four 4-patches. Press seams open.



fig. 1

Following the manufacturer's instructions on the fusible interfacing, adhere one piece to the back (wrong side) of each of the pieces you made in fig. 1. (fig. 2) Set the pieces aside.

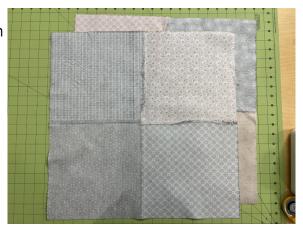


Fig. 2

#### **Making the Handles**

Cut six  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " x 10" strips from the two 10" squares of fabric for the handles. Make 2 long strips, each made up of 3 of the cut strips, sewing together on the short ends of the strips. (fig. 3)



fig. 3

Fold the strip in half (long way) and press to form a center line. Open up the strip and bring both edges up to the center line and press. (fig. 4) Next, refold in half and press. (fig. 5)



fig. 4

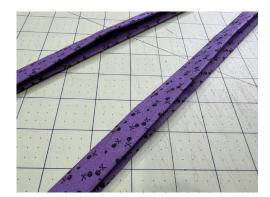


fig. 5

Sew along each side of the handles, using an 1/8" seam allowance from the edges. (fig. 6)



fig. 6

## **Attaching Handle**

Determine the tops of the two outside 4-patches made earlier. Measure 3 ½" in from the left and right and make a small mark. Line up the handle with the outside edge of the handles to the inside of the marks. Pin. (fig. 7) Using a 1/8" seam allowance and sew the handle down, backstitching a couple of times. This adds an extra bit of security and ensures they don't move when sewing the lining on. (fig. 8)



fig. 7



fig. 8

Line up the right sides of the front and back of the back together. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew along the left, right and bottom of the bag. (fig. 9) The handles will be on the inside. Clip the two bottom corners. (fig. 10)

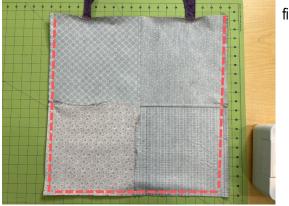


fig. 9



Turn the bag right sides out and set aside. (fig. 11)



fig. 11

## **Making the Lining**

Next, line up the lining pieces with right sides facing. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew along the left, right and bottom of the pieces leaving a gap of about 6" - 7" on the bottom. *Tip: Backstitch at the gap so the stitches don't tear out when turning the bag right sides out.* Clip the corners on the bottom. (fig. 12)



fig. 12

## **Finishing the Bag**

Insert the outer part of the bag into the prepared lining, right sides facing. Pin along the top edge, making sure the seams are matching.

Make sure that the straps are inside, between the two layers of fabric. (fig. 13)



fig. 13

Sew all around the top edge of the bag (front and back) using about a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. (fig. 14)



fig. 14

Using the opening in the bottom of the bag, turn the bag right sides out. (fig. 15)



fig. 15



Pull out the lining, press and stitch the opening on the bottom closed. (fig. 16)



fig. 16



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Insert the lining in and press the bag. Lastly, top stitch around the top edge (about 1/8" seam allowance) to help secure the straps and lining. (fig. 17)



fig. 17

Enjoy your bag!



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