

# Trail Tote

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Finished Large Tote measures 14-1/2" x 15" x 2-1/2".

Finished Small Tote measures 10" x 10-1/2" x 1-1/2".

**Pattern Level: Experienced Intermediate**









*"I know the ropes and would like to test my skills!"*

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## Fabric and Supplies Needed

### Large Tote

### Small Tote

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	AFR-15024-2 BLACK	1/2 yard		F	AFR-15026-34 SAGE	1/2 yard
	B	AFR-15025-12 GREY	1/2 yard		G	AFR-15028-292 MERINGUE	1/2 yard
	C	AFR-15027-12 GREY	1/4 yard		H	AFR-15029-14 NATURAL	1/4 yard
	D	E064-1143 FLAX	3/4 yard		I	E014-1157 GREY	1/2 yard

\*more fabric may be required for Fabric C if using a directional print.

*A casual and easy-to-wear tote that will feature your favorite fabrics!  
Can't get much better than that. This crossbody style tote bag comes in two sizes  
for whatever stage of life you're in. An exterior zipper securely holds all those  
really important things like your keys and phone. Edged in piping and an  
adjustable strap make this bag beautiful and functional.  
Not to mention, easy to sew!*

Throughout the pattern the amounts for the large tote will be listed first, followed by the small tote in parenthesis: Large Tote (Small Tote).

You will also need:

2 (1) yards fusible woven interfacing (such as Pellon SF101) - 20" wide.

1-1/2 yards 1/8" cotton cording for making piping.

8" (6") zipper.

14mm extra thin magnetic snap.

Two 1-1/2" (1") rectangular o-rings, One 1-1/2" (1") strap slider.

1/4" wide fusible tape (such as Pellon).

Piping Foot (optional).

## Notes Before You Begin

- Please read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise noted.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

RST= right sides together

WST= wrong sides together

RSO= right sides out

WOF= width of fabric (usually 42")

### Printing the Pattern Pieces

- Print pages 8 and 9 for the small tote and 10-12 for the large tote. Cut pieces out and then match the letters and tape together.

## Cutting Instructions

### Fabric A (Exterior):

- Cut two on fold using the Main pattern piece

### Fabric B (Lining)

- Cut two on fold using the Main pattern piece

### Fabric C (Accent)

- Cut one rectangle 21" tall x 11" wide for exterior zipper pocket lining (for large tote)  
OR cut one 16" tall x 9" wide for exterior zipper pocket lining (for small tote).
- Cut two squares 9" x 9" for interior slip pocket (for large tote)  
OR two squares 6" x 6" for interior slip pocket (for small tote).

### Fabric D (Strap and Piping):

- Cut two strips 6" tall x WOF (for large tote)  
OR two strips 4" tall x WOF (for small tote).
- Cut three 1-1/2" wide strips on the bias from remaining fabric.

### Fusible Woven Interfacing:

- Cut four on fold using the Main pattern piece
- Cut three 6" tall x WOF (for large tote)  
OR cut three 4" tall x WOF (for small tote).
- Cut one square 9" x 9" for interior slip pocket (for large tote)  
OR one square 6" x 6" for interior slip pocket (for small tote).

### Before you Begin Sewing:

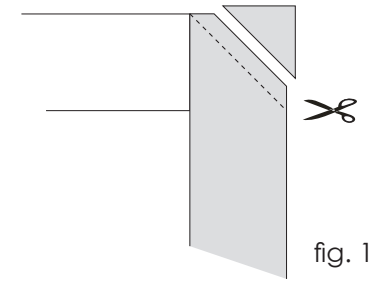
- Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the two Main Exterior pieces and the two Main Lining pieces following the manufacturer's instructions on the interfacing.

## Assembly Instructions

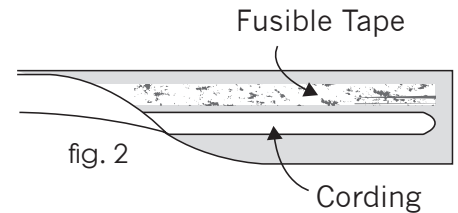
### Step 1: Make the Piping

- Place the Fabric D bias strips together at a 90° angle and sew along the diagonal seam using a 1/4" seam allowance (fig. 1).

You will need approximately 45" for the large tote or 32" for the small tote.



- Press seams open. Place cording in middle of joined strip and fold in half WST. Baste in place or use 1/4" fusible tape and a hot iron to fuse in place (fig. 2).



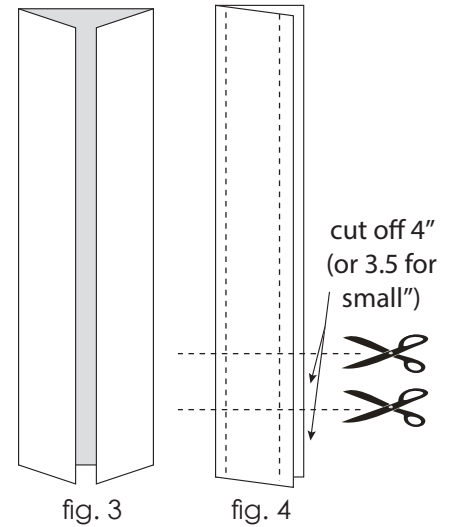
### Step 2: Make the Strap

- Join Fabric D strap pieces, short ends together, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Trim to 60" long.

Fuse interfacing to WS, but leave the last 8" (7" for small tote) without interfacing. Press short interfaced end WST by 1/2". Fold strap in half WST lengthwise. Open and press raw edges to center fold line. Fold in half again and press (fig. 3).

- Topstitch along both edges and add additional rows of topstitching as desired. Trim 4" from short raw end (3-1/2" for small tote). Trim additional 4" (3-1/2") piece (fig. 4).

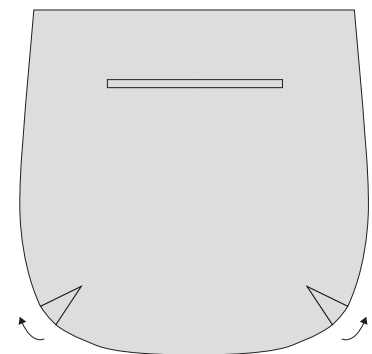
- Loop one 4" (3-1/2") piece around rectangular o-ring and baste in place on raw edge. Repeat for remaining small strap piece and rectangular o-ring. Set aside.



### Step 3: Sew the Darts

- Mark dart legs on WS of all Fabric A main exterior and Fabric B lining pieces.

Align dart legs RST. Sew from raw edge to dart point following markings. Backstitch at dart tip (fig. 5).



- Press darts towards the sides for one main exterior piece and towards the center for the other main exterior piece. Repeat for lining pieces (fig. 6).

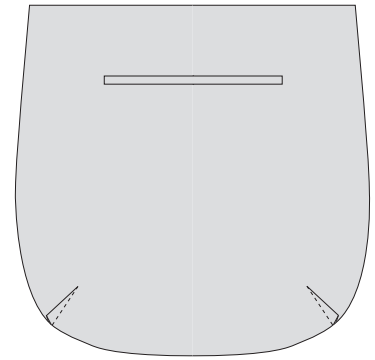


fig. 6

#### Step 4: Insert Zippered Pocket

- Finger press Fabric C zippered pocket lining piece and front main exterior piece in half to find center. Place zippered pocket lining piece RST with front main exterior, centered and aligned to top raw edge. Mark a rectangular box  $3/8''$  tall x  $8-1/4''$  wide for large tote ( $6-1/4''$  wide for small tote) as indicated on pattern piece. If you'd like to measure and mark the box with a ruler, it measures  $3-1/4''$  from top raw edge on large tote and  $2-1/2''$  from top raw edge on small tote.

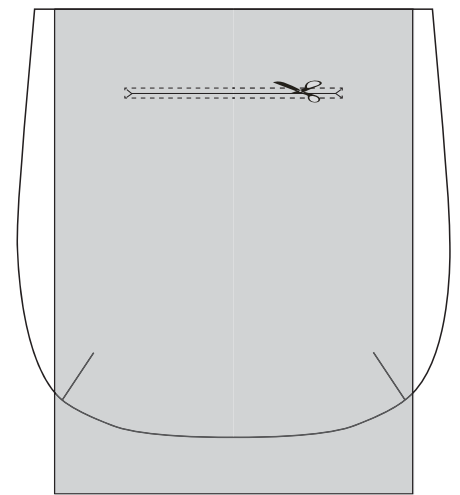


fig. 7

- Sew along marked rectangle. Cut through all layers down center of rectangle, clipping out towards corners being careful not to cut through stitching (fig. 7).

- Pull zippered pocket lining through rectangle to wrong side of front main exterior. Finger press to make sure as little of the pocket lining fabric is showing as possible. Press. Place  $1/4''$  fusible tape on both sides of zipper tape. Place zipper behind rectangular opening. Zipper pull will be at the left side. Press in place. Topstitch through all layers around rectangle (fig. 8).

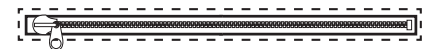


fig. 8

- Working from WS of front main exterior, fold zippered pocket lining up to meet the top raw edge of front main exterior. Sew along both pocket sides to close the pocket (but not through front main exterior). Baste along top raw edge through all layers using a  $1/4''$  seam allowance (fig. 9).

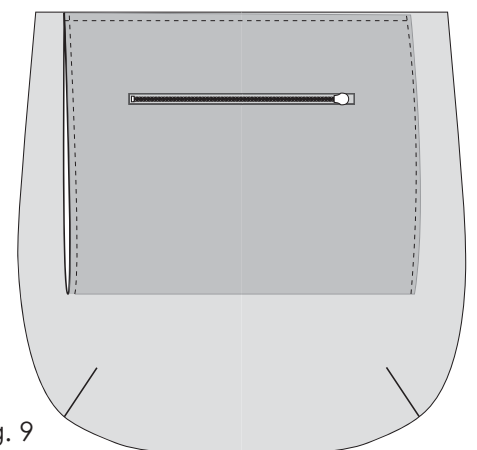
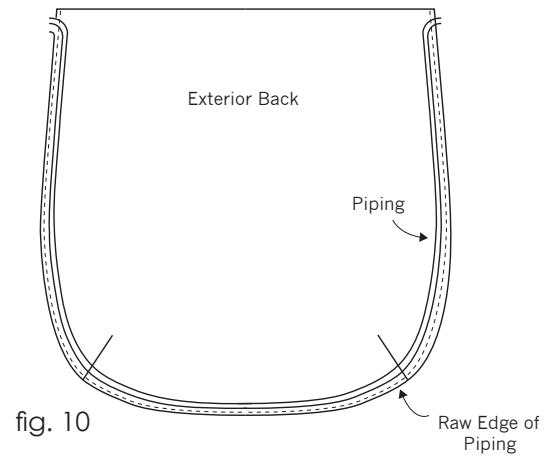


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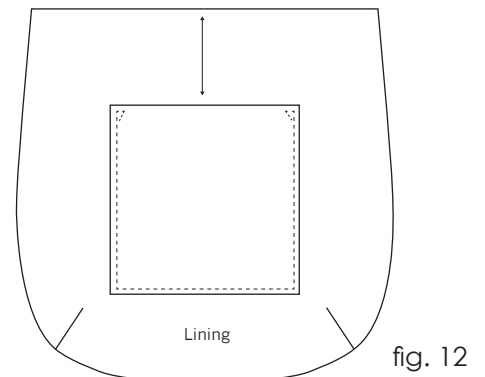
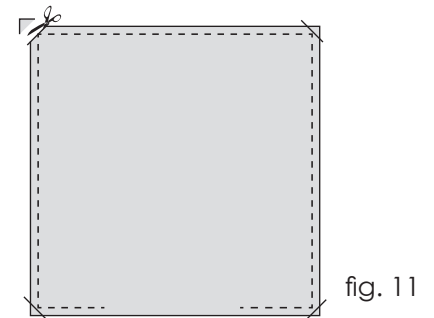
### Step 5: Attach piping and Complete Exterior

- Pin piping in place along sides and bottom of back main exterior piece. Baste piping in place, bending piping out towards seam allowance 3/4" from each top raw edge. (fig. 10)
- Place main exterior pieces RST. Sew along sides and bottom using a piping foot. Turn RSO. Gently press flat.



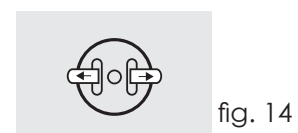
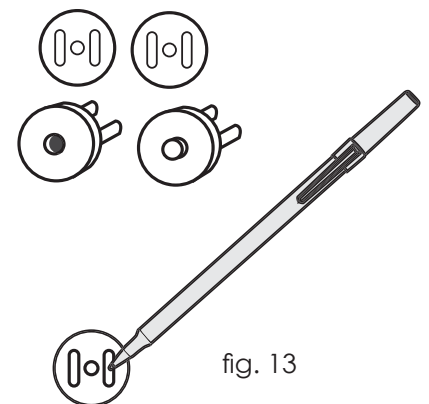
### Step 6: Make the lining

- Place Fabric C interior slip pocket pieces RST. Sew along all sides leaving a 3-4" opening for turning on bottom. Clip corners (fig. 11). Turn right side out. Press. Topstitch along top pocket edge.
- Finger press pocket and lining piece in half to find center. Center pocket 2-1/2" (small) OR 3-1/2" (large) from top raw edge. Pin in place. Sew along sides and bottom, beginning and ending with a small triangle in each corner for reinforcement (fig. 12).

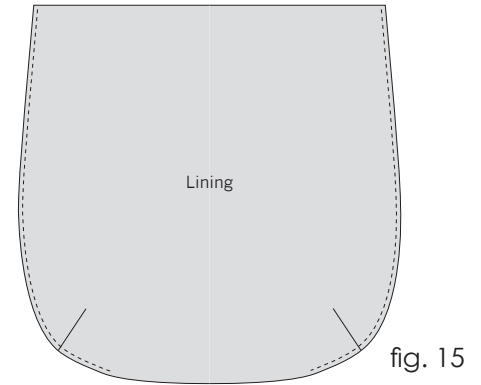


### Install the magnetic snap:

- With a water soluble pen, from top raw edge make a mark 1-1/2" down for small, 2" down for large on the center of the lining.
- Use a water soluble pen to mark where the prongs of the magnetic snap will be, using the washer as a guide (fig. 13). On WRONG side of lining, fuse small scrap of fusible interfacing over marking.
- Cut small slits into the lining pieces where you marked the prong placement. You can also add a dab of fray check to stop any fraying of the fabric.
- From the RIGHT side of the lining, push the prongs of the snap through fabric and take a small piece of batting or stiff interfacing (or both) and push the prongs (or cut slits) through that as well. Slip washer over prongs. Bend prongs over to sides (fig. 14).
- Fuse additional scrap of fusible interfacing over entire back of snap. Repeat same steps for other half of magnetic snap attaching it to the other side of the lining piece.

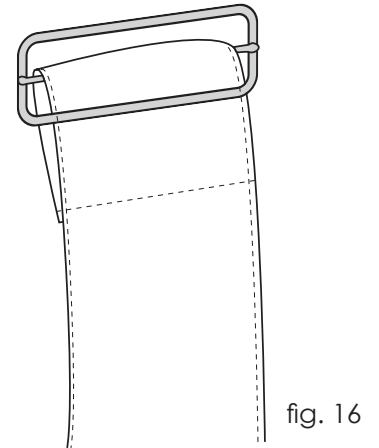


- Place lining pieces RST. Sew leaving a 4-5" opening on the bottom edge for turning (fig. 15).



**Step 7: Assemble**

- Baste strap loops with rectangular o-rings centered on each main exterior side seam. Alternately, you can slightly offset the strap placement to have the edge of the strap loops about 1/4" away from each side seam, one on the front and one on the back main pieces. This will help reduce the bulk at the side seams.



- Slip assembled lining over assembled exterior RST. Strap will be facing down into the tote in between exterior and lining. Sew along top open edge. Turn RSO through opening in lining. Tuck in raw edges of lining opening. Sew closed by machine or hand. Push lining into tote. Press along top edge and topstitch.

- Take remaining strap piece and thread raw edge over center bar of strap slider. Sew in place 2" from strap slider (fig. 16).

- Thread finished edge through right rectangular o-ring, up and over center bar of strap slider. Down through left rectangular o-ring and up into place 2" folding back on itself. Sew into place making a rectangle for reinforcement (fig. 17).

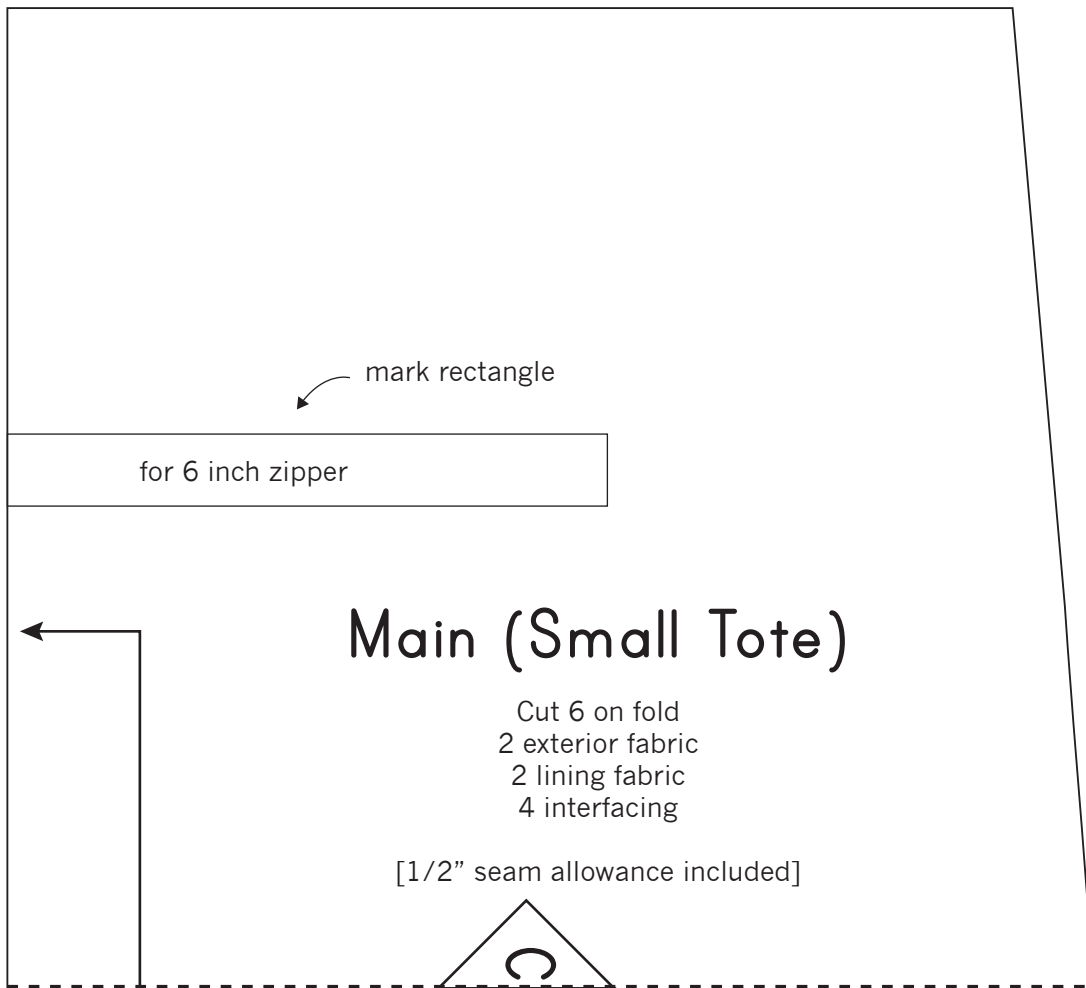


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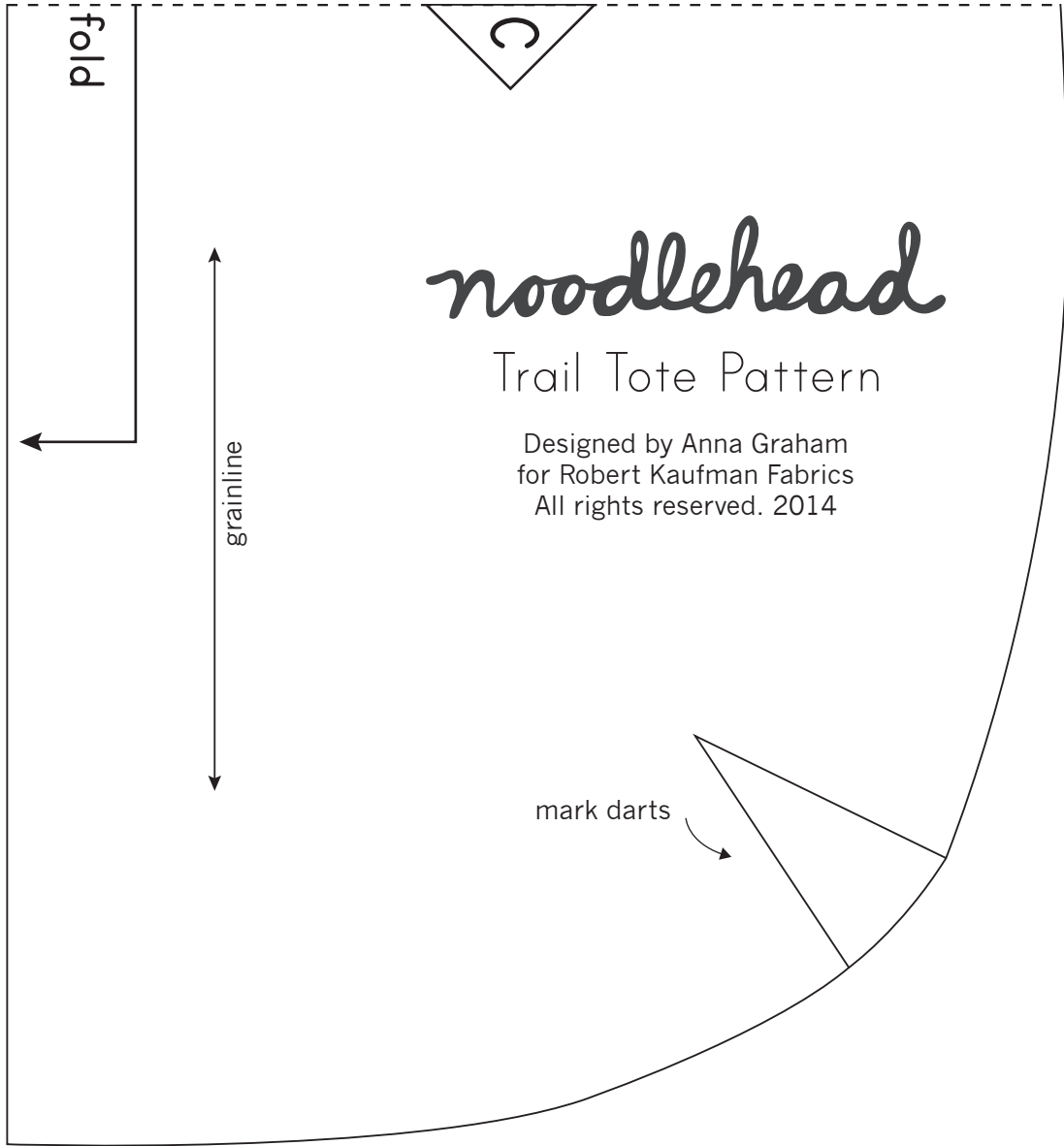
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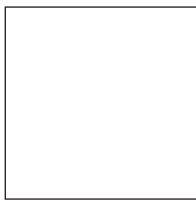


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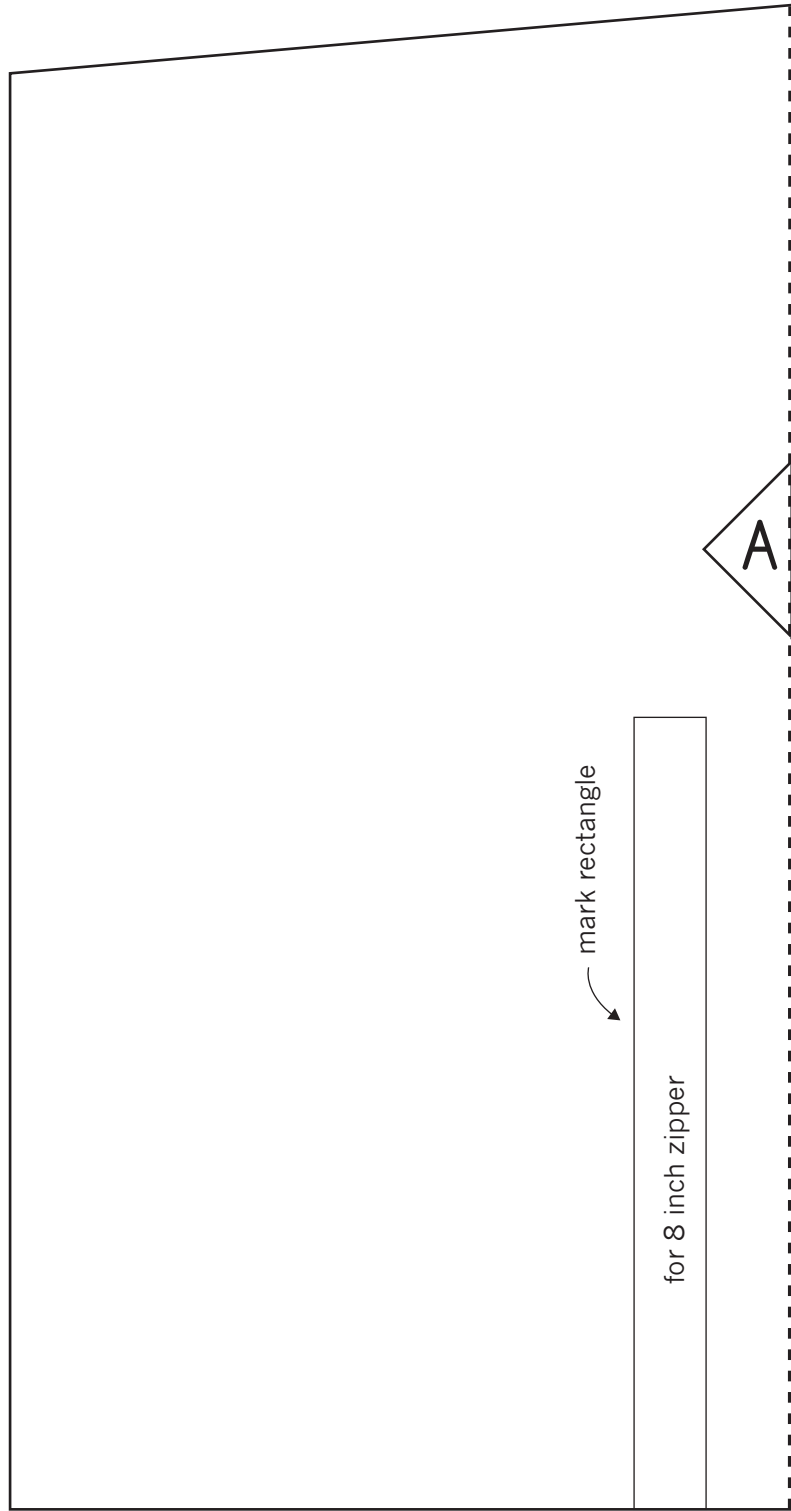








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# Main (Large Tote)

- Cut 6 on fold
- 2 exterior fabric
- 2 lining fabric
- 4 interfacing

[1/2" seam allowance included]

# noodlehead

Trail Tote Pattern

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