

Sewing Tote Designed by Heidi Pridemore Approximate size 19" x 13" x 6"





APR-8280-192 Spring





APR-8280-193 Summer APR-8281-193 Summer



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Quilt designed Heidi Pridemore

Use 1/2" seam allowances to make this project.

Fabric Requirements:

Dark Needles: 1 yard of 8280-192 Light Needles: 1 yard of 8280-193 Blue Thread: 1/2 yard of 8291-192

Buttons: 5/8 yard of 8281-193

Batting: 1/2 yard Cuttina:

Dark Needles: Cut two 14" x 20" strips, two 7" x 16" strips and one 7" x 17" strip.

Light Needles: Cut two 14" x 20" strips, two 7" x 16" strips, one 7" x 17" strip

and two 5" x 8" strips.

Blue Thread: Cut four 4-1/2" x 5" strips and four 9" x 11" strips.

Cut four 4" x width of fabric (WOF) strips. Piece the strips Buttons:

together with a 45° anale seam to make two 4" x 62" strips. Cut

two $2-1/4'' \times 5''$ strips and two $2-1/4'' \times 4-1/2''$ strips.

Cut two 14" x 20" strips, two 7" x 16" strips, one 7" x 17" strip, Batting:

and two 1" x 62" strips.

Tote Bag Assembly Instructions:

1) Layer one 14" x 20" Dark Needle piece on top of one 14" x 20" piece of batting. Repeat with the remaining Dark Needle pieces and the matching batting pieces. Quilt the pieces as desired.

2) Following Figure 1, measure and mark the 14" x 20" Dark Needles Front and Back pieces and the 14" x 20" Light Needles Lining pieces.

3) Use the curve template and refer to Figure 2 to draw the side and curved corner on each piece. Cut the drawn lines to complete the bag front and back pieces. Repeat with the lining front and back pieces to cut the curved sides.

4) To make the inside pockets, place two 9" x 11" Blue Threads strips, right sides together and sew, leaving an opening for turning. Turn the interior pocket right side out and stitch the opening close to make one interior pocket. Repeat to make second interior pocket.

5) Position one interior pocket on each 14" x 20" Light Needles lining piece and top stitch down the sides and across the bottom of each pocket.

6) To make the outside short pockets, sew one 2-1/4" x 4-1/2" Buttons strip to the top one 4-1/2" X 5" Blue Thread strip to make one Short Pocket Front. Repeat to make second Short Pocket front and two Short Pocket Backs. Place a Short Pocket Front and Short Pocket back, right sides together. Sew the two pieces together leaving a small opening for turning. Turn the short pocket right side out and stitch the opening close. Repeat to make a second short pocket.

7) To make the tall pocket, sew one 2-1/4" x 5" Buttons strip to the top of one 5" x 8" Light Needles piece to make the Tall Pocket Front. Repeat to make the Tall Pocket Back. Place the Tall Pocket front and back, right sides together. Sew the two pieces together leaving a small opening for turning. Turn the Tall Pocket right side out and stitch the opening close.

8) To make one strap, fold 4" x 62" strip in half lengthwise and press a center line. Open the folded strip and fold the long edges in, aligning them with the center line and press. Fold the strip in half a second time and press to make one 1"x 62" strips with finished edges. Top stitch down each long side to make one strap. Repeat to make a second strap.

9) Refer to the Tote photo and pin in place the two Short Pockets, one Tall Pocket to the front of the 14" x 20" Dark Needles piece. Position and pin one Strap in place letting the strap ends go pass the front bottom 1". The strap bottoms will be caught in the seams. Top stitch the pockets and strap to the tote front. Pin the remaining strap to the second 14" x 20" Dark Needles piece and top stitch in place to make the Tote Back.

10) Sew one quilted 7" x 16" Dark Needles (bag sides) to each end of one quilted 7" x 17" Dark Needles (bag bottom) to make one side/bottom/side strip.

- 11) Center the bottom panel on the sewn strips from Step 4 to the bottom of the 14" x 20" front panel. Pin in place, continue to pin the strip around the curved corners and up the sides of the front panel. Sew the side/bottom/side strip to the bag front. Repeat to sew the side/bottom/side strip to the bag back panel to make the tote. NOTE: You may need to trim the Side strip to be even with the front and back pieces.
- 12) Repeat Steps 4-5 to make the lining of the tote with the two 14" x 20", two 7" x 16" and one 7" x 17" Light Needles pieces, leaving a small opening for turning the finished bag to make the Tote Lining.
- 13) Place the Tote Lining and Tote, right sides together. Sew around the top of the two pieces catching the bottom of the straps in the seams. Turn the tote right side out through the small opening in the lining and Press.

Bag Front Bag Back Lining Front Lining Back 3" 2" Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Template for the Curved **Corners**