

TOTE BAG CLASS – PREWORK/SUPPLIES

PREWORK AT HOME: Two 19"X19" sandwiched blocks of outside bag fabric/batting/inside bag fabric QUILTED. Supplies listed below for 19 X 19 block. Pocket (see below).

SUPPLIES:

Sewing machine, cord, foot pedal and a walking foot, thread, prewound bobbins, and extra needles are needed. Basic quilter's sewing kit (scissors, pins, a flexible tape measure etc.) Chalk, Chalk marker, water soluble pen or air removable pen for marking handle and pocket placement. Ruler for lining up handles and a small gridded mat to guide measurements, space is tight in classroom.

POCKET: A completed applique block from 8/8/17 class taught at BQU (Brunswick Quilt University), quilted. A facsimile block can be used but needs to be sized to 9.5" X 9.5", batted and quilted at home.

HANDLES:

For the bag displayed at Guild, I used grosgrain ribbon inside handles, 7/8" X 105", and cut fabric handles 3.5" wide X 105" long. (handle length should be custom to your fit). Use what you have available for inside your handles so long as your machine sews through it (batting, webbing, grosgrain ribbon).

INSIDE BOTTOM BAG: I used a piece of an old cutting mat, cut with scissors to 10 ½" X 5 ½", and made a small slip cover a little longer (sewed one short side and two long sides up on the machine, placed it over the mat and stitched the 4th edge closed. You could use heavy cardboard, plastic from an old Tupperware lid etc.

BINDING:

22" X 2.50" wide of binding for top/bottom raw edge of pocket

40" X 2.50" wide of binding for raw edge of bag.

OUTSIDE FABRIC / BATTING/INSIDE FABRIC:

Outside tote bag fabric: cut two 19" X 19" ; Batting: cut two 19" X 19"; Inside tote bag fabric: cut two 19" X 19"; Make two sandwiches of these cuttings. Outside fabric /batting/inside tote fabric, make two. **Prequilt both of these sandwiches before coming to class.** We will assemble bag in class.

