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# REUSABLE SHOPPING TOTE

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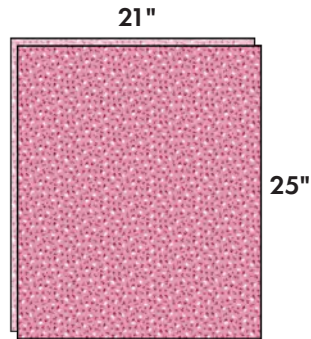


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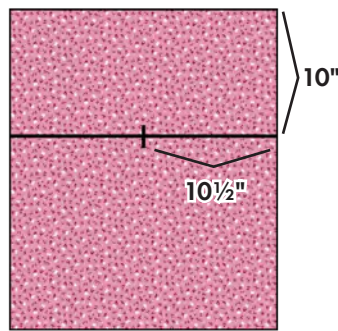
# CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

**CUT BAG:** Cut (2) pieces that are 25" tall and 21" wide. (This will use pretty much all of your fabric.)

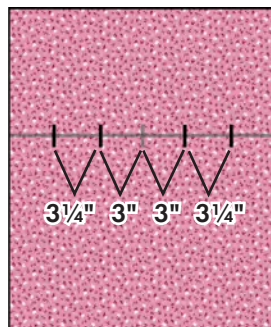


The following instructions detail how to cut the bag shape with a set of measurements and marks. In each illustration, the step described will be in black, and previous steps will be shown in gray.

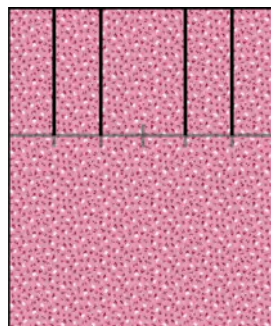
Draw a line across one piece 10" below top. Make mark 10½" in from one edge (this should be the center).



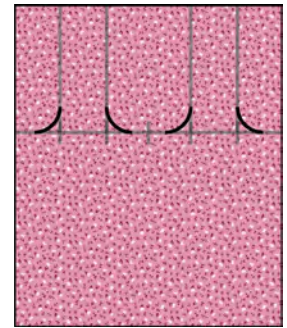
To each side of center mark, measuring out from center, mark 3" and an additional 3¼".



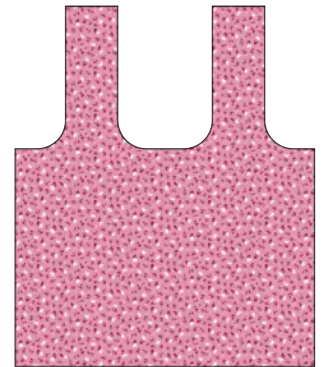
At each mark in previous step, draw a line up to top edge. Be sure lines are parallel to sides of fabric. These lines form the bag handles.



Using a round object approximately 4" in diameter (like a coffee mug), make the outer corners of each handle into a curve by tracing the edge of the object.



Trim top of bag along handle lines as shown, following curves. Cut only along lines as you'll need the scraps for the next cutting step.



Place cut piece on second fabric piece, trace edges, and cut (instead of doing all the measuring again!) so you have two bag pieces. Designate one to be the front.

**TIP:** If you're going to make more than one bag, trace off one fabric piece at this point so that you have a template for future bags and don't have to re-measure. Newsprint, butcher paper or gift wrapping paper work great for tracing.

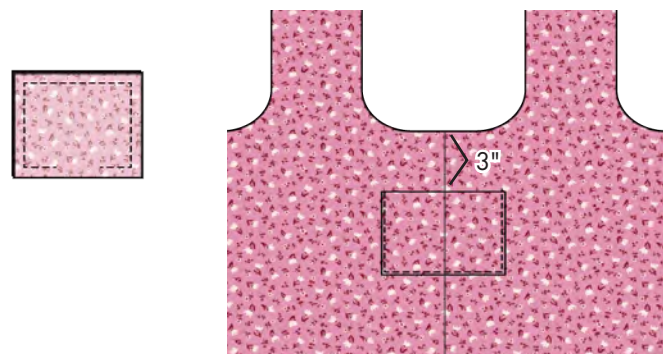
**CUT POCKET:** From fabric scraps, cut (2) rectangles 5½" wide and 4½" tall. These will only fit on the fabric scrap that was cut from between the handles.

# SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow seam allowance instructions in each step. RST means right sides together. SA means seam allowance. Always backstitch at the beginning and end of a seam.

**POCKET:** Place pocket rectangles RST. Stitch around all four edges with a ¼" SA, pivoting in corners and leaving a 2" gap on bottom edge. Clip corners, turn right side out, and press, turning under seam allowances of gap while pressing.

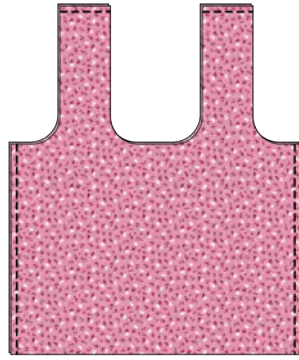
Fold bag front in half to find vertical center and crease. Do the same with the pocket. Pin pocket to right side of bag front, aligning centers, 3" below edge of bag. Be sure pocket gap is on bottom. Stitch around the sides and bottom of pocket ⅛" from edge.



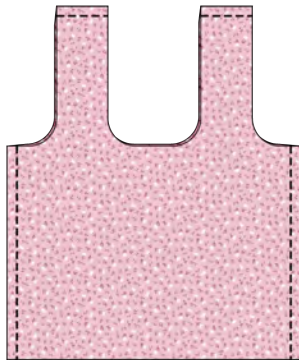


(Pocket will not be shown in subsequent illustrations)

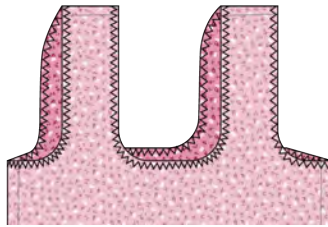
Place two bag sides **wrong** sides together. Align and pin sides and short ends of handles (ignore bottom for now). Stitch with 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open.



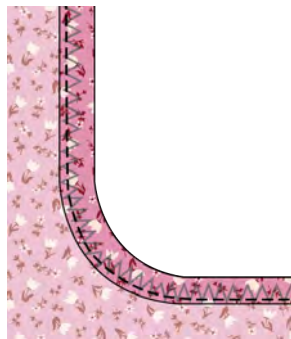
Turn bag wrong side out. Press along the seams so that fabrics are RST. Stitch again along the sides and short ends of handles, this time with 3/8" SA. Press all seams towards back of bag.



Serge or zigzag stitch along the edge of all raw edges at the top of the bag. Make sure seams allowances stay pressed towards back of bag when you sew over them. As you sew around the bottom curves of the handles, stretch fabric slightly.



Fold zigzagged edges 1/4" to wrong side and stitch down to hem, stretching turned edge slightly around curves. We like to turn and fold as we sew, then press afterwards.

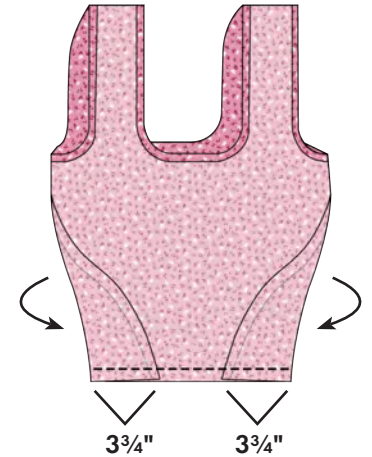


(Zigzag and hem stitching will not be shown in subsequent illustrations)

Turn bag **wrong** sides together. Align and pin bottom edge and stitch together with 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.



Turn bag wrong side out, poking out bottom corners. Press bottom seam again so that fabrics are RST. Fold each side of bag 3 3/4" towards center back, keeping bottom edges aligned, and pin. Stitch along bottom edge with 3/8" SA, keeping folds in place and stitching through all layers.



Turn bag right side out. On each handle, fold outer edge under so that handle fabric is **wrong** sides together and outer hemmed edge just meets inner hem. Stitch in the ditch in handle seam to secure.

Fold sides of bag in where pleated and press pleats.

To store bag, first fold sides in towards back to create a vertical strip the same width as pocket. Then fold top and bottom of bag in towards center back to be same size as pocket. Turn pocket inside out around folded bag.

VIEWING UNDERSIDE OF HANDLE



## YOU DID IT! YOU MADE A SMOL REUSABLE SHOPPING TOTE!!

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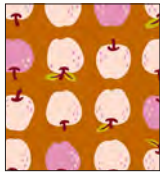
You can never have enough reusable shopping bags! This is a great project for all your favorite prints. Make a few for your car, some for your bag, and some to give as gifts.

Fabrics shown are from Smol by Kimberly Kight for Ruby Star Society.

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

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Per bag:  $\frac{3}{4}$  yd



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