



STITCHCRAFT TOTE SEWING DIRECTIONS

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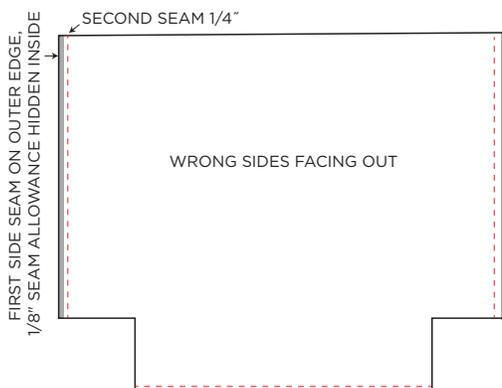
1. Cut out all pieces along outer edges.

2. HANDLES, MAKE 2:

- Fold one handle in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, matching raw edges and press, forming a crease.
- Open the handle piece back up and turn in 1/2" hem on each short end and press.
- Fold the long raw edges on both sides in to meet the crease in the centre, and press, then re-fold handle along original centre crease and press, enclosing the raw edges inside.
- Edgestitch along each long edge.
- Repeat for second handle then set aside.

3. BAG BODY: (*French seams ahead, it will seem wrong but it's a simple way to finish your bag seams tidily!*)

- Place bag body pieces **WRONG** sides together, matching all raw edges.
- Stitch both side seams and bottom seam with a 1/4" seam. Leave top edge open.
- Trim seam allowances to approximately 1/8".
- Turn bag wrong sides out (right sides together) and press seams to one side (*doesn't matter what side*).
- Align bag body so the seams are on the outermost folded edges on each side and bottom, press.
- With wrong sides facing out still, stitch 1/4" along each folded seam edge, enclosing the raw edges inside. Be sure to backtack at each end for extra strength.



4. BOX CORNERS:

- Open the bag body and align one side seam with the bottom seam, nesting seam allowances, and stitch 1/4" seam allowance, backtacking at each end.
- Stitch again, in the seam allowance side, right next to the seam you just sewed, for extra strength.
- Finish seams with a serger, zigzag stitch or pinking shears.

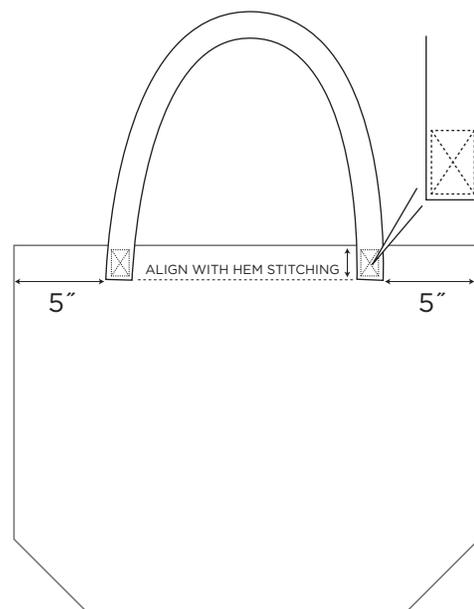
*NESTING SEAM ALLOWANCES:
ALIGN SEAM ALLOWANCES SO ONE FACES LEFT AND ONE FACES RIGHT,
MATCHING THE CENTRE SEAMLINES.
AS YOU SEW, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY "NEST" AND ALIGN NEATLY!*

5. TOP HEM:

- Press under 1/2" along top raw edge of bag, then fold the top printed edge, where the colour/print changes, to the inside, and press.
- Edgestitch close to the bottom folded hem edge, then edgestitch along top edge.

6. ATTACH HANDLES:

- Position handles as shown, and stitch a box with an "X" through each end, through all layers, to attach handles securely to the tote body.



AND YOU'RE DONE! ENJOY YOUR NEW TOTE!
THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ME AND MY WORK!