



Teacher's Notes

Essentials Tote

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Promote your Essentials Tote Class with premade kits made up of 12 fat quarters and our handy Hardware Kits. Save ordering time by purchasing the kits which are available in Antique Brass and Nickel.



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The Essentials Tote

6 hour class

Intermediate Level

Cost:

A stylish tote to take you from the office to the cottage and all points in between. The zippered swing purse follows you on your travels keeping essentials at your finger tips. Make your bag with a selection of fabrics for a fresh and fun look! Featuring a snap closure and plenty of roomy pockets for your findings. Tote measures: 14 1/2"W x 13"H x 7"D Swing Purse measures: 7 3/4"W x 4 1/2"H

Requirements	
Twelve, 18" x 22" Assorted Fat Quarters	
Single sided Fusible Foam Stabilizer by Bosal or Pellon Flex Foam one sided fusible	18" x 58"
Medium-weight Interfacing like Pellon Décor Bond	1 yard (.9m)
<p>Notions: Five 1" D rings or five 1 ¼" O Rings, four 1" swivel hooks, one ½" magnetic snap, 1" x 2" clear 12 gauge vinyl.</p> <p>One 7" zipper to match, removable marker, matching thread, hand sewing needle, ¼-inch foot, zipper foot, optional walking foot and point turner. Rotary cutting tools – ruler, mat, cutter. Basic sewing supplies.</p>	

Class Outline

The Essentials Tote class may be taught as a full 6 hour day class or split into two three hour classes. Both require students to complete the pre-work that follows:

- Cut all pattern pieces.
- Fuse the Foam Stabilizer to the pattern pieces by completing step 1 on page 1 under the heading 'Prepare the Pieces, Sew the Straps'.
- Fuse the medium weight interfacing to the fabric pieces by completing step 1 on page 2.
- Prepare the bias binding by completing step 1 on page 4 under the heading Sew the Binding To the Bag.

A tip to share with your staff and students: When using single-sided fusible foam stabilizer make sure you press for 10 - 13 seconds at high heat using steam and a damp press cloth to achieve a good bond. Test first on a scrap to ensure good adhesion.

Except for the binding and swing purse, students should have the bag just about finished at the end of 6 hours of class. Prepare step-outs to demonstrate how the binding is attached and how the swing purse is assembled so students leave the class confident in the knowledge that they can complete these last steps.

Colorful bags for colorful personalities.

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