

Quilted Tote Bags for Baby Project 2021

I respectfully ask that the fabrics be washed and dried before cutting. Also, please keep perfumes on the down low.

Description: Quilted tote $\approx 13" \times 13"$ with button closure. A square or rectangle with two or three pockets, one for the outside of the bag and one or two for the lining. (You decide. Scraps that remain determine the number of pockets for me.) A cross body or over the shoulder strap, 3(ish) inches x WOF.

Required materials: 1 yard of fabric and a big scrap of batting for outer bag and strap and a chunky button. I like to make mine with two fabrics, half yard ea.



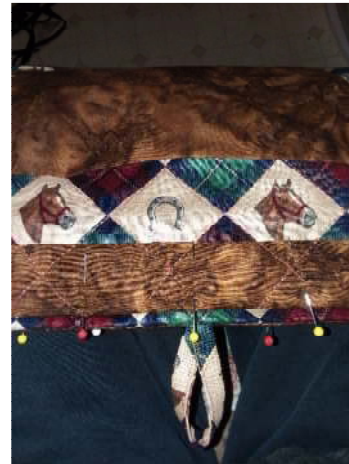
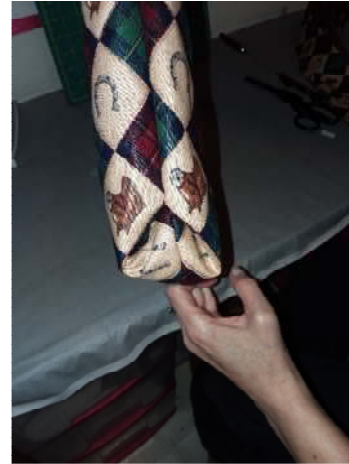
If you are inclined to interface the pockets go ahead. If not, no worries

Cut 2 pieces for the body, $13.25" \times 32."$ One from the main fabric and one from the lining. Cut a $3.25" \times$ WOF for strap. There should be enough material for pockets and a button closure. Cut a $1.5" \times 6"$ strip, folded in half lengthwise and then again. Iron and top stitch.



Pair your outer material with batting. Quilt.

Fold in half lengthwise. Place a pocket on the front of bag about 3" from the top of bag and stitch in place. Measure 3" across the bottom of bag. Place a pin to mark the 3" point. Sew from the pin to the top on both sides, leaving a 3" opening on both sides at the bottom. The center bottom of the bag moves to the side seam (see photos below). Continue the same with the lining BUT leave an opening on one side of the lining to pull the bag right side out.



Making the strap: Right sides together, pair with batting, sew, turn right side out, top stitch. Place the strap at the side seams. Sandwich the strap between the outer bag and the lining (right sides together). Top stitch closed. Don't forget to stitch up the lining.



Voila! The finished bag!