



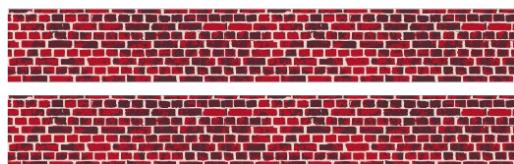
Quick and Easy Summer Tote Bag

by Mister Domestic

Finished Size: 14" x 16" x 4" Tote

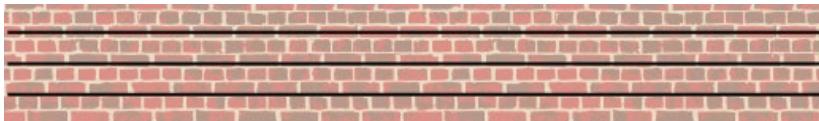
Fabric

- Fabric 1 - Exterior
 - Pride Stripes in Canvas
 - Two 16" x 18" strips
- Fabric 2 - Lining
 - Gender Symbols - Red
 - Two 16" x 18" strips
- Fabric 3 - Straps
 - Stonewall - Red
 - Two 6" x WOF (Width of Fabric)



Preparing the Straps

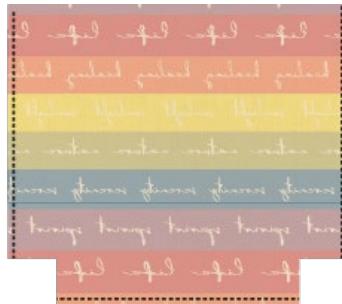
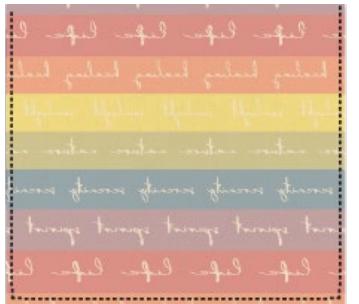
1. Wrong sides together, fold one of the 6" x WOF strips lengthwise and press.
2. Open. Fold and press each WOF raw edge lined up with the centerline.
3. Fold over, lining up the two folded edges, and press.
4. Edge stitch at 1/8" along both sides of the strap.
5. Follow same process for second 6" x WOF strip.



Sewing the Exterior & Interior

All seams are $\frac{1}{2}$ " unless otherwise stated.

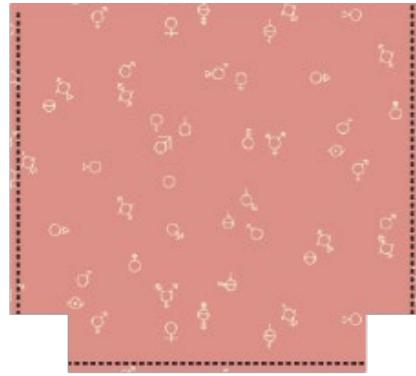
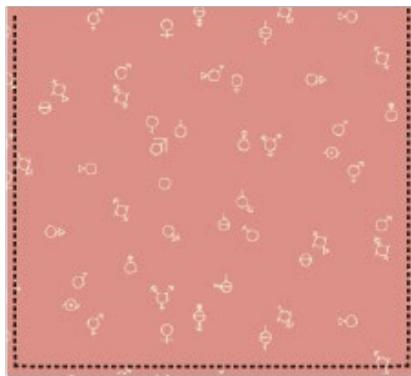
6. Right-sides-together, sew the two exterior rectangles down one side, across the bottom, and back up the other side.
7. From the raw edges, cut out a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square from both bottom corners.



8. Rearrange one cut corner so that the side seam lies flat directly over the bottom seam, with raw edges aligned. The cut edge should form one long opening now. Stitch across the opening. Secure raw edges with a zigzag stitch, if desired. Repeat to box the remaining corner.
9. Turn right-side-out
10. Baste each strap $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from each seam.



11. Follow steps 1, 2 & 3 for the lining. Leave inside-out.



Assembling the Tote

12. Right-sides-together, insert the exterior into the interior.
13. Align at seams and clip or pin.
14. Stitch the top at $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.
15. Using a seam ripper, open one of the lining side seams to create a 3" opening. Pull the entire tote through that gap to make everything right-side-out.
16. Stitch opening closed.
17. Insert lining into exterior, press, and enjoy your tote!

My Notes

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