

The Mighty Market Tote – a Large, Sturdy Tote

Approx. 12×12×12 inches

Come to class with your 2 panels created to maximize your time in class.

What you need to prepare before class:

Fabric A – tote outside and handles – 1 yard sturdy fabric (1-3/8 for striped fabric cut vertically) or see below* for using old jeans

- Cut Handle pieces measure about 19" × 5 ½"....two of them!
- Cut 40 6-in. squares

Fabric B – tote lining and bottom sleeve – 1 ¼ yards (1-5/8 for stripe cut vertically)

One piece of heavy cardboard or foam core board 12×12 inches**

Instructions:

Construct 2 panels from these squares, using 20 squares for each panel: 5 squares across and 4 rows deep. Sew with ½-in. seam allowance—wrong sides together for a ragged look; right sides together for a smooth panel. Panels should end up about 25½" × 20½".

For ragged look only: Now snip all seam allowances from the raw edge toward the stitching at about ½-in. intervals. BE CAREFUL not to cut your stitching. Wash and dry your panels so they fray on the edges—be aware of the lint produced!

Workshop Supplies:

- Sewing machine,
- a jeans or size 14 needle in your machine, and
- basic sewing supplies.
- Being enrollment for this class is large, please bring an EXTENSION CORD as outlets may be a distance from your work station!

*If you choose to make your tote patchwork of denim, cut 40 six-inch squares from jeans legs. If you would like to incorporate a jeans pocket in this process, it would give you pockets on the outside of your tote!

** A wonderful generous husband is cutting 12×12-in. plastic squares that can be ‘bottoms’. Call if you want one reserved for you! Those who pre-registered don’t need to call.....

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