

Reversible Tote Bag by LB Krueger

8. Turn both the tote bag and the lining right sides out. Stuff the lining down inside the tote bag, taking care to line up the side seams. Turn the raw edges of both the tote bag and the lining in 1/4" all around the top edge and sharply press both fold lines. Line the handles up 2-1/2" from each side seam and pin in place.
9. With the raw edges of the tote bags turned in and pressed in place, carefully pin the bag all around the top edge. Top stitch 1/8" from the edge, then a second row of stitching 1/8" down from the top row of stitching to finish the tote bag. The handles will be stitched in place as you sew.



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Featuring fabrics from the
Wainscott collection by LB Krueger

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Fabrics

1 yd Wainscott stripe

3/4 yd Wainscott floral

Cutting:

Floral

(1) Tote bag front 26-1/2" x 14-1/2"

Stripe

(1) Tote bag lining 30-1/2" x 14-1/2"

(2) Tote bag border bands 1-1/2" x 14-1/2"

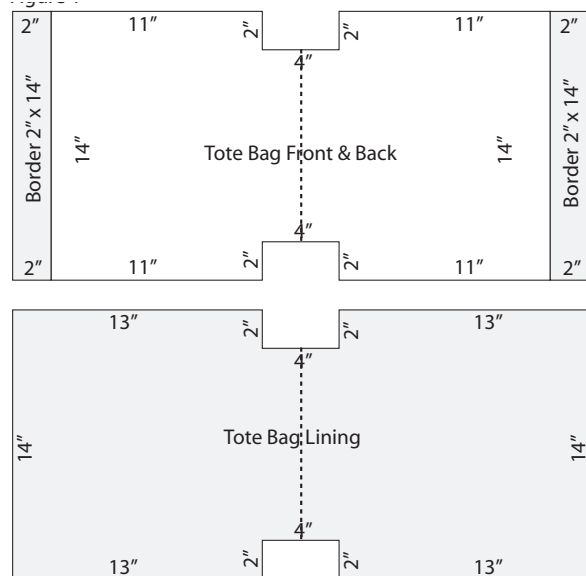
(2) Tote bag handles 3-1/2" x 24"

Note: All seam allowances are 1/4".

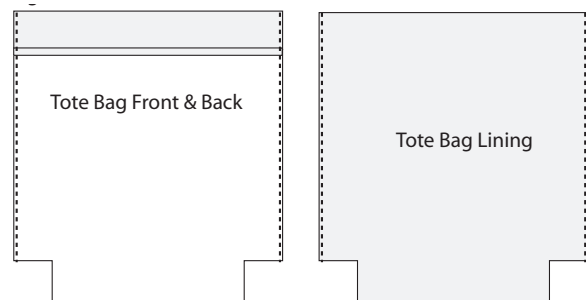
Tote Construction

1. Sew the two border bands to each end of the floral print fabric. Press both seams down towards the floral fabric.
2. Fold the two strips for the handles in half lengthwise. Stitch along the raw edge size from top to bottom. Turn right sides out. Press along seam line then top stitch 1/8" from the edge on both sides of each handle.
3. Measure 2-1/2" in from each of the side seams of the tote bag and add the handles to the inside of the tote bag, with the bottom edge of each handle even with the bottom edge of the border strip and pin in place. Top stitch the border strip in place 1/8" down from the seam line, stitching the handles in place as you sew.
4. Fold the tote bag front and back and the tote bag lining (with right sides together) in half so that border meets border. Press the centerfold line firmly with your iron. Unfold both pieces of fabric and lay them flat.
5. Using your ruler, measure in 2, then draw a 4" long pencil line, 2" on each side of the center fold line. Rotate the ruler and connect

the 4" pencil line to the outside edge of the tote bag. Mark both sides of the tote bag. Mark the lining in the same manner.



6. Fold the tote bag front in back in half again with right sides together. Sew from the top of the tote bag down to the bottom of the tote bag to the cut out section. Sew both sides of the tote bag. Sew the lining in the same manner.



7. With right sides together, squeeze up the cut out portion of the tote bag so that 4" raw edge is center with 2" raw edge on each side lining up with the raw edges at the bottom of the seamed section of the tote bag. Stitch across the bottom of the tote bag 1/4" from the raw edges. Sew the lining in the same manner.

