

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PROFESSIONAL TOTE
DIMENSIONS OF TOTE: 18" wide x 15" tall x 5" deep

Fabric recommendations: Quilting cotton works very well. I've used batiks for the ones I have made, which work exceptionally well. All fabrics will be fused with heavy interfacing (see below), which makes the fabric very firm and sturdy. Decorator fabrics and tapestry would work well for the main fabric, but not for the lining or contrasting fabrics. The bottom panel piece (#10) also looks great using ultra suede or faux leather.

Professional Tote Pattern

FABRICS:

- Main Fabric – 1-1/8 yards of 44" wide fabric
- Contrasting Fabric – 1 yard of 44" wide fabric (plus additional 3/8 yard if making fabric handles.
 - I always use a darker fabric for this so that it doesn't get soiled as quickly. It goes on the bottom of the tote.
- Lining Fabric – 1-3/8 yards of 44" wide fabric (should complement the main fabric). A light color is better so that you will be able to see what is inside of the tote.
- 44" Heavyweight Fusible Interfacing – 2-1/2 yards
 - 44" wide Décor Bond by Pellon works GREAT. In addition, 3/8 yard for fabric handles
- Webbing or belting for handles – 3-1/2 yards (if not making fabric handles).

NOTIONS:

- Pins
- Rotary Cutter
- 2 cord locks for outside side pockets
- 1-1/2 yards of narrow cord to fit into the cord locks. Rattail or leather laces can also work.
- 7" zipper to match MAIN fabric (front zipper pocket)
- 18" zipper to match MAIN fabric (top closure of tote)
- 14" zipper to match LINING fabric (inside center pocket)
- Thread to match all fabrics
- Jeans/Denim machine needles size 90 or 100
- Clear Vinyl scrap – 3-1/2" x 4-1/2" for business card or inside name identification) OPTIONAL
- 6" OF Velcro to coordinate with CONTRAST FABRIC – for pockets in the lining
- Magnetic snap or Velcro for OUTSIDE BACK POCKET (Velcro works fine)
- Optional: "D" ring or "D" ring with swivel hook for key fob (Very handy - you will no longer be searching for your keys)
- Dritz ¼" Wash Away Wonder Tape (must be ¼") – not noted on the pattern

OTHER:

A good knowledge of your machine and how it works

Skill Level: Intermediate

Special Notes:

- BEFORE the first full-day session (we will talk about this during the initial 1.5 hour session):
 - Please read all instructions
 - All of the fabrics that are fused with fusible interfacing (Décor bond) must be done prior to class
 - It is imperative that the layout is followed explicitly or you will not have enough fabric or fusible interfacing.
 - Take note that there are a couple of pieces that are not fused
 - It would be best to copy the cutting labels so that you will still have them after you use them to make the tote. This will allow making another tote in the future, should you wish to do so.