

E-Reader Totes

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Text files with embroidery instructions & supplies included with design sets. A separate PDF file with illustrations & specific instructions for making the totes is also provided. NOTE: Make Flap, pocket & side designs first!



1. FRONT POCKET: Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch placement outline on stabilizer only.



2. Spray stabilizer with temp adhesive spray. Center fabric over outline keeping top edge even with outline. Fabric tail will fall off front of hoop.



3. The next step tacks the fabric down, stitches quilt lines and placement outline for the velcro.



4. Center velcro over outline (tape ends or use glue stick to secure). Next step tacks velcro down. Trim velcro close to outline. Last step does satin stitching around velcro.



5. Flip tail of fabric up tight against the bottom outline and tape in place.



6. Next step tacks back fabric down. Remove hoop & tear away stabilizer. Flip over & trim sides even with the outline.



7. Turn pocket right side out. Press from wrong side. Set aside.



8. FLAP LINING: Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch placement line on stabilizer. Center interfaced fabric next to placement line. Next step stitches the velcro placement outline.



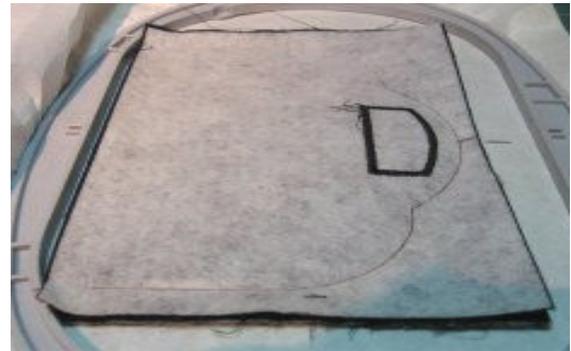
9. Repeat step # 4 to add the velcro to the lining. Remove tear away stabilizer. Set aside.



10. FLAP FRONT: Hoop cut away stabilizer. Stitch placement line on stabilizer only. Extend center line by marking directly on the stabilizer.



11. Next step tacks fabric down. Finish design following instructions in text files provided.



12. Place lining over fabric in hoop using marked line to center. Tape in place. Last step tacks lining down



13. Remove from hoop, flip over. Trim top 1/4" wider than outline. Trim rest with pinking shears, clip curves. Turn right side out & press. Top stitch edge.



14. TOTE SIDES: Hoop cutaway & stitch placement line. Spray stabilizer with adhesive spray. Center 10" edge of "sides" fabric next to the placement line. Finish stitching designs.



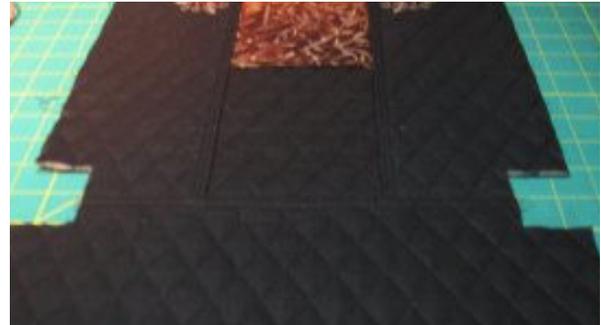
15. Use index card template (see PDF for pattern) to mark & trim bottom corners. Cut fabric in half to create two 5" sides. Mark L (left) & R (right) at center top.



16. Pin pocket 2 1/2" from top of center fabric and stitch in place with 1/4" seam. Stitch side pieces to center with 1/2" seams. Press seams away from center & top stitch.



17. Trim corners of back tote fabric using index card template. Pin flap centered at top. Stitch with 1/4" seam.



18. Stitch front and back of tote together at the bottom with 1/2" seam. Press seam to the tote back and top stitch.



19. Stitch tote sides together with 1/2" seam. Stitch bottom corners (1/2" seam) to create the flat bottom.



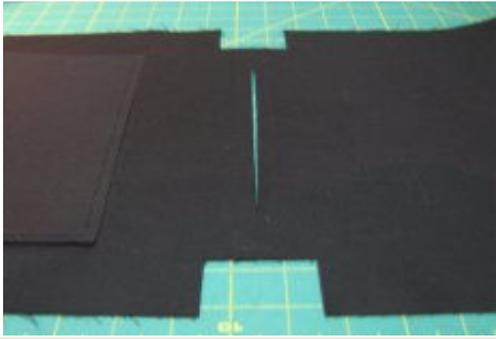
20. LINING: Use index card template to trim the corners. Place marks along top of index card for pocket placement.



21. Pin prepared inner pocket centered at placement line (fold to the bottom). Stitch down with 1/4" seam.



22. Flip pocket up to the top & pin. Top stitch along the sides and bottom to secure.



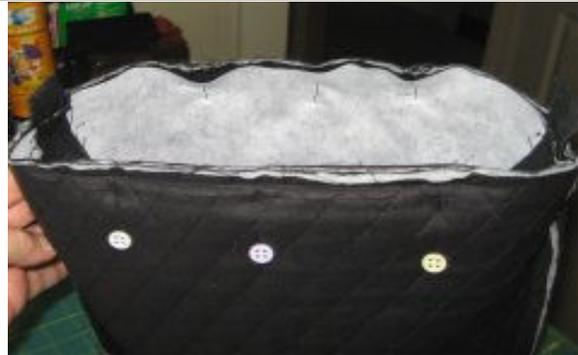
23. . Pin bottom together & stitch with 1/2" seam. Use 8" length of long basting stitches in the center. Press seam open & top stitch to catch seam allowances. Re-open the basting stitches.



24. Stitch lining sides together. Then stitch corners to create flat bottom. (Use 1/2" seams).



25. Pin shoulder strap inside tote centered over the side seams. Leave 1" of strap extending past top of tote. Stitch strap ends in place with 1/4" seam.



26. Turn lining right side out. (Tote wrong side out). Slip lining inside tote. Pin evenly around the top keeping side seams in line with each other.



27. Stitch lining to tote with 1/2" seam.



28. Pull tote through opening in lining & turn right side out.



29. Pin evenly around the top keeping the joining seam as the very top edge of the tote.



30. Top stitch around top with 3/8" seam. Top stitch a second seam 1" down from seam just sewn to create a 1" channel for tape measure strips.



31. Wrap duct tape around ends of tape measure. Let 1/4" of duct tape extend past ends to help protect the fabric. (Use 2 strips on each side of tote for stronger closing power)

32. Flip top of tote down over the outside. Re-open a side seam between the top stitching. Push tape strips inside the channel until centered evenly between the shoulder strap ends. Insert tape strips like this)) ((so that when the tote is flipped back up again, the tape will be inside the tote like this: (()) (Arch of tape goes to the right side of tote)



33. Slip plastic canvas inside opening in lining and center evenly across the bottom. (Use 2 for stiffer bottom) Stitch opening in lining closed.

You're finished!