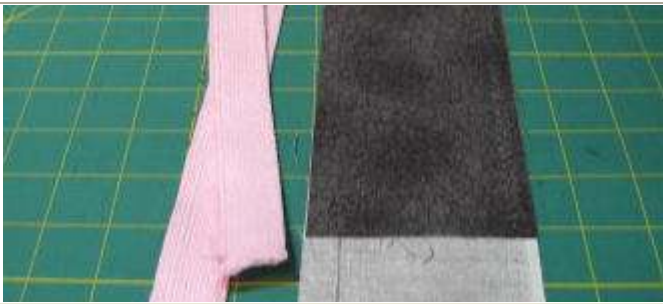


# Easy Shoulder Straps

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It's late in the evening and you want to make a tote bag to give to a friend at her birthday party the following day. You quickly discover that the only webbing you have in your stash for the shoulder strap doesn't match and the stores are long closed! Well, that is exactly what happened to me! Well, not to worry...try this!!



1. Use 1" wide webbing cut to length (27" - 30"). Cut a strip of matching fabric 3 1/2" wide, same length as webbing.

2. Mark a line on wrong side of fabric 1/2" from one edge.



3. Place the webbing next to the marked line and stitch the webbing in place on your sewing machine.

4. Fold the fabric around the webbing and iron to crease on both edges.



5. Fold the extra fabric in half so that is right next to the edge of the webbing and iron to crease.

6. Turn the just folded fabric down over the webbing and iron to crease the fabric again.



7. Place the strap even with the edge of the sewing foot and move the needle until it catches the edge of folded fabric & top stitch. Repeat on other edge of strap.

8. Here's my shoulder strap and it matches my bag perfectly! The folded edge should face down on the tote bag. Now, wasn't that easy?