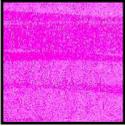


TOTE BAG INSTRUCTIONS

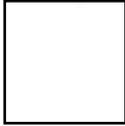
Pattern design and layout:

- _____ 1. Highlight a rectangle, 17"x16" and a rectangle, 8"x16" on quilter's grid.
- _____ 2. Cut out patterns-cut a little outside the line. Don't cut directly on the line.
- _____ 3. Use your selvedge to find grain line and pin pattern to fabric starting at the corners.
- _____ 4. Cut 2 pieces of the 17"x16" fabric and 1 piece of the 8"x16" fabric.

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right side of fabric



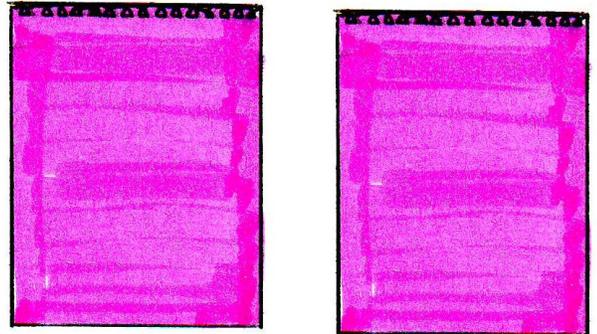
wrong side of fabric

As you complete each step, check it off in the space provided.

DIRECTIONS:

- _____ 1. Zigzag the top edges (short edges) of bag front and bag back 2/8 from the edge.
- _____ 2. Have this section graded.

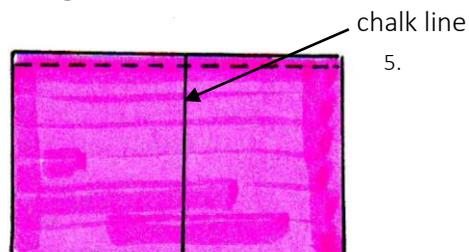
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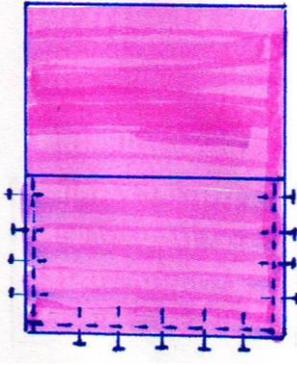
- _____ 3. Using a seam gauge, fold over the edge of pocket 1/4" toward the wrong side. Press with an iron.
- _____ 4. Stitch close to the folded edge-don't forget to **backstitch** at both ends. This is called a FINISHED EDGE.

- _____ 5. Fold the pocket in half. Using tailor's chalk and a ruler, draw a line down the center of the pocket from top to bottom on the right side.

- _____ 6. Have this section graded.



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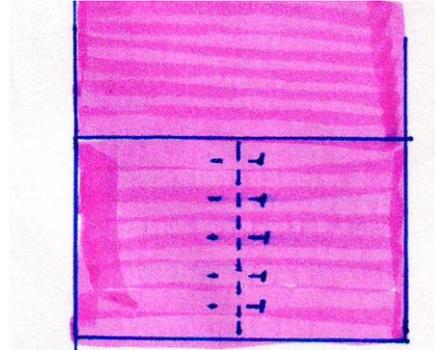


_____7. With **right sides facing up**, place pocket on bag front, matching cut edges at bottom and sides. Pin in place, with pins perpendicular to seam line.

_____8. Stitch pocket to bag front along sides and bottom, 3/8" from edge, **backstitching** at both ends.

_____9. Stitch along chalk line; **backstitch** at both ends.

_____10. Have this section graded.

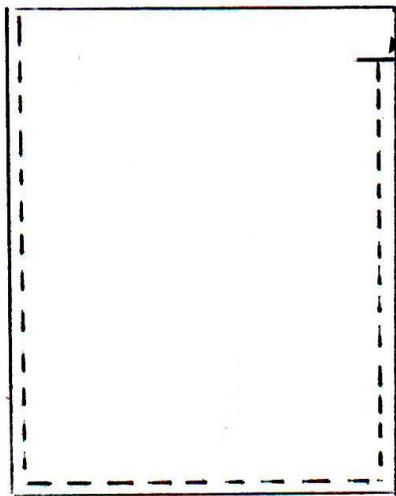


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This is for your casing-you will do this on your pajama pants too!

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_____11. With **right sides together**, pin bag front to bag back along sides and bottom; cut edges should be even.

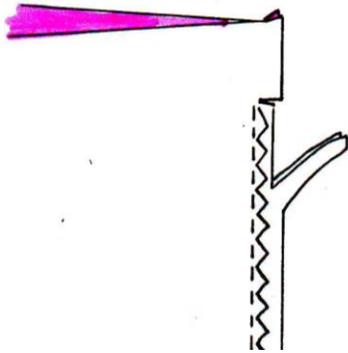
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_____12. Using a seam gauge and tailor's chalk, place a mark on the seam line 2" from top (Point A) on the right hand side only. Using tailor's chalk, mark the pivot points 5/8" from both bottom corners.

_____13. **Beginning at Point A**, sew a 5/8" seam down the side, across the bottom, and up the other side to the top, **back stitching** at both ends. Pivot at the corners.

_____14. Have this section graded.

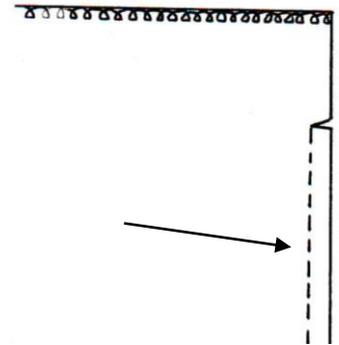
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15. Zigzag seam allowances together close to the seamline, starting at Point A, down the side, across the bottom, and up the other side to the top. Trim seam allowance to the zigzag stitch.

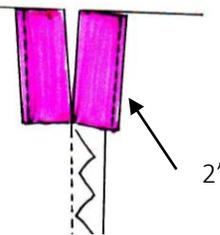
16. Clip seam allowance to-but not through Point A, being careful not to cut beyond the seam line.

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17. With an iron, press the 2" seam allowances at Point A open.

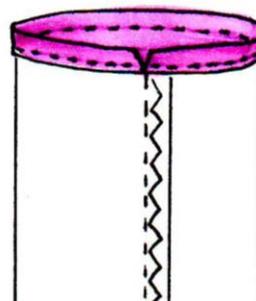
18. Measure 2" inches from the top at each seam allowance. Stitch seam allowances flat close to cut edge.

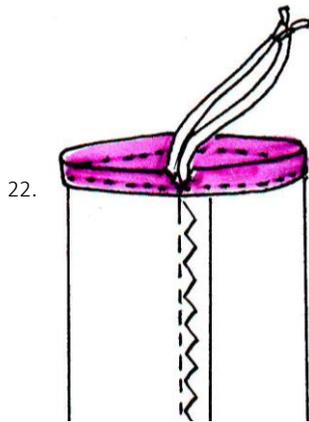


19. Have this section graded.

20. Using a seam gauge, fold down the top zig zagged edge 1" toward the wrong side. Press with an iron.

21. Stitch all the way around 6/8" from the fold, **back stitching** at the beginning and the end. This is called a CASING.





_____22. Fasten a safety pin to the end your 40" drawstring.

_____23. Work the safety pin and drawstring through the casing. Bring both ends together and tie in a knot.

_____24. Return safety pin to your teacher.
Turn in completed bag with grade sheet.

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE COMPLETED **THE TOTE BAG!**