Making a Reusable Tote Bag

Easy steps to make a reusable tote bag from your old fabrics. Use as a guide and adjust depending on the size of your fabric. Looking forward to seeing your creativity!

Step 1 – Cut Fabric for Bag and Straps

Step 2 – Fold, Iron & Sew Straps

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a) Fold in half lengthways
b) Iron the fold then open out flat
c) Fold in quarters – iron each side edge to center crease
d) Fold to 1” wide and iron
e) Sew each side of strap

Step 3 – Straps and Logo

a) Optional - Finish Raw Edges at A & B
b) Pin or stitch straps to bag. Watch for twists in straps
c) Sew logo 5” from raw edge and centered between straps
**Step 4 – Stitch side seams**

a) Fold fabric in half with right sides together  
b) Stitch with a $\frac{1}{4}$” seam  
c) Optional - Finish raw edges of side seams

**Step 5 – Finish top edge of bag & attach straps**

a) Fold down top edge of bag to create 1” hem  
b) Stitch twice around the top and bottom edges  
c) Optional - Reinforce straps with more stitches

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**Step 6 – Box corners**

a) Optional - turn bag right side out and press side seams and press seam at bottom  
b) Lay side seam along center fold of bottom of bag  
c) Stitch across it at 3.5” in from corner

**Step 7 – Finished Reusable Tote Bag**

a) Turn the bag right side out  
b) Quality control  
c) Reusable Tote Bag!!