

Martha's Quick and Easy Two-Toned Lined Tole

1. Cut **2** pieces of fabric **18**" x full width (I left on selvage in photos for reference) Light pink is the lining of this bag for reference. And 2 strips for handles 5" x 36" (*)



2. Place the wrong sides together with lining (pink) on bottom.



3. Keeping the two layers together, fold over 1/2", and then 3" and pin, on both ends & Iron.



4. Cut 2 straps 30 to 36" (*) long and 5" wide, depending on your preference. Fold in sides to center and iron, then fold in again to make a strap with raw edges inside. Top Stitch up and down each side of both straps.



5. Pin on straps 5" from each edge, tucking 1/2" to 3"of strap end under bottom of the cuff and pinning. Now stitch 1/4" in from top & bottom of the cuff all the way around the bag catching straps. Be sure to back stitch over the straps.



6. Make a french seam. Fold in half with the lining (pink) facing each other pin & stitch down both sides $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.



7. Turn outside in, iron sides and bottom. On bottom of bag press in "pocket" with thumbs about 2-3" deep, this will make your boxed bottom.





8. Finish the french seam by sewing down both sides (catching the folded in bottom) $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " seam catching the other raw edge from inside.



9. Turn right side out and Ta-Da!



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