

Double Wine Bottle Tote bag

Materials:

12 ½" by 23 ½" canvas

12 ½" by 23 ½" cotton lining fabric

4" x 7" piece of lining fabric for pocket

12 ½" by 23 ½" fusible fleece

12 ½" by 23 ½" fusible interfacing

48" of 1" webbing cut in two You can also make self fabric straps with fusible fleece in the center.

Construction:

1. Fuse the fleece to the back of the canvas and fuse the interfacing to the back of the lining fabric.
2. Fold over one short end ¼" twice and topstitch down. Fold in the other three sides ¼" and press
3. Lay out the outside fabric and measure 1 ½" l from the left side and 3 ½" down from the top
4. Align the pocket piece on these lines and topstitch about 1/8" from the three unfinished edges.
5. Fold the outside piece right sides together matching short sides. Sew ¼" across side and bottom, leaving top open. Repeat with the lining
6. With the pieces still wrong side out, finger press to create a fold on the side opposite the seam.
7. Match the side seam with the bottom seam to form a triangle. Pin and mark a line 1 ½" from the point. On the opposite side, match the bottom seam with the fold, pin and mark at 1 ½" from the point. Do the same on the lining.
8. Stitch on all four marked lines, being sure to tie off at beginning and end. Cut off the triangle tip leaving a ¼" seam.
9. Turn the outside piece right side out, pushing out the corners. Leave the lining wrong sides out.
10. Turn the top edge of both pieces toward the wrong side, 3/8". Pin and press.
11. Place the lining inside the outer fabric and pin the two folded edges together.
12. Place the bag handles in between the two layers. Place them 2 inches from the sides and insert about ½" into the bag. Top stitch around the top of the bag with a ¼" seam allowance.
13. Lay the bag down and find the center. Mark this from top to 6" down. Sew on this line with a triple stitch or sew over three times for stability and for due to the thickness of the fabric.

EXTRA: If you have an embroidery machine, add a fun design to the pocket or the persons name, before you begin construction.

This tote idea and instructions were found on Art Gallery Fabrics YouTube channel.