Fabric Walker Tote

MATERIALS

1 yard of fabric and 1 yard of lining or contrasting fabric 56 "of ribbon ½ to 1 in. wide

Cut one 14" x 30" rectangle out of the fabric and another 14" x 30" rectangle from the lining. Cut one 9" x 9" square of lining for the pocket.

POCKET

Turn down 1/2" and then turn down again across one edge and stitch to make the top of the pocket. Turn under ½" on remaining 3 sides and topstitch. Place pocket face up about 4" down from top edge (the 14" side) of the right side of the fabric. Center left and right, pin in place, and top stitch leaving top of pocket open.

TOTE

Take fabric rectangle and fold in half (making it 14"x15") with right sides together. Stitch sides, leaving the top edge open. Press open seams. Then turn back right side out.

Take the lining rectangle and fold it in half also with the right sides sides together. Stitch up sides leaving top edge open and press seams. Do not turn inside out. Leave the seams on the outside and slip the lining bag down inside the fabric bag. Align the tops edges.

Cut 4 lengths of ribbon each 14" in length. Pin two ribbons on the FRONT of the tote each 1 inch from the outer edge of the tote. Line them up so that the top of the ribbon is at the top of the tote, with the body of the ribbon running down the body of the tote.

Do the same thing with the other 2 ribbons on the BACK of the tote. Stitch around the top of the tote catching the lining, the fabric and the ribbon.

Turn the top edge down ½" and then turn down again to make a finished edge. At this point, the ribbons will extend out the top of the tote. Stitch around the top. Then top stitch again around the upper edge of the bag to give it a finished edge. Put clear nail polish on the ends of the ribbons to keep them from fraying. You should have enough fabric and lining to make a second tote, but you will need additional ribbon.

HEAVIER FABRIC

If you purchase a heavier fabric, you can make the tote as stated above but without the lining. You could make the pocket from the same material of a piece of something else.