

# WHEELCHAIR TOTE BAG

Finished size is 18" wide by 15" deep

Materials needed:

- One 19" (width) x 31" (length) OR two 19" (width) x 16" (length) of main fabric
- Repeat for lining fabric.
- Two pieces 4"x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for straps OR 4"x 13" cut in half
- Two pockets: One 10"x 10" for outside; One 10"x 7" for inside
- Alternate front pocket is 19"x 10"
- Velcro - one piece 2" long

Directions for lined bag:

- Hem and attach the pockets to the front and the lining. If making pocket same width as bag, stitch line to divide it into two pockets, if desired.
- Sew bottom seams on fabric and lining.
- Sew side seams on fabric and lining to 2" from bottom (leaving a 3" opening in lining for turning work).
- Fold up the bottom and stitch to form a 2" wide flat bottom.
- Fold strap to enclose raw edge and topstitch both sides.
- Attach straps close to the right-side top edge of bag.
- Place lining and fabric right sides together and stitch around top of bag,
- Turn work through gap in lining seam, then close the seam.
- Topstitch around top edge, reinforcing straps.
- Stitch Velcro centered along inside top edge.

Directions for unlined bag using sturdy fabric such as denim or canvas.

- Serge or zig zag around raw edges of main fabric and front pocket
- Sew pocket on front and stitch/divide it, if desired
- Sew side and bottom seams as above, forming the 2" flat bottom.
- Form a 1" top hem and topstitch.
- Stitch straps close to side seams and stitch around top of bag again, approximately 1" from top to reinforce hem and straps.

