

"LET'S GO" TOTE

The "Let's Go" Tote should finish at 13 1/2" high, 5" deep, and 12" wide.



Supplies:

Four Fabrics

FLOWERS

Two 3.5" (wide) x 11" (high) (divided side)

One 6" (wide) x 11" (high) (side)

OCTOPUS

Two 13" (wide) x 11" (high) (front and back)

One 9 1/2" (wide) x 8 1/2" (high) (water bottle pocket for interior)

One 9 1/2" (wide) by 7" (high) (interior pocket)

SHARK

Two 4 1/2" x 42" (handle)

MERMAID

Two 6 1/2" (wide) x 7 1/2" (high) (pockets on exterior of bag)

One 2 1/2" x 5" (key clasp for interior of bag)

Fusible Interfacing

Two 6" x 7" (exterior pockets)

Black Canvas

One 35" (wide) x 7" (high)

White Quilting Cotton

One 35" (wide) x 35" (high) (interior)

Two 6 1/2" (wide) x 7 1/2" (high) (pockets on exterior of bag)

One 9 1/2" (wide) x 8 1/2" (high) (water bottle pocket for interior)

One 9 1/2" (wide) by 7" (high) (interior pocket)

Fusible Fleece

Two 4" x 41" (handle)

One 16" x 34" (Exterior of bag)

One 16" x 34" (Interior of bag)

One 9" x 8" water bottle pocket interior of bag)

One 9" by 6 1/2" (Interior pocket)

Plastic Canvas

One 5" x 12" piece (bottom insert)

Muslin

One 10 3/4" x 14" piece (bottom insert)

Key Clasp

1/2" seam allowance unless otherwise indicated.

EXTERIOR



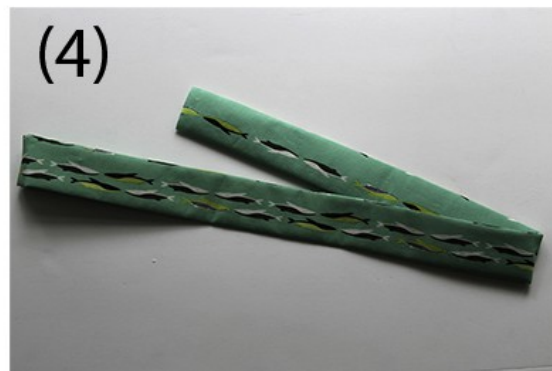
Sew the fabrics together for the top section – divided side, front, side, back, divided side.



Handles

(1) Take one of the 4 1/2" x 42" pieces of the shark fabric and the 4" x 41" fusible fleece. (2) Center fleece on wrong side of fabric and fuse according to instructions. (3) Turn right sides together and stitch the long side with a 1/4" seam. (4) Turn right side out. Top Stitch on both long sides.

Do the same with the second handle.



Exterior Pockets

(1) Take the 6 1/2" x 7 1/2" mermaid fabric and lining fabric, (2) Press the fusible interfacing on the back of the lining. (3) Put right sides together of mermaid fabric and lining, stitch the top of the two edges together with a 1/4" seam. (4) Turn right side out. Press. Top stitch. Do second exterior pocket the same way.



Center pocket on the front piece. Bottom of the pocket will be on the bottom of the top section. Do same with second pocket for the back piece.



Put the handles 1 1/2" from each side of the front piece. Bottom of handles will be on bottom of seam. (Make sure the handle is not twisted!)



Stitch on both sides of the handle on top of the previous stitching, stopping 1" from top. The handle will cover up the raw edges of the pocket.

Repeat on the back piece.



Stitch the top section and bottom section, right sides together. This piece should now measure 17" high x 35" wide.



Take fusible fleece and center on exterior. Press.



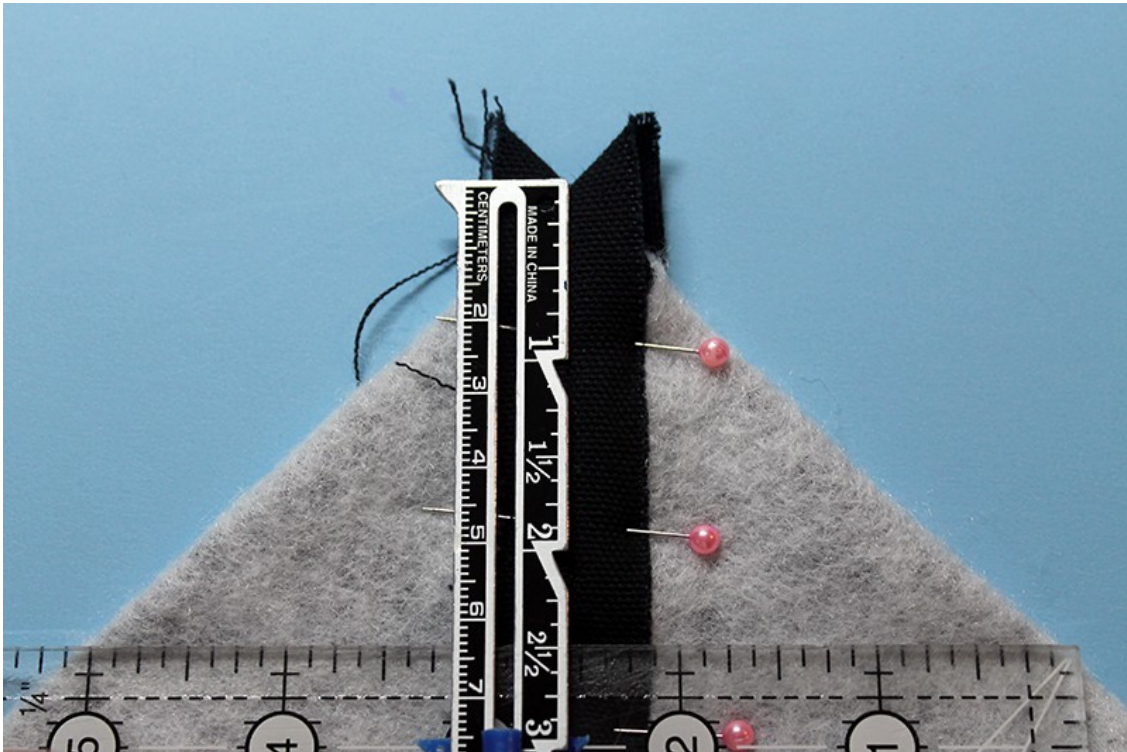
Top stitch around each section. (This will help the fleece to stay in place)

Fold right sides together, match up the seams between the black canvas and the top section.

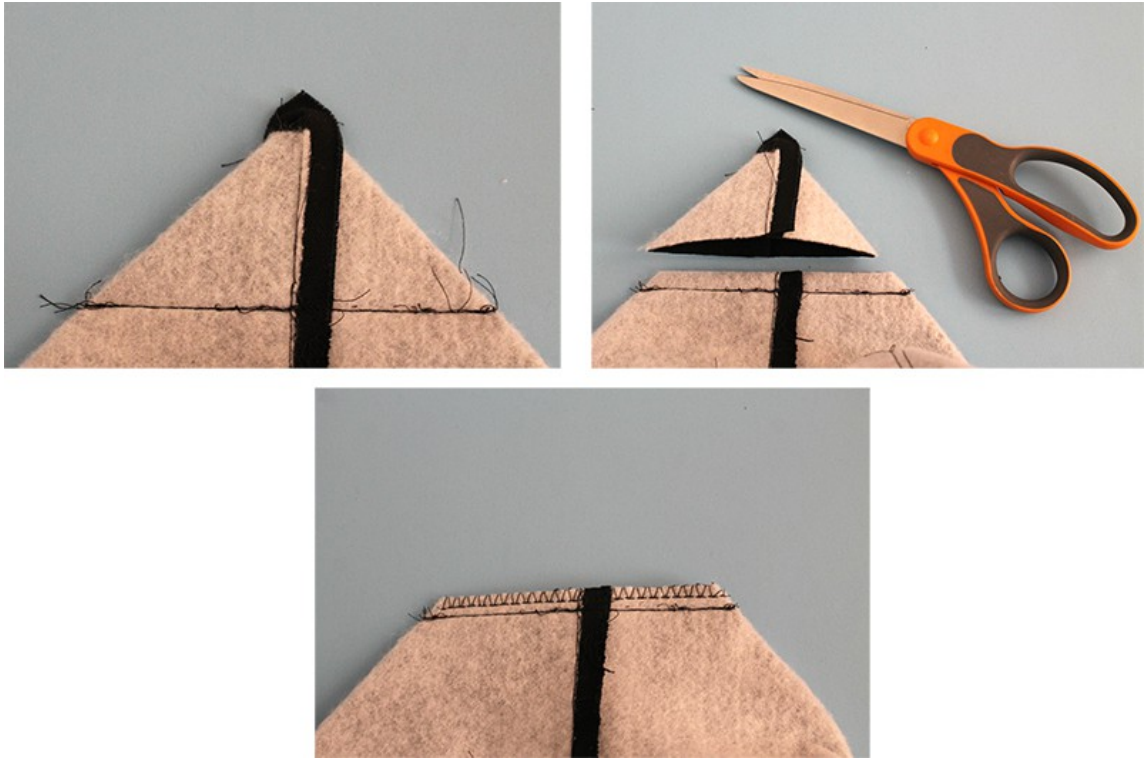


Stitch side and bottom.

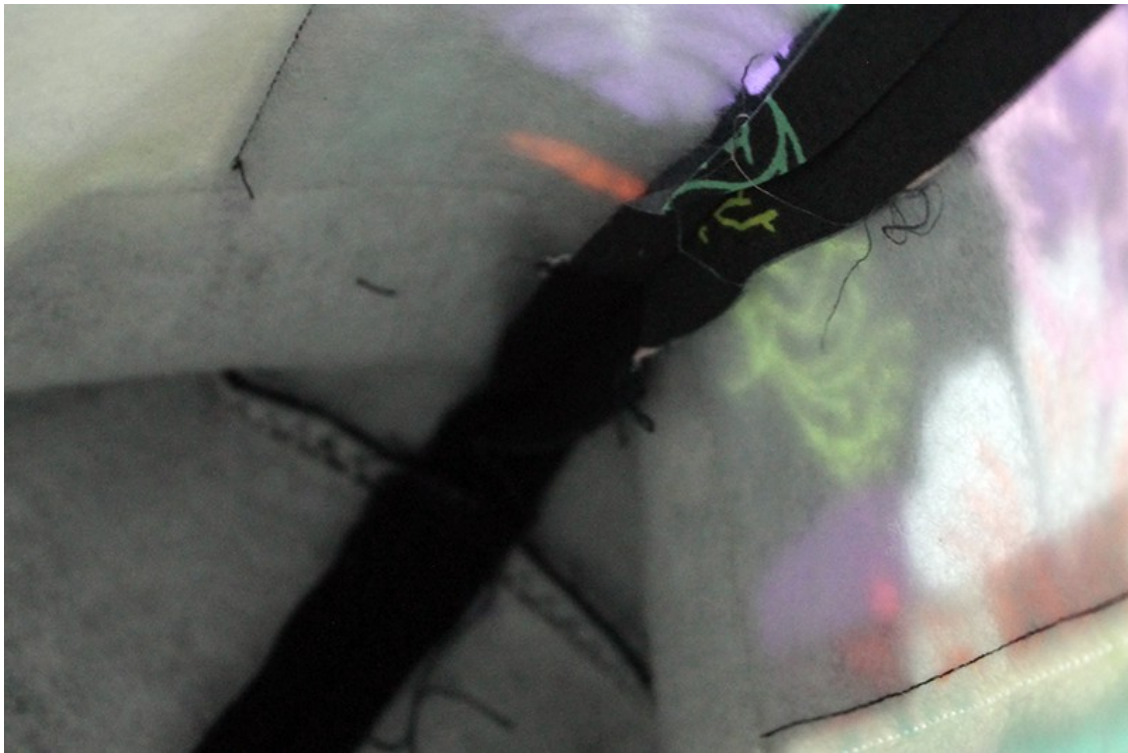
Box the bottom so it is 5" wide. Measure down 2 1/2" from the corner.



Mark line and stitch. Cut off corner and overcast or zigzag.



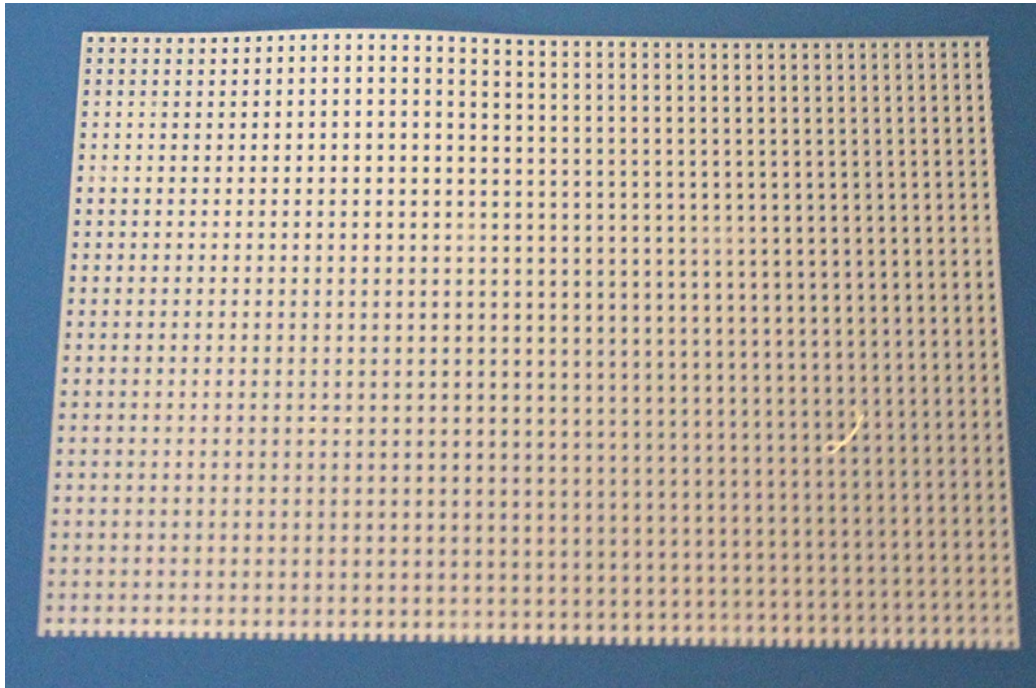
When you look inside the tote, the seams on the side and bottom should match up.



Box the corner, on the other side--matching the folded seam with the seam on the bottom.

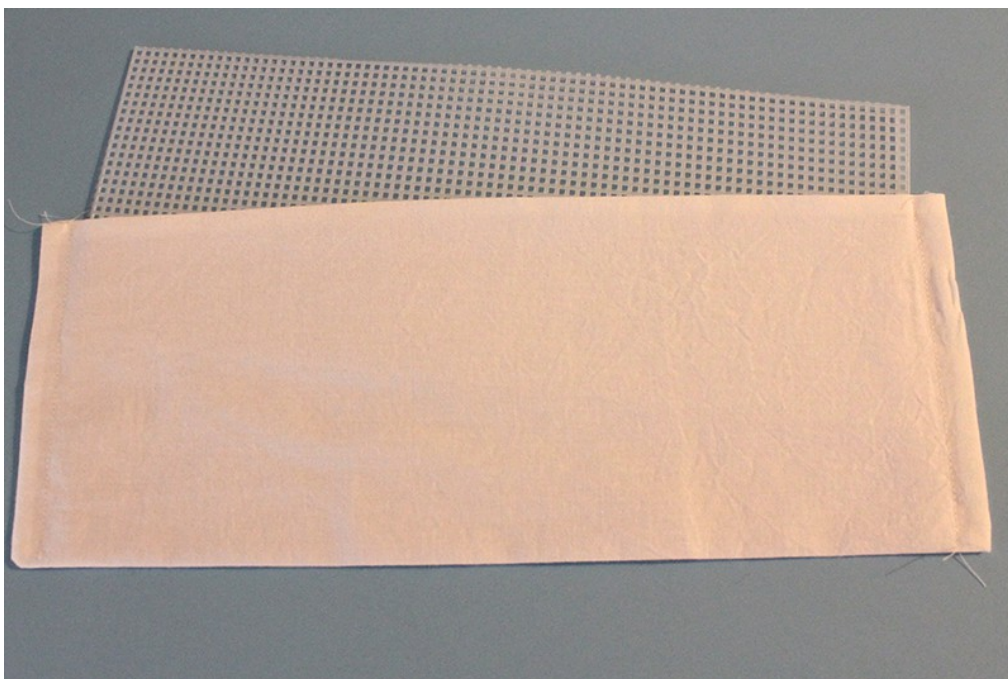
Bottom Insert

I'm using plastic canvas to make a sturdy bottom. You can get it at Walmart or any craft store. It looks like this:



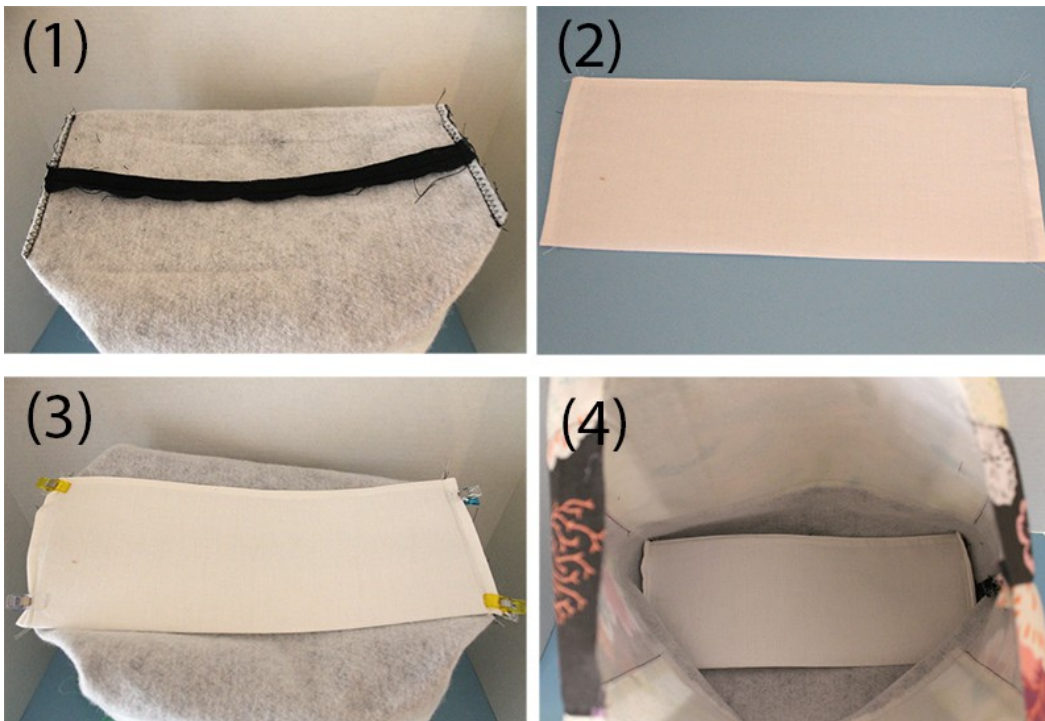
Take the muslin piece and press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both of the 14" sides. Fold right sides together with the pressed edges meeting. Stitch the short ends with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

Turn right sides out. Stitch a seam $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from each short edge. Slip plastic canvas into open pocket.



Stitch close to the open pressed edge.

(1) Turn tote exterior wrong side out. (2) Take the insert. (3) Clip or pin the insert onto the 5" side seam allowances. Stitch each side onto the 5" seam allowance. (4) Turn right side out. Insert will be on the inside of the tote.



Turn tote right side out.

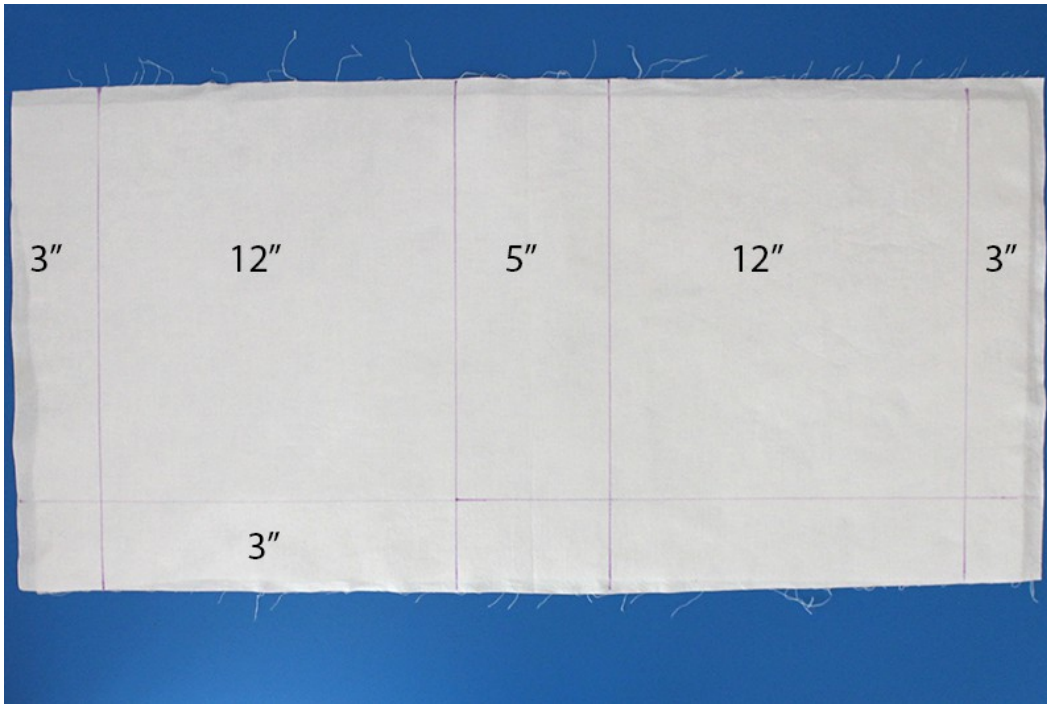
Exterior Finished!



INTERIOR

Take the 17" x 35" piece of lining fabric and the 16" x 35" piece of fusible fleece. Center on the back of the lining fabric and press.

Mark with a disappearing fabric pen divided sides (3"), front (12"), side (5"), back (12"), and bottom (3").



Interior Pockets

Pockets should be placed at least 1 1/2" from the top and not in the bottom 3".

Water Bottle Pocket

Take the 9 1/2" x 8 1/2" piece of fabric and lining. Fuse the 9" x 8" fusible fleece to the back of the lining. Put the fabric and lining right sides together and stitch around all four sides, leaving a gap for turning.

Turn right side out. Press, catching the opening, top stitch on the top. Put the pocket on the side section of the lining (each side of the water bottle pocket will be 15" from the raw edge sides), 3/4" from the bottom marked line. (3 3/4" from the bottom) Place the pocket edges on the side marked lines. Stitch the sides— very close to the edge and then 1/4" away from edge.



Divided Pocket

Take the 9 1/2" x 7" octopus fabric and the lining, follow Fusible Fleece instructions to press 9" x 6 1/2" fusible fleece piece on center of lining.

Stitch all four sides with a 1/4" seam– leaving gap for turning. Turn right sides out, trim corners, poke out corners, press. Top stitch the top edge.

Center on one of the 12" sides, 5 1/2" from the top. Stitch two sides and bottom close to edge, catching gap. Stitch 1/4" away from edge. Stitch pocket to make divisions to fit your stuff.

Fold Interior with right sides together. Stitch side and bottom. Box corners.



Key Clasp

Take the 2 1/2" x 5" piece of octopus fabric. Press under 1/4" on each long side. Fold together. Top stitch each side. Put through key clasp, center on the seamed side with the raw edge on the top of the side. Stitch.



Interior Finished!

Put the exterior inside the interior – right sides together.



Stitch top leaving an 8" opening. Turn right side out. Press.



Top stitch close to edge, catching opening, then stitch again about 1/2" away from first top stitching.

Let's Go!

