

Valentine's and Halloween Tote Bags

Each bag uses the equivalent of one **Fat Quarter** + sturdy ribbon/webbing as handles



Cut your Fat Quarter (hereafter FQ) in half to create two 11" (roughly-might be slightly narrower depending on the width of the FQ) x 18" pieces. You can use the second piece as the lining of your bag or cut a coordinating piece the same size for a contrasting lining and save the second piece for a second bag.

Step 1 – Sew Rayola label to the top right of the outside fabric (approx. 1" down and 1" from side).



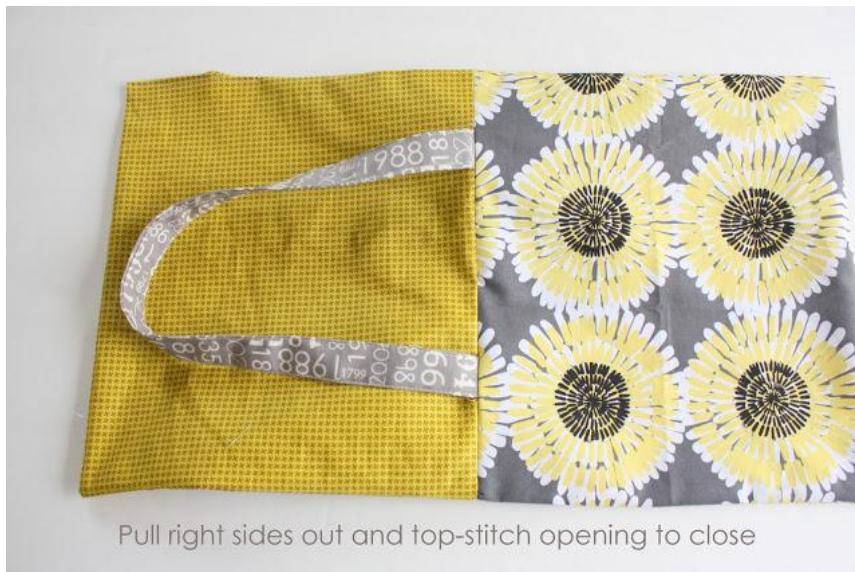
Step 2- Pin both handles to the short sides of the lining piece of fabric. Measure in about 2.5" from each corner and pin the handles to the fabric.



Step 3- Place the outside fabric right sides together on top of the lining piece and handles. Pin short sides and sew 1/4" seam allowance down both sides, over the edges of the handle straps, careful not to catch any other part of the handles in your seams.



Step 4 - Press seams open and bring seams together, matching them up at the center. The bag's outside fabric and lining fabric should be folded on top of itself, right sides together. Now pin the long, open sides together. Sew a $1/4"$ seam along both sides, leaving a 3" opening in the lining to turn the bag right-sides out.



Step 5 – Pull the bag right sides out through the 3" opening and top-stitch the opening closed. (This doesn't have to look pretty because it will be inside the bag.)



Step 6- Tuck the lining inside the bag and press the bag carefully, paying extra attention to the seam around the top of the bag. Make it look nice and crisp.

Step 7- Top-stitch around the top edge of the bag. This will help secure the handles' attachment and give the bag a finished look.