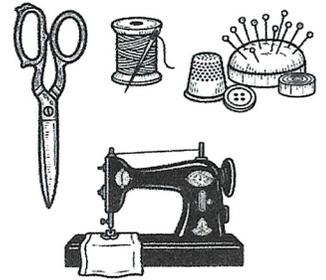


Dish Drying-Mat Tote Bags Material List



- **2 dish drying mats the same size.** One will be the front, the other will be the back. If the corners are rounded you will want to trim the sides off some to make a rectangular shape. If the edges have binding on them you should pick off the binding. Edges just sewn or surged are fine as they are.
- **2 pieces of fabric,** cut the same size as your mat choice, to be the **lining** inside the tote.
- **2 pieces of fabric for inside pockets.** The inside pocket will go the entire width of your mat, and could be as tall as 9 inches. You will need 2 pieces of fabric, 9" x the width of your mat. (My pockets were cut at 6 inches tall x the width of my mat size.)
- **2 pieces of fabric for outside pockets.** I cut 6" wide by 7" tall.
- **2 straps for handles,** either 1" or ½" wide. You could do 27" long, or 36" long if you want to throw it over one shoulder. If you can't find webbing to use (or it's too expensive), you could cut the length you want from fabric 4 inches wide, then iron in half so there is a crease 2" from the outside edge. Then open it, and fold the outside edges in, to the center crease. Iron the new creases, and fold shut. Then topstitch around all edges. This would make a sturdy 1" strap x your desired length. You will want 2 straps ready to go at class time, so you can focus on how everything is put together.

If you want to go crazy & have time on your hands before class, you can pick some fun fabric to coordinate with your mats. Cut it & run it through a bias maker a little less wide than your strap (no need for fabric to be on the bias). Then you can topstitch it onto your handles on one side (like my Halloween bags).

- If you want to close the bag you will need either **two 1-1/2" Velcro sets** or **2 giant snap sets** (I found mine at Hobby Lobby several years ago). Velcro will be machine sewn on, the snaps are hand sewn. This part can be done anytime after the workshop, so you don't have to have them with you. You can also decide to just leave the bag open to haul your beautiful quilts!
- Be sure to have either **size 14 or 16 sewing machine needles.** At one point you will be sewing both mats at the same time.

I plan on having samples made at different stages of the project that you can look at. Everyone sews at their own pace, and this project does take more time than we have. And you decide if you want pockets or not, how long you want your straps, etc. (In class, you could even cut bigger box corners with short handles to make sort of an open storage bin.)