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# OUR FAVORITE TOTE

project sheet



# **CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS**

From yardage, cut (2) 33/4" WOF strips. Trim each strip to 28" long.

From remaining yardage, cut (1) 19" WOF strip. From strip, cut (2) rectangles 18" wide. Cut a 3" square out of the bottom of both bottom corners on both pieces. Make small mark along top edges 534" in from each side edge.





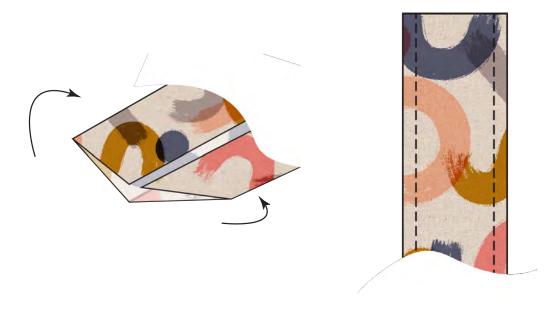
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## **SEWING INSTRUCTIONS**

All seam allowances ½" unless otherwise noted.

Fold straps in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press to crease. Unfold. Fold each long raw edge in almost to first crease, wrong sides together, and press edge to crease. Refold all creases and press flat. Strap should be about 1" wide.

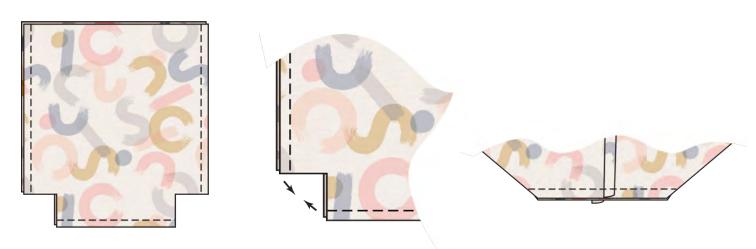
Topstitch along both edges 1/8" from edge.



On both bag pieces, fold top edge ½" towards wrong side and press. Fold another 1" and press again. Unfold all folds.

Place main bag pieces right sides together. Stitch together along sides and bottom edges. Finish seam allowance with a zig zag stitch or serger.

On both bottom corners, bring side seam and bottom seam allowances together, lining them up, so that seams are right sides together. It helps to finger press the seam allowances in opposite directions so that the seams nest. Align the raw fabric edges and stitch together. Finish seam allowance with a zig zag stitch or serger.



On each side of bag, pin strap to top edge with strap ends centered over marks and raw edges aligned. Be sure that the strap is not twisted. Stitch across strap ends at 1/4" to secure.

Fold top of bag along previously pressed creases, folding raw edge of strap under with raw edge of bag. Pin in place all the way around, pinning straps so that they are straight and sticking up away from bag.

Stitch all the way around 1/8" away from inner lower folded edge, backstitching at beginning and end. Stitch all the way around again, this time 1/8" from top edge of bag, making sure straps stay straight when you sew over them.

For extra durability, stitch a square and X over the end of each strap, within the two hem stitching lines.





#### YOU DID IT! YOU MADE OUR FAVORITE TOTE!!

Be sure to use #rubystarsociety and #ourfavoritetote when sharing your creations so we can see them!



# OUR FAVORITE TOTE

We call this Our Favorite Tote because it's our favorite size and shape tote bag, ever! The boxed corner bottom means you can fit more inside, and the handles are long enough to carry over your shoulder. Easy to whip up, you'll want a bunch in your house and in your car for grocery runs, trips to the pool, or any time you need some extra help carrying something. Makes a great gift!

Recommended fabric: Ruby Star Society Cotton Linen Canvas



### FABRIC REQUIREMENTS



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Fabric shown is Brushwork cotton linen canvas by Rashida Coleman-Hale for Ruby Star Society. All increments shown in yards.

All fabric yardages assume usable fabric width of 40".

Please read all instructions before beginning.

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