

Sew Easy Tote

See accompanying video for this project at www.jackietopa.typepad.com



This Sew Easy Tote can be made without a sewing machine. It's an adaptation of one of the fabric projects from Stampin' Up.

Fabric

Tote Bottom 12" x 24" (Muslin)

Tote Lining 12" x 24" (Muslin)

Two Handles 4" x 28" (Deck the Halls)

Twelve Scallop Circles (4 each of 3 prints)

18" Seam Binding (Cherry Cobbler)

Iron-on Adhesive Strips 12" Long

Twelve ¼" Wide

Five ½" Wide

Seven 1" Wide

Supplies

Iron & Ironing Board or Large Towel

Needle and Thread or Straight Stitch Sewing Machine

1. Cut 12 Scallop Circles, 4 each from 3 different prints. Trace a 1¾" Circle in the centre and cut a hole. Clip around the edges of the circle. *Note* you can substitute cupcake wrappers from the table setting die for the scallop circles.*
2. Mark 3 lines on the front & back of the purse at 4 ½", 5 ¼" and 6" from the top
3. Iron ¼" strips of iron-on adhesive over the lines and attach the ruffles and seam binding.
4. Iron a ¼" strip of adhesive to the top half of the side edges. Fold the bottom half up and press together to form a sack. Hand stitch just inside of the adhesive. If using a sewing machine, this can be done with a straight stitch.
5. Make a gusset in the bottom of the tote and liner. (*see video for detailed instructions*)
6. To make the handles fold in the side edges to form 1" wide strips.
7. Iron a 1" piece of adhesive along the top of the tote. Attach the handles. *Optional: cut a thick window sheet the size of the tote bottom and insert it between the tote and liner.*
8. Insert the liner, attach it to the tote and iron in place. Stitch along the top edge.