SEWING PATTERN #1 - DENNY TOTE by Splash Fabric







REUSABLE GROCERY TOTE "DENNY"

- 18"w x 18"h x 7"d
- X-body Seatbelt strap
- Inside pocket
- NEW snap!



This Fabric is Magic

The tote has finally been perfected! Nicknamed the "Denny", this simple, waterproof and durable bag can be worn on the side or cross-body. It's got plenty of room for your school books, groceries, beach gear, gym gear, or anything else. The inside pocket keeps your phone, wallet, or keys secure. This tote is a breeze to make and our non-toxic, eco-friendly, 100% cotton fabric is a joy to use!

Materials

- Fabric: 1/2 yd laminated cotton. Splash Fabric laminated cotton fabric is perfect! Don't pick a fabric with a 1-way print unless you adjust the pattern.
 - (Cut 2 sides with print right side up & sew a bottom seam = more advanced)
- 8.5"x11" of contrasting or same fabric for a pocket. Use a piece of printer paper for a "pattern" for your pocket.
- 1 yd of 2" wide seatbelt webbing. Longer if you are big or super tall.
- Snap for top closure. I use KAMsnaps, Size 20.

Sewing Notes

- Standard or heavy thread and Denim needle work well.
- Needle suggestion: SCHMETZ NonStick size 100
- Use a longer than normal stitch length.
- No need to bind or serge cut edges. Fabric won't unravel it's sealed

Cut

1. Cut a long rectangle, 18" W x 44" L

With bags, as opposed to garments, it doesn't matter which way you cut the patterns on the fabric. Crossways is fine, depending on the print.

Note: Our fabric prints are designed to accommodate cutting horizontal or vertical.

Our fabrics are also 58" wide. You can cut 3-across out of 1.5 yd.

2. Fold your rectangle in half lengthwise, RST.

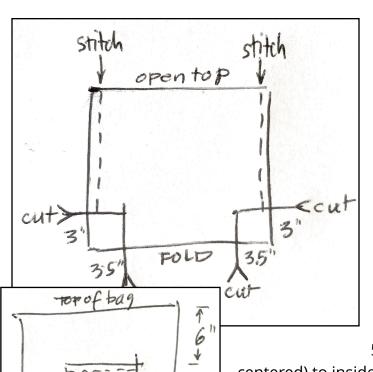


Diagram MEASURES-18"w x 22"h

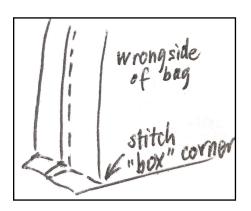
3. Cut 3" x 3.5" corners out of the folded side. Add 1/2" on open side for seam allowance. (see illustration)

Sew

4. Pocket: Fold 1/2" over & sew across the top.

5. Pin pocket (6" down and centered) to inside of one side of the bag. Sew in place. no need to fold in or finish the edges as laminated cotton doesn't fray. Don't worry about pin holes, they will "heal".

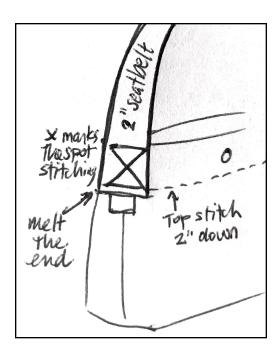
- 6. Fold bag body in 1/2, RST. Stitch down both sides.
- 7. Make bottom "box" corners, stitch RST.
- 8. Fold top 2" down, wrong sides together, all the way around the top of the bag you have now made. Press. Pin so it doesn't twist. Stitch at the bottom of the 2". No need to fold bottom of hem under it won't unravel because it's laminated.



wrong side fab.

Attach the Handle

- 8. Cut the ends of the seatbelt webbing straight and melt with a lighter or candle.
- 9. Pin & sew a 2" square and an "X" to attach the handle. Note: I sew my fabric label under one of the handle ends. You can use a patch, label, or a folded piece of fabric for fun / bling.



Add a Snap - KAMsnap or other - top middle. Or add button, strings to tie... your choice.

Now pack it up and go to the beach, or gym, or library, or farmer's market or?

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