



## MATERIALS

### Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

5/8 yd (57cm) home décor fabric, for outer bag  
5/8 yd (57cm) lining  
1/4 yd (23cm) contrast fabric, for casing/loop  
3 yds (3m) cotton cording, 1/4" (1cm)  
Large safety pin or bodkin



SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: **BEGINNER**

### Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Whether you're headed to class or to the market, this handy drawstring tote is a hands-free way to carry your stuff. Quick & easy to make- it's a great beginner sewing project. Learn to sew a casing and how to line a simple tote.

#### MEASUREMENTS

17" x 16" (43cm x 41cm)

#### CUTTING

##### **From both outer fabric and lining fabric, cut:**

(2) rectangles, 17" x 18" (43cm x 46cm)

##### **From contrast fabric, cut:**

(2) squares, 3" (7.5cm), for loops  
(2) strips, 3" x 16" (7.5cm x 41cm), for casings

Seam allowances are 1/2" (1.5cm).

#### ASSEMBLING THE CASINGS

1. Press under 1/4" (1cm) twice on each end of the casing strips. Stitch in place.
2. Fold the casing strips wrong sides together and press, creating 1 1/2" (4cm) folded strips.

#### ASSEMBLING THE LOOPS

1. Press opposite edges of the loop square to the center. Fold in half again.
2. Edgestitch both edges.
3. Fold the loop in half and baste the raw edges together.

#### ASSEMBLING THE BAG FRONT

1. Mark the center of the bag upper edge (17" [43cm] edge) and the center of the casing strips.
2. Matching centers and raw edges, baste a casing strip to the upper edge of each outer bag body rectangle. Note that the casing is narrower than the bag edge.
3. Matching raw edges, baste a loop to each lower front bag corner, 2" (5cm) from the lower edge.

## **ASSEMBLING THE BAG**

1. Casing strips up, place the bag body rectangles right sides together matching the edges. Sew the side and lower edges. Press seams open.
2. Place the lining rectangles right sides together and sew the side and lower edges using a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1.5cm) seam, and leaving a 4" (10cm) opening in the lower edge for turning. Trim the seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.5cm). Turn right side out and mark the upper edge centers.
3. With right sides together, matching centers and side seams, slip the lining into the bag matching the upper edges and tucking the casings between the layers.
4. Sew around the bag upper edge. Turn the bag right side out through the lining opening and push the lining into the bag.
5. Firmly press the bag upper edge rolling the lining just to the underside.
6. Hand or machine stitch the lining opening closed.

## **FINISHING**

1. Cut the cording length in half. Using a safety pin or bodkin, thread the cord through one side of the casing and back through the opposite side, so that it exists the original side. Repeat for the opposite side, starting the cord at the opposite side of the casing.
2. Thread one cord end through the fabric loop. Repeat for the second side.
3. Adjust the cord length, trim the cord if needed, and knot the ends together below the loop.

