

# Basket Tote Bag

with Sue Martin

August 20, 2022 9:00 am set-up, to 3:30 pm

Location: The Oaks clubhouse,  
9761 East Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove



I will provide a pattern or you can make your own after watching any of the videos below or use my template on page 2. My pattern will be for a finished 10" height x about 15" wide, x 4" depth tote, not including handles. Read these instructions and watch the videos before anything else.

## Bring:

- Working sewing machine and basic supplies.
- cutting mat about 18x24
- rotary cutter
- ruler 3 or 5 x 18" (don't buy one, we can share)!
- Fabrics as described below and neutral or matching thread for the binding.
- Lunch and drinks

**Fabric:** Depending on your choice to have 2 different outside or same for both sides, you need at least

- A. 2 different outsides: 25 x 18 (watch for directional patterns), 2 pieces. Cut 1 of each, (note: add ½" seam allowance to pattern).
- B. 1 fabric for outside: ¾ yd (there's enough for fabric handles). Cut 1 on fold. You can use handles of your choice:-fabric or ready-made.
- Lining: 25" by WOF or ¾ yard. Cut 1 on the fold. If you plan on quilting your bag, then cut lining same as A.
- Batting or stiff interfacing. Cut 1 on fold or 2 (note: add ½" seam allowance)
- Binding: Bring a coordinating fat quarter. I'll show you how to make about 3 yards of continuing bias binding.

**Watch** any of the following videos to get an idea of what you want and how to finish and decorate. There are several different videos available. Choose one or follow me. I choose to make a small tack at the top of the sides, then sewed buttons on both sides to close the bag.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S834FXhCMXw> (My choice with a few tweaks and mine is bigger)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymHwZgMSP0w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi5cP8NLdgo>

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**Watch** this video for making continuous bias binding. I like this method but learned 2 things to watch out for. We will do this in class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4NHseVkf30>

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**Homework:**

Once you decide on what kind of look you want, then decide to lightly quilt the fabric(s) or just fuse the interfacing. Have your cut pieces ready before class. I used fusible batting for mine, then lightly quilted both halves. It worked best to cut the batting and lining the same as the outside fabric.

We will make the binding in class from the fat quarter, you don't have to do anything before hand. Or you could bring store bought bias seam tape.

Below is the size if you want to make your own pattern. Start with paper that's 17x25.

