

2012 Bible Totes

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1. **TOP FLAP LINING:** Hoop tearaway stabilizer, stitch placement line on directly on stabilizer. Spray stabilizer with temp adhesive spray. On fabric, mark center on a 7" side. Center fabric next to placement line keeping center marks even. Next step stitches velcro placement outline.

2. Remove hoop. Rub stick glue on back of velcro (use "fuzzy" half) & center over the outline. Put hoop on machine. Next step tacks velcro down. Remove hoop, trim velcro close to outline. Put hoop on machine.



3. Last step – satin stitching covering edge of velcro. Remove from hoop, remove stabilizer on the back. Set aside.

4. **TOP FLAP:** Hoop cut away stabilizer (adds stiffness) Stitch placement line directly on stabilizer. Extend center line by marking on stabilizer. (Marked line helps to center lining on top later!)



5. On fabric, mark center on a 7" side. Place fabric next to placement line keeping center marks even. Tape corners, put hoop on machine. Continue stitching design.

6. Remove hoop, center lining over design using placement line & center mark as guide (velcro facing down). Tape at corners, put hoop on machine. Next step tacks lining down.



7. Remove from hoop, trim stabilizer even with fabric edges. With pinking shears, trim sides & curved bottom leaving ¼" seam allowance. DO NOT trim the top edge yet!

8. Turn right side out & press. With straight ruler & rotary cutter, trim the top leaving ¼" seam allowance to make the flap ¼" taller. Top stitch all edges with ¼" seam.



9. **FRONT POCKET:** Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch placement outline directly on stabilizer. On pocket fabric, mark the center on a 6" side.

10. Place fabric in hoop with top of fabric even with top of outline & center marks even. Tape corners, put hoop on machine. Note: Fabric along the sides & bottom will extend past outline. The next step tacks the fabric down & stitches the velcro placement outline.



11. Repeat same steps listed above to add velcro to pocket. Continue stitching design.

12. Remove hoop, center lining over fabric. Tape corners. The last step tacks the lining down at the top & bottom.



13. Trim stabilizer even with fabric. Trim fabric at the top & bottom leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Turn pocket right side out & press. Use stitching lines at sides as guide to trim the pocket $\frac{1}{4}$ " wider on each side to make finished pocket $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Top stitch top of pocket.

14. **TOTE SIDES:** Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch the placement line directly on stabilizer. Spray area to left of placement line with temp adhesive spray



15. . On "sides" fabric, mark center on a 9" side. Place marked edge of fabric next to placement line keeping center marks even. Continue stitching design. When finished, trim stabilizer close to designs.

16. Cut fabric in half down the center to create 2 sides $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Mark L & R (left/right) at the top next to center cut so they aren't added backwards later! Set aside.



17. **MAKING THE TOTE:** On the "byAnnie" Soft & Stable mark lines $4\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each long side.

18. Place center fabric inside marked lines. Run a small bead of Elmers school glue under edge of fabric & iron to secure fabric to the soft & stable.



19. Next, pin front pocket evenly over center fabric 2 ¼" down from the top. Next, pin "plain" pocket to other end. Stitch bottom of pockets in place with ¼" seam. Do not stitch pocket sides.



20. Pin "sides" fabric marked R (right) even with right side of the center fabric. Stitch in place with 3/8" seam.



21. Flip fabric to the right side & press. Run small bead of glue just under fabric along outer edge & iron to set. Trim fabric even with soft & stable if necessary.



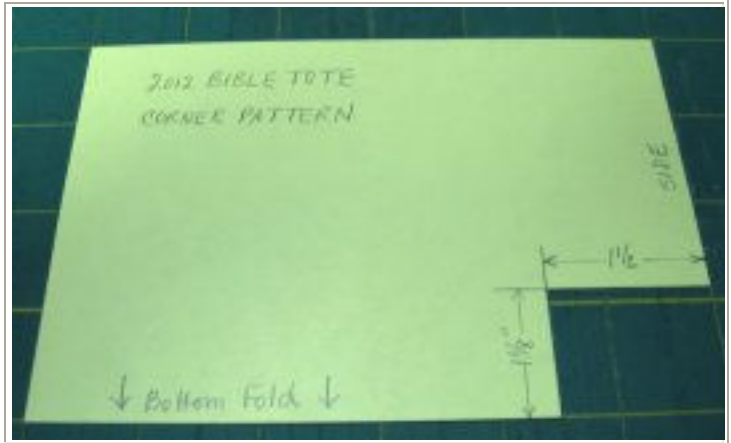
22. Repeat to add other "sides" fabric to the left side. Top stitch down both seams with 3/8" seam.



23. Accurately mark a line 1" down from the top on both ends of the tote. Note! Mark accurately!



24. Pin top band (wrong side up) next to marked line and stitch in place with 3/8" seams. Repeat on other end of tote.



25. Flip top band fabric up & press. Top band fabric will extend past top of the soft & stable about 1/2" at this point.

26. Create corner pattern from 4x6 index card. Cut out is 1 1/2" from the side & 1 1/8" from the bottom. Write "ON FOLD" at bottom, "SIDE" on edge.



27. Fold and pin top edges of tote together. Use corner pattern to trace cutouts at the bottom on sides. Trim away excess fabric. On the back (side without embroidered pocket) mark a short center line at the top.

28. Next, mark center line on wrong side of Top Flap. Center & pin top flap to top of tote. Stitch in place with 1/4" seam. (Again...flap goes on side without embroidery!)



29. Pin & stitch tote sides (right sides facing) together with 3/8" seams. Press seams open.

30. Maneuver bottom cut outs to form a straight edge & stitch together with 3/8" seams (forms flat bottom).



31. Turn tote right side out. Mark lines 1 1/2" from ends of webbing. Center and pin webbing over side seams. Keep marks even with fabric edge. Stitch webbing in place with 1/4" seams. Keep strap pinned over side seams.

32. **PREPARE LINING:** Mark lines 1" down from the top on both ends same as tote. Pin top band fabric next to marked lines and stitch in place with 3/8" seams. Flip top bands up and press.



33. **LINING:** Use corner pattern for cutouts at bottom fold same as tote. On one side, mark lines 3" & 10" from top. Stitch side with 3/8" seam but use long basting stitch inside marks. Stitch other side normally. Press seams open. Pin & stitch cut outs same as tote. Remove basting stitches.

34. Slip tote (right side out) down inside the lining (wrong side out) & pin lining and top band of tote together evenly keeping side seams even. Stitch around top with 3/8" seam.



35. Pull tote through the opening in the lining.

36. Push lining down inside tote & pin so joining seam is the top edge. Top stitch band at top & bottom with 3/8" seams.



37. Slip the plastic canvas (2 pieces taped together) through the opening in the lining and push it to the bottom centered. Stitch opening in the lining closed.

You're finished!

Both fabrics for the tote in this tutorial were purchased from JoAnn's Fabrics:
Print fabric - Legacy Studio, Indonesian Batiks – Leaves & Flowers Multi #044 IN 11324 \$12.99/yd
Black fabric – Kona Cotton \$7.99/yard