

✧ Go Green Grocery Tote

materials needed

- 1/4 yard of 8 coordinating cotton fabrics
- 1 1/2 yards of canvas
- 1 1/4 yard of cotton coordinating fabric for handles and to line the bag
- Cotton Sewing thread
- Decorative Thread - optional
- Marking Pen
- Piecing Foot

cutting instructions

From Canvas:

- 3 strips of 3" x 44"
- 1 rectangle 24" x 44"

From Coordinating cotton fabrics:

- Cut all fabrics into different width strips ranging from 2"-4"

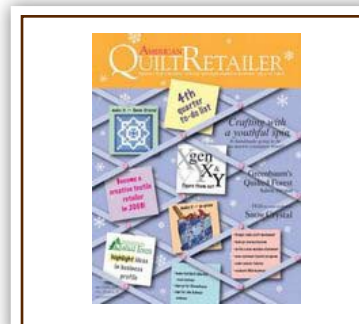
From Lining:

- 1 rectangle 24" x 44"
- 3 strips 6" x 44"

instructions

*Seam allowance is 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

1. With your cotton fabric strips sew & flip quilt the 24" x 44" canvas rectangle. To create the sew and flip process start with two of your strips right sides together. Draw a 60 degree line in the middle of your 24" x 44" canvas. Place the raw edge of your two strips along this drawn line and pin in place. Sew along this raw edge at 1/4".
2. Flip the strips open and press to reveal the seam in the middle and two raw edges on either side. Place a new strip right sides together with the strip on the right and sew along the raw edge at 1/4" again. Flip open and press. Repeat this process in both directions of the canvas until it is completely filled with your strips!



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3. Decorate the seams with decorative stitches and thread as desired.
4. Draw two lines on your bag with a water soluble marking pen. Each should be 8" from the long edge and 2" away from the short edge.
5. Sew your 3" canvas strips right sides together to create one long strap piece. Do the same for your 6" lining strips. Center the canvas strip on the lining strip and wrap the raw edges of the lining fabric around to the center of the canvas. Press. Fold in half with wrong sides together to create the strap. Topstitch along both edges.
6. Sew the strap in place along the marked lines of your decorated bag. Fold bag right sides together and sew both sides backstitching at the beginning and end. Box your corners at 3".
7. Sew your lining right sides together along the sides. Box your corners at 3" just as you did the bag body above.
8. Put your lining and bag right sides together and sew along the top edge leaving a 4" opening between one of the handles. Turn the bag right side out and press. Double topstitch along the top edge for stability. To give your bag a more structured look, topstitch along each of the 4 edges and around the bottom of the bag.

