

2023 STAND UP GROCERY TOTE – 1/2” seams

Fabric Requirements

Main fabric 3/4 yd
Lining fabric 3/4 yd
Craft-fuse 1-1/4 yd
Straps – 1/4 yd
Batting 24” x 7/8”

PreCut sizes

Craft-Fuse	19”w x 17”h	(2 pieces)
Main fabric	19”w x 17”h	(2 pieces)
Lining fabric	19”w x 17”h	(2 pieces)
Straps		
Main fabric	24” x 4”	(2 pieces)
Batting	24” x 7/8”	(2 pieces)

1. To allow for shrinkage of craft-fuse, and accurate cutting of bag, **FIRST** cut 2 pieces of the craft-fuse 19x17 and fuse to back of the 19x17 main fabric pieces.
2. When craft-fuse is well bonded to main fabric, sew a few stabilizing lines horizontal and vertical over both pieces (or free motion quilt). **THEN** cut the bag to size as below.

Final Cut sizes

Main fabric (fused)	18-1/2”w x 16-1/2”h	(2 pieces)
Lining fabric	18-3/8”w x 16”h	(2 pieces)
Straps	24” x 4”	(2 pieces)

3. Pin Right Sides together for the main fabric pieces, and the lining pieces.
4. Mark 2-1/2” squares at bottom left and right of main and also the lining fabrics.
5. Sew right, bottom and left seams on main fabric (1/2”seams), back stitching at the inside edges of the “boxes” you have marked.
6. On the lining **bottom seam**, run a partial basting stitch in middle to allow for turning later.
7. Cut out the 2-1/2” squares on main and lining and press seams flat.
8. Bring seams together diagonally on cut out section, matching side seam and bottom seam, pin, sew 1/2” seam. Do the same for all bottom corners on main and lining forming the box bottom.
9. Turn lining right side out. Leave the main bag right side in.
10. Insert lining into the main fabric bag (RS together). Pin at top. Sew 1/2” seam. Pull lining out of bag and open the bottom seam so you can turn everything.
11. Sew the bottom seam together on the lining.
12. At the top edge, fold the lining into the bag and press the top edge, then top stitch 1/2”. For more stiffness, sew another line of stitching closer to the top edge.

Straps

1. Fold strip in half, then fold each side in to match the center seam. Cut a 7/8” piece of batting to insert on one side of strip. Fold together. Sew 1/8” each side of strip.
2. At top edge of lined bag, mark 5” in from each side seam on front and back of bag, mark 1” down from top of each strip.
3. Lay strap on bag at the 5” marks with the raw edges pointing toward top of bag. Sew at the 1” mark, flip up toward top of bag and sew 1/2” from top edge of bag.

Finish

Steam press a hard crease in bottom edges of bag 2-1/2 in from bottom seam,. Top stitch 1/8” from edges of creases. This step helps the bag stand up on counter and handles will fall to the side, opening the bag. Stitching can also be done on the vertical edges of bag for more stiffness.