



Oh, That Bag!

WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE A CHIC LITTLE
TOTE BAG USING FUN AND FABULOUS
DUCK CLOTH FABRIC.....NOW
AVAILABLE IN STYLISH PRINTS
AND PATTERNS!

appliqué it!

You're gonna want to grab this bag! It's got flower power down to an art with a bevy of imaginatively arranged appliqués. For a similar look, cut portions of the patterns from the same fabric that you've chosen for your tote. Then, randomly fray edges for added texture and interest, as shown, and stitch them into place. Voilà!





slick chick (1) Like water off a duck's back? It sure is! That's because we weatherproofed this tried-and-true version of our simple duck cloth tote with a clear vinyl overlay!

pocket change (2) Here's a look that lets you stow and go! Add a handy front pocket, perfect for sunglasses, keys and cell phones. Our pocket measures approximately 7½ x 7½".

bowed over (3) Want a sweet take on our handy duck cloth tote? Add a pretty, tailored bow! We took the look of the bow from Simplicity pattern #6090.





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pretty pouch (4) An extra wide pocket makes this bag our pick for “practical and cute.” And there was nothing to it! Just measure the width of the bag, leaving a ½” seam allowance on both sides.

in the mix (5) Can’t pick your favorite print? This variation is all about mix and match! The tote features two of our adorable duck cloth designs.

ready ruffle (6) This bag has thrice the style with a trio of our adorable duck cloth prints...and a ruffle to boot! Just stitch a gathering stitch down the center of a strip of fabric... and pull!



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paris pockets!

We went French and fancy for this cute little tote, with a pocket, a bow and a pair of très chic appliques. The black portion of the tote was sewn together in two panels—that made it easier to attach the pocket. The appliques were cut from our printed duck cloth and applied with fusible web (according to the manufacturer's directions) before stitching. And the bow? Pink velvet ribbon, perfectly tied and stitched to secure.

A person from the waist down is shown holding a large tote bag with a vibrant floral and butterfly print. They are wearing a brown sweater, blue jeans, and brown boots. The background is a light green wall with several other patterned tote bags hanging on it. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

So...
You
Want
to Sew
a Tote
Bag?

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO
MAKE YOUR VERY OWN HIP DUCK
CLOTH TOTE. JUST CHOOSE YOUR
PRINT AND GO! AND IF YOU WANT TO
CHANGE IT UP, TWEAK THE DESIGN
TO FIT YOUR PERSONAL STYLE!

supplies:

- Two 15 1/2" x 19" fabric panels (for front and back of tote)
- Two 5" x 30" fabric strips (for tote handles)
- Sewing Machine
- Iron
- Thread
- Ruler
- Straight Pins
- Scissors



- 1** Place panels on a flat work surface with patterned side down. On each panel, along one of the short sides, fold over fabric 1 1/2". Press with iron.



- 2** Pin folds.



- 3** Sew folded edges on each panel, as shown.




- 4** To make the handles, place remaining strips on work surface. Fold each strip lengthwise, with patterned sides together.




- 5** Pin edges.





- 6** Press fold with iron.

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- 7** Sew each handle from one end to the other, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, being sure to backstitch.


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- 8** Turn each handle right side out. Iron along all edges for crisp folds.


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- 9** Using photo as a guide, place handles on the back side of tote panel. Using ruler for precise placement, place each handle 3" from side and 1" from top of tote. Pin in place to ensure accuracy.

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- 10** Sew an "X" joint for each handle end without lifting the needle from fabric until stitching is completed.

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- 11** Pin panels together at sides with patterned sides of fabric together.

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- 12** Precisely pin bottom edges together.

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- 13** Stitch sides and bottom of tote panels together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, being sure to backstitch.

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- 14** And you're done! We'll call it "craft and carry!"