

Making Christmas Drawstring Totes



Pick up a Community Outreach kit and you'll have all the supplies you'll need to make these lovely bags. Then return your finished totes to Adrienne Hickman or Jessica Church, and they'll complete the donation process.

Thank you!

KIT CONTENTS

- 1 - 12½" square for base A (solid or muslin)
- 1 - 12½" square of Christmas fabric for back B
- 2 - 12½" lining squares (solid or printed)
- 8 to 10 assorted strips of Christmas fabric
- 2 - 12½" x 6" strips for cuff/top of tote
- 2 - 36" lengths of ribbon or cording

DIRECTIONS

Main Tote

1. Using strips of Christmas fabric, stitch design of your choice (diagonal, vertical, horizontal, squares) on base A. Add decorative trim as desired. Trim to 12½" square.
2. Place back B face down onto front A.
3. Add 2 layers of lining on top. If lining is printed, place face to face then place on top of A + B.
4. Sew 3 of 4 sides using ½" seam allowance.
5. Turn inside out (so right sides of fabric show & no raw edges).
6. Baste top opening if necessary for ease of handling.

Cuff

1. Hem short ends by turning ¼" and ¼" again, press.
2. Fold in half lengthwise & press. (wrong sides together).
3. Stitch ¾" wide casing (stitch 1" from fold first, then ¾" lower)
4. Attach cuff to top of tote. Overlock raw edge.
5. Insert ribbon or cording through casing. Using 1 strand, insert ribbon through casing and continue to 2nd casing. Tie knot. Take 2nd length of ribbon and repeat, but insert at opposite end of cuff (the end without the knot). Tie knot. Pulling the knotted ends should close the bag.

**Questions? Please get in touch with Adrienne Hickman or Jessica Church;
Their contact info is in the Member Directory.**