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## Trail Tote

Short Description: A casual and easy to wear tote that will feature your favorite fabrics.

Long Description: The trail tote is a lovely shaped cross body style tote bag with a round bottom that comes in two sizes. This fully lined bag features an exterior zippered pocket securely holds all those important items: keys, phone, etc. Inside you will find a sizeable slip pocket and the bag closes with a magnetic snap at the top. Edged in piping and an adjustable strap make this bag functional!

Finished size: Large 14 ½" x 15" x 2 ½"  
Small 10" x 10 ½" x 1 ½"

Date & Time: Saturday August 25, 2018 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Pattern—Trail Tote by Anna Graham (Noodlehead)**

**Pattern is FREE and can be downloaded from the link below. Download and print the pattern.**

**<http://www.robertkaufman.com/assets/pdf/TrailTote-2.pdf>**

### Materials Needed for the Large tote:

Fabric A Exterior	½ yard
Fabric B Lining	½ yard
Fabric C Accent (exterior zipper pocket lining & interior slip pocket)	½ yard
Fabric D Strap & Piping	¾ yard <b>½ yard if not adding piping</b>
****I added <b>fusible fleece</b> to my exterior main pattern pieces—Pellon 987 Fusible Fleece	****1 yard
Fusible Woven SF101 ***I added SF101 to the lining main pattern pieces and the pocket.	2 yards **adjusted amount if using fusible fleece—1yard
(1) 14" Zipper	

**\*\*\*If you are making the SMALL tote be sure to adjust the fabric amounts as needed and follow the cutting instructions in the pattern. Directions are the same to make both sizes.**

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**Other Materials:**

- (1) Magnetic Snap
- (2) 1 ½” rectangular D-rings and (1) 1 ½” strap slider
- 1 ½ yards 1/8” cotton cording for making piping (adding piping to tote is optional)
- X-Press It double-sided tape or ¼” Steam-a-Seam (very helpful with installing zippers)

**Supplies Needed for Day of Class:**

- Pattern (downloaded and **PRINTED** from link given above)
- Sewing machine with appropriate thread, zipper foot, walking foot, piping foot (optional)
- Size 14 or Microtex needle
- Pins, rotary cutter, rulers (6 ½ x 12 is a useful size), cutting mat for personal use
- Pencil, chalk, water soluble pen or thin marker to mark with
- Wonder clips
- X-Press It double-sided tape or ¼” Steam-a-Seam (very helpful with installing zippers)
- Pressing cloth

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**HOMEWORK**...It is recommended to complete this before the day of the class to help ensure you finish the Trail Tote the day of the class.

On pages 10 – 12, you will find the three parts that make up one main pattern piece (for the large). Trace the pattern pieces onto freezer paper to create one template, matching the letters together. Using the one main pattern template, you will be cutting out all the pieces needed and fusing the interfacings to the corresponding fabric before class begins. You can iron the freezer paper onto the fabric (shiny side down) to assist in cutting out the exterior pattern pieces and the linings. Peel the template off after cutting out the pattern piece and iron onto the next piece of fabric. You can reuse the pattern piece repeatedly.

You will be learning how to measure and cut fabrics & stabilizers, install a zipper and a magnetic snap to the bag, make darts, sew around curves and develop your skills of reading patterns.

Read through the directions on the pattern to familiarize yourself with the information.

**The table below will assist in the cutting instructions and the corresponding interfacings.**

**Cutting Instructions for the Large Tote—Fabric & Interfacings: (PAGE 3)**  
**(all cutting measurements are height x width)**

<b>From Fabric A (Exterior):</b>	<b>Size:</b>	<b>Interfacing &amp; Size:</b>
(2) Exterior	Main pattern piece	987 main pattern piece (MINUS ½” around the outside)

<b>From Fabric B (Lining):</b>		
(2) Lining	Main pattern piece	SF101 main pattern piece
<b>From Fabric C (Accent):</b>		
(1) Exterior Zipper Pocket Lining	21" x 11"	
(2) Interior Slip Pocket	9" x 9"	(1) SF101 9" x 9"
<b>From Fabric D (Strap &amp; Piping)</b>		
(2) Straps	6" x WOF	
(3) Bias strips for piping	1 ½" by length given in pattern	<b>****Piping takes this from a beginner bag to a confident beginner...do you want a challenge?</b>

**Before class:**

Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the two main exterior pieces (fusible fleece) and the two main lining pieces (SF101). Fuse the one piece of interfacing (SF101) to **one** of the 9" x 9" inner slip pocket pieces.

Bring with you all your pieces and any extra fabric/stabilizers to class with you.

We will begin on page 4 with step 2 Make the Strap.

If you have any questions about the directions in the book or my instructions, do not hesitate to contact me at [maryquilts913@gmail.com](mailto:maryquilts913@gmail.com) . I will be happy to give you a call and assist you over the phone or by email.

Enjoy, Mary

- \* Doors open 15 minutes prior to class.
- \* Do you need to rent a machine? Please call the shop and let us know at least 24 hours prior.