

Peekaboo Serger Tote

Directions

- Set up your serger for a three thread wide with 12wt blue thread in the upper looper, 12wt yellow thread in the lower loop and regular serger thread in the left needle. Set your stitch length to 1.5-2.0
- Fuse the babylock ultra soft fusible to the wrong side of both of the yellow handle fabrics
- Position both handle fabrics wrong sides together.
- Carefully stitch the three thread wide decorative stitch along each long edge of both handles cutting off about ¼" along both edges. Press. Set aside.
- Set up your serger for a 2 thread wide flatlock. Use the 12wt yellow thread in the needle and regular serger thread in the lower looper. Make sure you are using a size 90 serger needle for this technique.
- Serge together two blue prints and one yellow tone on tone print along the 34 ½" edge. You will sew with right sides together, and barely cut anything off. Pull seams flat. Press.
- Now using your double eyed needle, carefully weave your embroidery floss in any desired pattern into the flatlock stitch. I choose three over, three under. This is your choice. Now press the babylock ultra soft fusible to the wrong side of this panel.
- With right side inside, fold fused panel unit in half lengthwise and align seams to make a 9 ¼" x 34 ½" bag rectangle. Pin in place.
- Referring to the diagram, at one end stitch down 3", 2 ½" in from the fold.
- Repeat for the other end.
- Open unit and press flat, making a pleat. Baste 1/8" from edge.
- Fold bag rectangle in half, aligning pleated edges and seams. Sew together along the side edges to make bag body.
- Square your corners measuring in 2" from point of triangle.
- Repeat the steps above to create the pleat in the lining fabric. Sew both side seams in lining but leave an opening for turning. Square corners as above.
- Stitch handles onto main bag fabric. I used 6" distance between handles.
- With right sides together, insert bag body inside bag lining, tuck handles between bag and lining. Align raw edges, seams and pleats. Stitch together top edges of bag body and lining.
- Turn bag body and lining right sides out through opening in lining, then pull lining out of bag. Hand stitch opening in lining closed.
- Insert lining back into bag and press top edge.
- Follow manufacturers instructions to cover your buttons and hand sew in place.



