

Reversible Snap Tote

Adapted from Lisa Lam "A Bag for All Seasons"

1. **Stitch the Trigger Hook Loop** by folding in fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both long sides, and topstitching at $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch on both sides of the loop.
2. **Attach the Trigger Hook Loop to the Hook** Thread one raw end through the hook mechanism and stitch across the loop to attach it to the hook.
3. **Stitch the Wraparound Strap** Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Open and fold the raw edges into the center crease. Press. Open up and fold in one short end $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch around 3 sides
4. **Bag Handles** Put 2 right sides together and sew long sides, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. Turn right side out and finger press before ironing. Repeat with second set of handles. Reinforce handles with five (5) rows of topstitching the length of the each handle sewn in this order:
 - a. $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch from both edges
 - b. Down the center
 - c. $\frac{1}{2}$ way in-between the center and edge stitching
5. **Stitch the trigger hook loop to the bag exterior** Pin the loop and hook to the exterior of the bag 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top on the right side of the bag front. Stitch at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and backstitch.
6. **Stitch the wraparound strap to the bag exterior** Pin the short raw edge to the center top of the back outer bag. Stitch at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and backstitch.
7. **Bag Exterior**
 - a. Right sides together sew the exterior bag bottom together $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance. Iron seam open.
 - b. Mark 2 inches up from the bottom seam on both sides of the seam, & both sides of the exterior bag
 - c. From the right side (wrong sides together) pin the 2 panels together at the 2" mark
 - d. Turn the exterior bag wrong side out and pin sides, being sure to catch the fold/pleat in the side seams (this will form the bag bottom!)
 - e. Sew side seams together using a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance
8. **Bag Interior/Lining**
 - a. Attach handles.
 - i. Mark center point of lining top (short side) with a pin
 - ii. Measure 2" away from the center point and mark with a pin
 - iii. Line up the outer raw edge of 1 of the handles at the 2" point and repeat with the other side of the handle on the other side of the center point. Check to be sure that the "curve" of the handle is in one direction.
 - iv. Attach handles to top of lining using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance
 - v. Repeat on other side, ensuring that the curve of the handle matches Sew the
 - b. Sew together the interior/lining bag bottom using the same steps as in the bag exterior **BUT, leave a 4" opening in the bag bottom** to pull through the bag exterior then finished.
9. **Putting It All Together**
 - a. Insert the **Exterior** of the Bag **Right Side Out** into the **Interior/Lining** of the bag **Wrong Side Out**, making sure that all "appendages" are tucked between the 2 bags.
 - b. Pin, matching side seams and sew around the top using a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance
 - c. Turn right side out and close opening in bag lining carefully
 - d. Press top edge carefully and topstitch at $\frac{1}{8}$ th and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top edge to reinforce straps etc.
 - e. Insert Snap following manufacturers instructions on tab – dome on top side of tab when brought around from the back

Cutting Instructions

Cut 2 bag exterior fabric at 20" long x 17 ½" wide

Cut 2 bag interior/lining fabric at 20" long x 17 ½" wide

Cut Handle (attached pattern) x 4 on fold

Cut 1 piece contrasting fabric at 2 ½" x 4 inches for trigger hook loop

Cut 1 piece contrasting fabric at 12 ½" x 4 inches for wraparound strap