

Level: Intermediate

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Canvas Beach Tote

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Get ready for summer with this fun canvas and vinyl beach tote. The vinyl mesh screening bottom makes it perfect for those warm sandy beaches, all the sand will just fall right on out, yet your belongings will stay nice and secure. And the grommet or buttonholes along the top make it easy to open and close. This class is for the very confident beginner and above, you must know how to use your machine as we will be sewing through vinyl mesh.

You will need to order your vinyl mesh, so sign up early and order your mesh now, it can take time to get it. This class is for the very confident beginner and above, you must know how to use your machine, make buttonholes if you do not want to use grommets, and gather all your supplies. What you will learn: how to sew in an oval, ease fabric, sew on bias tape, and sew an enclosed side seam. If you are going to embroider on your bag, that will need to be done **BEFORE** class.

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YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

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- Sewing machine in good working order, remember to bring your foot control and power cord
- Bobbins, wound and ready to go
- All tools that came with your machine, especially the screwdrivers to change the needle
- Serger (optional), with thread, foot control and power cord
- Pins
- Polyester thread
- New 80 or 90 universal needles
- ¼ inch foot (optional, but very useful)
- General sewing foot
- Fusible woven interfacing (Heat n Bond or Callie Dell) if you are going to make buttonholes, 6 inches by 42 inches
- 12 grommets, if you will be using grommets (I used ½ inch, 2 piece), and the tool to set your grommets. I do have a grommet press, but not all sizes of dies, contact me if you have questions.
- Sharp small scissors to snip threads and cut holes for the grommets

- Seam gauge
- Fabric marking pen/pencil/chalk
- Seam ripper or button hole cutter if doing buttonholes
- We will have rotary cutters for your use, but feel free to bring your own
- Any other favorite sewing notion

Materials needed:

- Vinyl mesh screening. Can be purchased online. A few places I have seen : Quilted ewe, Emmaline bags (Canadian company, so leave plenty of time for shipping). 16 inches by 9 inches. It generally comes in an 18X36 inch roll.
- 43 inches of single fold bias tape to cover the edges of the vinyl mesh screening, another 43 inches if you want to bind the bottom of the canvas.
- Grommets (optional) I used Twelve (12) 1/2 inch 2 piece grommets. You can use plastic, metal or just make buttonholes. For the ties to work correctly, you need an even number on each side.
- Something to make the two ties; this can be ribbon, fabric, rope, etc. Mine are about 40 inches long.

Canvas (this is available through Berger's):

For a bag with one main piece and just a top band:

- Main Body: 12.5 inches high, 41.5 inches wide
- Top band and lining (one piece): 18.5 high, 41.5 inches wide

For a bag with a lower band and upper band, and a main body:

- Main Body: 9.5 inches high by 41.5 inches wide
- Lower band: 3.5 inches high by 41.5 inches wide
- Upper band and lining (one piece): 18.5 inches high by 41.5 inches wide

If you want to embellish the Main body with embroidery, you need to do this before you cut it out since embroidery 'shrinks' the fabric. You will also need to do all your embroidery **BEFORE** class.