



Class: Bag Makers Workshop: “The Kensley Tote: A Three-Part Workshop”

Date: Tuesday August 5th, Tuesday August 12th, Tuesday August 19th

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Class Fee: \$120.00 (includes all 3 classes, worksheets, handouts, and more!)

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Instructor: Debbie Stefanek

When is a tote not an ordinary tote? When it’s the Kensley Tote by Sew Yours Patterns! Be prepared to not only make the original Kensley Tote, but also learn how to add variations and embellishments to design your one-of-a-kind creations! We will explore the different materials and how to prepare, cut, iron, and sew them into unique fashion accessories. We will also learn about various types of handbag hardware and how to install them. The first class will include shopping for your bag making supplies.

Items needed for class must be purchased from The Cotton Blossom (fabric, patterns, rulers, books, specialty thread, etc.) If you have basic sewing supplies and they are not listed below, please bring those (pins, scissors, seam ripper, needles, thread, etc.).

Class Description:

Come join the fun as we learn the fundamentals of bag making. We will explore the overall components, including options for materials, design, and hardware (in addition to the basics of thread types, interfacing, and needles). You will learn how to set yourself up for success when working with cork, faux leather and quilt cotton as well as how to customize your bag with various types of hardware, zippers, and embroidery. Our bag for this workshop will be the Kensley Tote by Sew Yours Patterns. The Kensley Tote is a versatile bag that can be made in a variety of materials – cotton, faux leather, cork. It features an exterior front pocket with a magnetic snap closure. It is fully lined with an interior zipper pocket. There will be instructions to add an optional large interior slip pocket and an outside zipper pocket on the back of the tote. We will work with you to learn how to alter the pattern to make your one-of-a-kind creation!

Supplies Needed:

Sewing Machine: you need to know how to operate it, thread it, wind bobbins, and change the tension, needles and feet.

Walking foot or Teflon foot (or rolling foot if walking foot not an option for your machine)

#12 and #14 needles

40 wt. poly thread

Fabric scissors

Cutting mat

Small ruler (such as the Perfect piecing guide)

Clear ruler at least 20" long
Sewing clips
Chalk or removable marking pens
Seam ripper
Double sided tape
Pressing cloth

Optional Supplies:

Rotary cutter
Rivet tools to punch holes and secure rivets
Rivets
Glue
Stiletto
Pins
Seam roller
Pattern weights
Point turner (for pushing out corners)
Fray check

Pre-Class Instructions:

Please bring any basic sewing supplies from home. **The first session includes a "Shopping Day" so no need to purchase your supplies that are specific to the class ahead of time! That supply list will be given on the first class. Below is a summary of what we will pick out during the first class.**

EXTERIOR FABRIC:

1 yard of exterior fabric (suggested fabrics: vinyl, cork, quilt cotton)

LINING FABRIC:

1 yard of lining fabric (suggested fabrics: quilt cotton)

INTERFACING

1-2 yards (depending on how much quilt cotton is used)
woven fusible interfacing (Pellon SF101 Shape-Flex) Woven interfacing is not required when using vinyl or cork

STABILIZER

1/2 yard foam or Decovil light (Pellon 525)

STANDARD HARDWARE:

(4) 1" Rectangular Rings* (handle hardware)
22" of Zipper Tape & 2 Zipper Pulls
(2) Magnetic Snaps
1" Strap Ends (optional) – set of 4

The Cotton Blossom Fabric Shoppe Class Policy:

- 1) To reserve a spot in a class you must pre-register in store or online. All fees are required at time of registration.
- 2) Most classes require supplies in addition to the instruction fee.
- 3) You must cancel more than 7 days prior to class for a refund (your choice of a refund or store credit). If you are unable to make class and you cancel within 7 days of the class, the class fee is non-refundable. However, we are happy to offer a spot in another class with the same instructor later.
- 4) Most classes have a minimum enrollment (usually 3 students). If the class is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified & all course fees will be returned in full (your choice of a refund or store credit).
- 5) Patterns, books, and handouts cannot be shared or photo-copied due to copyright laws.
- 6) Guests are not allowed in classroom.
- 7) All machine brands are welcome in our classroom.
- 8) A limited number of classroom machines are available for use. Please indicate at time of registration if you'd like to use one of our machines.
- 9) Your Sewing Machine must be in good working order, and you need to know how to thread it, change the tension, needles and feet and operate it (except when noted in beginner sewing class). It is suggested that if you have not used your machine in a while, you should have it serviced. We do not recommend "borrowing one from a friend who hasn't used it for years!" Our teachers cannot use valuable class time to try and repair or figure out how to operate it. If you have unforeseen problems with your machine during class, we are happy to let you borrow one of our machines when available.

*BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES: Scissors, pins, seam ripper, pen, paper, needles, ruler, and thread. If you have supplies at home bring them. **Specialty items needed for class (pattern, fabric, hardware) must be purchased at The Cotton Blossom.**

We pledge to do our best to make sure your project is a complete success!