

The Lucille Tote

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Supplies:

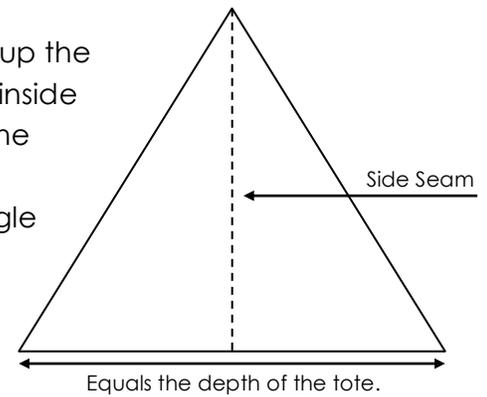
- 1/2 yard Canvas (Bottom Exterior)
- 1 yard Canvas (Top Exterior, Pocket & Zipper Lining)
- 1/2 yard quilting cotton or canvas (Lining)
- 2/3 yard Decor Bond Interfacing
- 18" zipper
- (2) 25" lengths of webbing or leather for handles

Cut:

- Bottom Exterior: Cut (2) 18" wide x 13-1/2" tall
- Top Exterior: Cut (2) 18" wide x 5-1/2" tall
- Pocket: Cut (2) 7" wide x 9" tall
- Zipper Lining: Cut (1) 18" wide x 14-1/2" tall
- Lining: Cut (2) 18" wide x 17" tall
- Decor Bond: Cut (2) 18" wide x 13-1/2" tall
Cut (2) 18" wide x 5-1/2" tall

1. Apply Décor Bond interfacing to the exterior pieces.
2. To install the zipper, line up the Top Exterior fabric, right sides together, with the top edge of the zipper. Stitch together using a zipper foot. Press the fabric away from the zipper. Line up the Bottom Exterior fabric with the opposite edge of the zipper, again right sides together. Stitch and press the fabric away.
3. Top stitch the Bottom Exterior fabric 1/4" from the zipper teeth.
4. On the wrong side of the zipper, line up the Zipper Lining with the top edge of the zipper and pin or glue baste in place. Sew 1/4" from the edge of the fabric (this step will also serve as the top stitching on the right side of the Top Exterior).
5. Sew the remaining Top Exterior and Bottom Exterior pieces together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.
6. Pin the two Pocket pieces together. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew around the Pocket, leaving a 4" gap in the center of the bottom edge. Clip the corners, turn right side out and press well.
7. Top stitch the top edge of the Pocket 1/4" from the edge. Tie off threads and trim.
8. Pin pocket in place on the bag exterior sewn in Step 5. Center the pocket on the Bottom Exterior and 1-1/2" down from the seam. Top stitch in place down the sides and across the bottom. If desired, rivet the top corners of the pocket to the bag.
9. Place the two Bag Exterior pieces you've created right sides together. Match up the Top Exterior fabrics at the zipper seam and pin, then pin the rest together well. Sew each side and across the bottom using 1/2" seam allowance.
10. Pin the two Lining pieces right sides together. Sew across each side and bottom with 1/2" seam allowance **with the exception of a 6" section** on one side. Leave this section open to turn the bag right side out in a later step.

11. With the outside piece still inside out, pop out the corner and match up the side seam and the bottom seam so the corner creates a triangle. Peak inside the bag to ensure your seams match up nicely. Pin in place. Measure the base of the triangle, adjusting your ruler up and down the fabric until it measures 4". This is the depth of the bag. Draw the line across the triangle



12. Repeat Step 11 for the other corner of the Exterior and the two corners of the lining. Trim corners, leaving a 1/2" seam allowance.

13. Turn the Exterior bag right side out. If you plan to use webbing or sewn in leather handles baste them in place now. Find the center of the Exterior bag. Measure 3" to the left and right of center and pin the handle in place, taking care to not twist the loop of the handle. Sew the handle to the top edge of the bag, 1/4" or less from the edge. This will keep your handles in place during the next step when you will stitch them more securely. Repeat for the handle on the opposite side of the bag.

14. Place the Exterior bag (still right side out) inside the Lining bag (inside out). Match up the side seams first and pin well, then pin all the way around the top opening of the bag.

15. Sew around the top opening of the bag. Turn right side out by pulling the bag through the opening you left in the lining. Press the bag well. Top stitch around the top 1/4" from the edge if desired.

16. If you haven't already done so, attach the handles by riveting or sewing them in place on the exterior of the bag. Find the center of the exterior bag. Measure 3" to the left and right of center and secure the handles in place using Wonder Clips. The short edge of each handle should be 1-1/2" down from the top edge of the bag. Rivet in place, or stitch an X through each square of leather that extends onto the bag.

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