

## **Flip and Stitch Tote Bag**

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We will be making a beautiful strip tote bag. The tote bag can be made in soft prints for a diaper bag, holiday fabrics for shopping or gift-giving, fun novelty prints, batiks, etc. Your sturdy tote bag will be ready to carry all your essential items wherever you go.

### Supply List:

- 1) a jelly roll or 15 to 20 coordinating 2-1/2" strips
- 2) 1-1/2 yards of coordinating fabric for the tote bag lining and inside pockets, handles, and binding
- 3) matching thread for topstitching the binding & handles
- 4) 1-1/2 yards of 1" nylon webbing for the handles
- 5) \*one package of Bosal In-R-Form fusible foam stabilizer, size 18" x 58" (this can be purchased at JoAnn's or Hobby Lobby; don't forget to use your 40% off coupon so the cost will be around \$7-\$8)

### Items to bring to class:

Sewing machine

Standard sewing notions

Rotary cutter, ruler, a small cutting mat is handy for quick cuts

Wonder clips (you will be working with a thin foam material, the clips work better than pins)

Walking foot is optional (I made mine without one)

\*Construction note: My first tote bag was made 15 years ago with Thermolam fleece as the stabilizer. Although it worked well, it required me to use a foundation fabric, trigger, to give it more body. The red and white tote bag sample was made with the newer foam stabilizer which gives it a more polished look and results in a sturdier construction without any additional work.

Call me if you have any questions or if you cannot find anything on the supply list.

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