

Screen Tote

1. Cutting Instructions:**

Screen	13" X 20"	Bindings	
Pocket / Lining	6 1/2" X 7 1/2"	Pocket Top	7" X 1 1/2" (contrast)
Bottom		Inside	2 ea. 9" X 1 1/2"
Fabric	13" X 5"		2 ea. 4" X 1 1/2"
Contrast	13 X 2 1/2"	Outside	2 ea. 13" X 2"
Straps	2 ea. 4" X 40" (Long shoulder straps)		
	1 ea. 4" X 20" (Closure)		

2. Press Bottom, Straps and Bindings

Press each Strap strip (including closure strip) in half lengthwise WST to establish center. Open. Press each long edge WST toward the center (about an inch). Fold at the center again to form strap, now 4 layers thick. Press. Open the short ends and press in 1/2". Close and press again.

For Bindings, press each binding strip in half lengthwise WST to establish center. Open. Press each long edge WST toward the center (about an one-quarter inch). Fold at center and press again. Open the short ends. Clip away a corner, press in about 1/4". Close and press again.

For Bottom pieces, press 1/4" of each long side to the wrong side.

3. Stitch Pocket

Lay pocket fabric and lining RST. Stitch three sides, leaving top open. Clip corners. Turn and press. Bind top edge of pocket using contrast fabric. Add button in the middle of the top side, at edge of binding. Stitch in place to screen.

4. Stitch Straps

Topstitch at double folded edge, then at single folded edge, then twice more in the center to reinforce your strap.

5. Tote Bottom

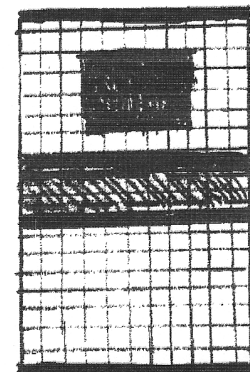
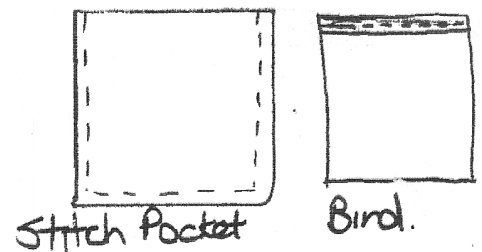
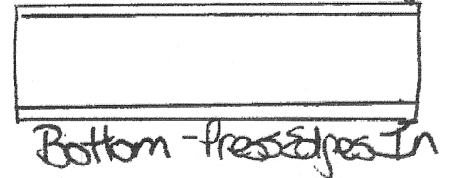
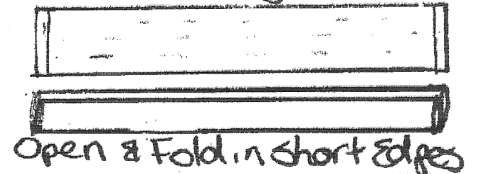
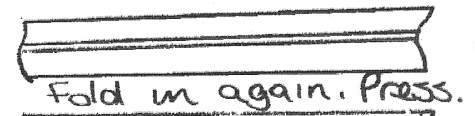
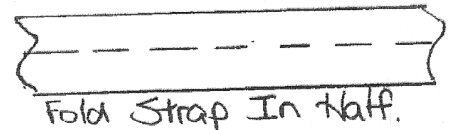
Center Contrast atop fabric strip and top stitch in place along long edge. Ignore short edges for now as they will be caught in side seam.

Center your bottom unit on the tote screen, aligning the short edges with the side edge of the screen. Topstitch in place.

6. Bind Tote Top

Slip a binding piece over one short edge of the tote screen. Carefully stitch, catching the bottom edge of the binding along with the tote edge and and the top portion of the binding. Repeat for other short edge of screen tote.

**For larger tote, see note next page.

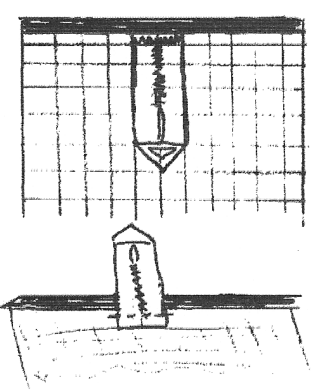
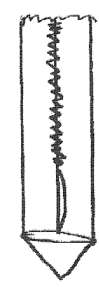
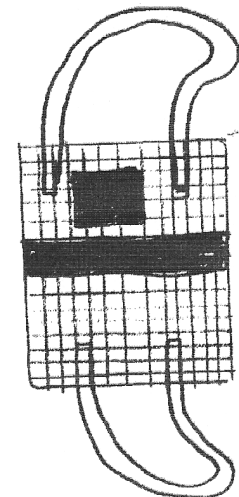


Tote with Pocket, Bottom and short edge Binding Completed.

7. Add Straps and Closure

Position straps so they are about 3" in from the side edges and overlap the top edge about 3". Stitch in place with a little rectangle of stitching. Use one strap for each side of the tote.

Fold your closure strap in half, then lay each side flat, forming a "V" at the halfway point. Starting from raw edge, zigzag the middle closed, but leave an opening big enough for your button. Using a straight stitch again, also stitch the "V" bottom in place. Lay the closure unit at the center of one side of the tote, so the raw edge is at the bottom of the binding. Stitch 1/4" from the raw edge. Fold the closure unit over itself at that last line of stitching and stitch following the edge of the binding. The opening in the closure should line up with the button on the pocket.



8. Assemble Bag

a. *Stitch side seams*

Fold the tote WST and, aligning top bound edges, stitch the side seams.

b. *Box the bottom*

Work from the inside of the tote. Gently fold the center seam of the tote to align with the center bottom of the tote. A pointy triangle develops at the bottom of the side seam. Stitch about 2" in from the point of the triangle to form a bottom dimension on your tote.

c. *Bind inside seams*

Trim away the boxing seam to 1/4". Slip the 4" pressed binding over the seam allowance and stitch in place. Make a neat cut to free the seam allowance of the side seam from the boxing seam. Slip the 9" pressed binding strip onto the side seam and stitch in place.

**** Note: ****

For the Larger Tote,
screen is cut to
15" X 35".

The outside binding is
2" X 15".

Boxing binding stays
1 1/2" X 4"

Side bindings
are 1 1/2" X 15".

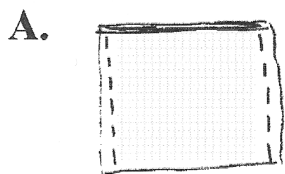
Bottoms are
15" X 5" & 15" X 3".

Large screen pocket is
9.5" X 7.5";

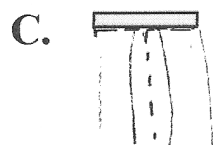
Binding 1 1/2" X 38".

Small screen pocket is
8" X 4";

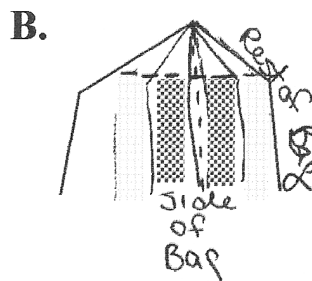
Binding 1 1/2" X 28".



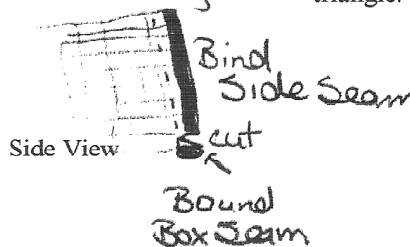
Stitch Side Seams



Trim and Bind
Boxing Seam



Squish
the side
Seam to
the
center
bottom.
Stitch
triangle.



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Your
Screen
Tote!**