

# PFI MARKET TOTE BAG

## INSTRUCTIONS

### YOU'LL NEED:

Well-woven 45"-wide cotton

Fabric 1 (main print):  $\frac{5}{8}$  yd

Fabric 2 (sides, pockets):  $\frac{5}{8}$  yd

Fabric 3 (accent, lining):  $\frac{5}{8}$  yd

1" wide nylon webbing:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yd

Matching all-purpose polyester thread: 1 spool

Sewing machine, scissors, seam gauge, tape measure, pins & pin cushion, nippers



### GLOSSARY:

SA -- Seam allowance. The fabric between the stitch line and the raw edge.

RST -- Right sides together.

WST -- Wrong sides together.

Edgestitch -- Stitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge of fabric. Use guideline on presser foot.

Meld -- Press seam flat.

Bust -- Press seam open.

Sweep -- Press both SA to one side

### TRUTHS:

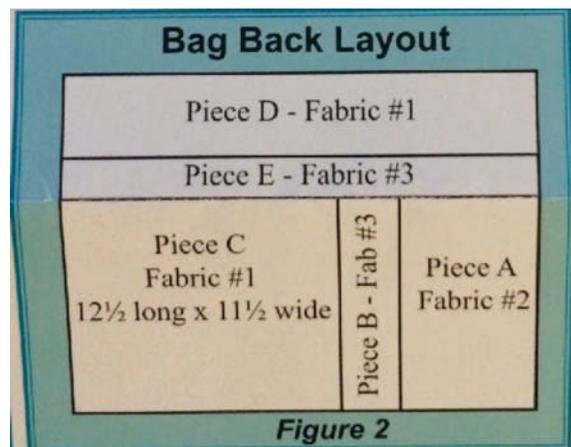
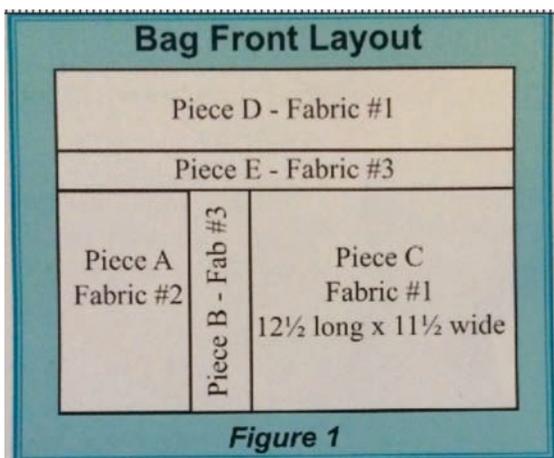
Match raw edges.

Use taut sewing instead of pins.

Backstitch, meld and bust all seams.

### PREPARE YOUR PATTERN & FABRIC

1. Cut out your pattern pieces using your paper scissors. Cut on the solid black lines. Press pieces flat on wrong side with dry iron.
2. Sort your pattern pieces according to the fabric noted on the pattern piece.
3. Lay out the pattern pieces. Measure from the grainline to the selvage. Pin the pattern piece in the corners and two pins along the long edges. Make sure the pins are within the edges of the pattern pieces.
4. Cut the fabric along the solid black lines of each pattern piece using fabric scissors. Use long, full strokes of your scissors. Keep pattern pieces pinned to the fabric.
5. Arrange your pattern pieces in front of you according to the pictures below.



## SEW BAG

6. Sew pieces A, B and C RST using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA. Backstitch at both ends.
7. Meld, bust then press the seams away from piece B to pieces A and C.
8. Sew pieces D and E together. Then sew to A-B-C. Press SA away from E. Pieces D-E will be slightly longer. Trim D-E even with side of C after sewing.
9. Sew other side of bag by repeating steps 6-8. Notice that the layout is reversed with pieces A and B to the right of piece C for the bag back panel.
10. Lay bag front over back, RST. Sew with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " SA. Meld and bust. Sweep SA together. 3-step zigzag SA along raw edge.

## STRAPS

11. Cut webbing in half. Sear ends with flame. You will have a strap on each end of your bag.
12. Place an end of strap 4" in from side. Use seam gauge to measure. Match raw edge of strap to raw edge of bag. Stitch forward and back across strap  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edge.



13. Sew other end of same strap 4" in from other side. Make sure strap is flat, not twisted, before sewing end as in step 13.



## POCKETS

14. Make pockets by sewing 2 pieces RST on both long edges. Turn right sides out and press. Edgestitch one long edge.



15. Place pockets 4" below top edge of each lining piece. Use seam gauge to measure. Edgestitched edge is top edge.



16. Edgestitch sides and bottom of pocket edges to lining. Leave top open! Pocket is wider than lining. Trim off excess even with side of lining.



17. Sew across pocket 5½" in from sides. Use seam gauge to measure. Mark line across pocket with chalk if needed. Stitch bottom up. Backstitch both ends.



## LINING

18. Sew each top edge of lining to each top edge of back with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " SA. Meld and bust. Sweep SA toward lining. Do not press webbing!

19. Bag lies flat and has lining pieces at each end.

## FINISH



20. Place bag RST with bottom zigzagged edge at one end. Sew each side in same direction, bottom up. Match all seams that you cross. Meld and bust seam.



21. Match side seam to bottom seam of bag at each corner. Measure 2" from corner with seam gauge. Mark line from side to side with chalk. Stitch on line.



22. Cut corner  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from stitching. 3-step zigzag SA.



23. Turn lining to bag, WST. Press top edge. Do not press webbing!



24. Place bottom edges of lining WST. Move outer bag bottom edge out of the way. Stitch across bottom edge of bag with a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " SA. 3-step zigzag edge of SA.

25. Sew and cut corners as in steps #21 & #22.



26. Edgestitch upper edge of bag.



27. Turn bag right side out. FINISHED!