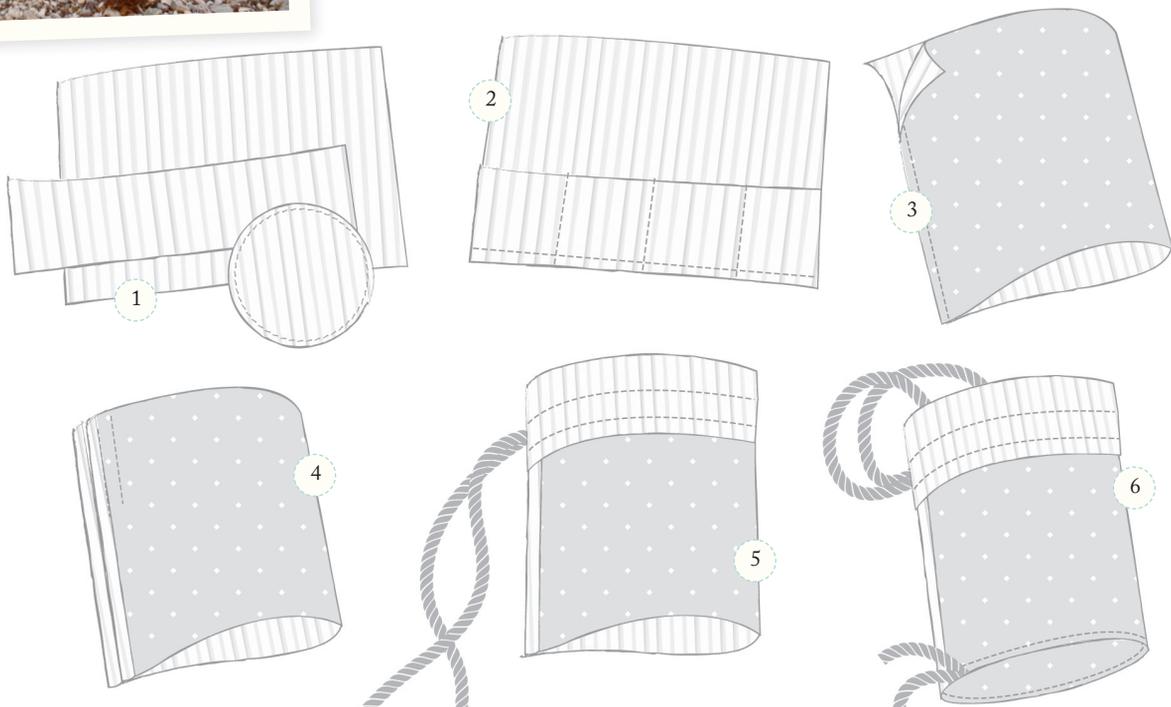




SEWING THE TWO HARBORS TOTE

Rope handles add nautical flair, while the simple utility of cotton ticking keeps this tote sturdy and practical. It comes together quickly with just a yard-or-so of fabric and a few other supplies. Get stitching, then pull the drawstring tight and head to the shoreline!



YOU WILL NEED

CANVAS

You'll need about 1¼ yards of sturdy duck canvas or cotton ticking.

ROPE

You'll need about 3 yards of ¾" cotton roping. Look for it with the home décor trims at your local fabric store.

INTERFACING

You'll need enough heavyweight interfacing to cover the bottom of the bag — about ¼ yard.

PINS

SEWING MACHINE

THREAD

SCISSORS

IRON

STEP ONE

Cut out fabric and reinforce bottom. Cut a large rectangle and a circle. The longest side of the rectangle should equal the circle's circumference. The shortest side of the rectangle can be any length, but allow 7 inches for drawstring casing. Cut a shorter rectangle for the pocket. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of circle. If desired, cut a second circle and baste it to the first, right sides together.

STEP TWO

Sew the pockets. Hem the top edge of the shorter rectangle and baste it to the large rectangle. Then add vertical stitches to divide the pocket as shown.

STEP THREE

Sew the side seam. Fold the fabric in half, right sides together and sew the side seam. Stop about 7 inches from the top.

STEP FOUR

Top stitch the side seam. Press open the seam sewed in step four and top stitch each side (you can do this all the way down the seam or just the top 7 inches).

STEP FIVE

Sew the drawstring casing. Fold down the top hem of the bag and stitch where shown. Thread cotton rope through the opening. Finish the casing by adding another stitch above the cotton roping. This should be about 1-2 inches above the bottom stitch depending on the thickness of your roping.

STEP SIX

Sew the bottom of the bag. With the bag inside out, pin the bag bottom to the side and sew as shown. Be sure to thread the loose ends of the rope through the inside of the bag an out through the seams before sewing.



SEWING THE SEFARER CLUTCH

With a little fabric and a few shortcuts you'll have this simple, quick-sew clutch tucked under your arm in no time. Just the place to stow away your ferry tickets, postcards and a found sea shell or two.



YOU WILL NEED

PRINTED FABRIC

For the outside of the clutch. A decorator weight cotton works well.

LINING FABRIC

A solid, natural fiber works well for the lining. I used a natural linen.

FABRIC STIFFENER

I used fabric stiffener as a shortcut method; you may wish to use stabilizer instead.

PINS

BUTTONS

SEWING MACHINE

THREAD

SCISSORS

IRON

STEP ONE

Cut fabric and stiffen. Cut equal sized rectangles from printed fabric and lining fabric. The rectangle should be about three times the size of the desired finished clutch. Stiffen the printed rectangle with fabric stiffener. Brush on stiffener with a foam brush to saturate fabric. Let dry then iron with a dry press cloth.

STEP TWO

Sew seams. Place the rectangles wrong sides together and sew along three sides, leaving one of the shorter sides open.

STEP THREE

Press open seams and turn right side out. Press open seams, then turn right side out. Turn in raw edges on open side and sew seam as shown above.

STEP FOUR

Fold and top stitch. Fold up bottom third of the rectangle, starting with the end you topstitched in Step 3. Press, pin, then topstitch where shown above.

STEP FIVE

Add button. Fold down top flap of clutch and press. Sew on decorative button.



Printed Fabric



Lining



Wrong side