

Easter Tote Bag

You'll be the envy of the Easter Parade or anywhere else when you carry this cute embroidered tote bag with fun fringe!

Skill Level: Beginner

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Required Designs:

Amazing Designs® Easter design collection ADC-75J, design EAS112
Amazing Box MAX™ if a transfer system is required for your machine

Supplies:

- Embroidery/sewing machine with a 5" x 7" hoop or larger
- Assorted embroidery threads and machine embroidery bobbin thread
- Dressmaker thread to match tote
- Amazing Designs Stabilize It!™ Medium Weight Tear-Away stabilizer
- Purchased cotton canvas tote bag – 11" wide by 8.5" high
- 1/3 yard fabric for lining
- 2/3 yard trim for top edge of tote
- Seam ripper (optional)
- Ruler
- Fabric marking pen/chalk

Read through all instructions before beginning.

Cutting instructions:

1. Use seam ripper or scissors and cut the side and bottom seams of the tote apart. (If the tote is seamed on both sides, leave one side seam. If the top of tote is topstitched, remove approximately 1" from each side. Do not remove the handles!)
2. Press bag flat if necessary; the top hem should not be pressed open. Place the top of bag on the straight edge of the unfolded fabric. Pin in place and cut out around the bag to form lining.

At the embroidery machine:

1. Use a ruler to locate the center vertically and horizontally on one side of the tote and mark lines with fabric marking pen/chalk. (Remember not to include the bottom of the tote when measuring.)
2. Hoop the tote and stabilizer, aligning the guidelines on the hoop with the marks you made on the tote. Embroider the design and tear away the stabilizer.

Making the bag:

1. Sew the side and bottom of the tote back together using the original seam allowance.
2. Sew the sides and bottom of the lining together using the same seam allowances as for the bag.
3. Pull the top hem up on the tote bag and insert lining in the tote, wrong sides together and matching the seam line.
4. Fold the hem over the lining, pin in place and topstitch back in place.
5. Sew trim to the top edge.

Enjoy!

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