

Market Bag

To make the market bag, you will need $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of heavy weight fabric like cotton duck or canvas.

1. Cut 1 piece of fabric that is 33x15 inches and 2 pieces that are 26x6 inches.



2. Fold the first piece in half widthwise and stitch the 2 long sides closed with an overcast stitch.



3. Fold the bottom corners into a triangle and draw a line perpendicular to the existing stitching 2 inches from the point of the triangle. Stitch along the line using an overcast stitch and trim the excess.

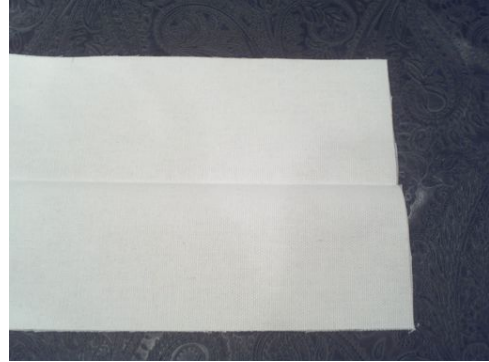


4. Fold the unfinished top edge over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and press. Fold another $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and press again. Top stitch to secure.



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5. To make the handles, fold the 2 remaining pieces of fabric in half lengthwise and press.



6. Fold each of the ends in 1/4 inch and press.



7. Fold each long side in to meet the fold line down the center of the strap and press.

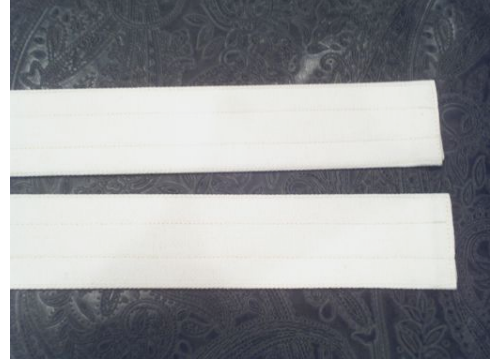


8. Fold the strap in half and press.



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9. Top stitch around the entire outside edge of the strap to secure. I also added 2 lines of stitching down the center of the strap as a decorative detail.



10. Pin the straps to the bag measuring in 2 inches from the outside edge and 1 1/2 inches from the top edge of the bag. Stitch around the outside edges of the strap, following the existing topstitching, to secure the handles to the bag.



11. To attach an applique, follow the directions on the package of double sided fusible web (I used Steam-A-Seam 2).

