

# Greenmarket Tote

Coated fabric/Reversible

15''h x 18''w x 8''d



## Central Park Coated Prints Available



27063-15C



27063-14C



27063-11C



27061-13C



27061-11C



27060-17C



27060-16C



27060-13C



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## Cutting:

### Handle Straps

2 — 4'' x 28'' strips

### Main body (outside):

2 — 16 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>'' x 26 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'' rectangles

2 — 4'' x 26 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'' strips in complementary print for top border band.

### Lining:

2 — 20 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>'' x 26 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'' rectangles

### To cover cardboard liner:

2 — 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'' x 19'' rectangles of any coordinating print

### Additional Materials:

1 — 8'' x 18'' piece sturdy corrugated cardboard to give shape and structure to bottom of bag

1/4'' seam allowance is used throughout



### To make the bag in photo to left, I used:

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### To make the bag in photo to right, I used:

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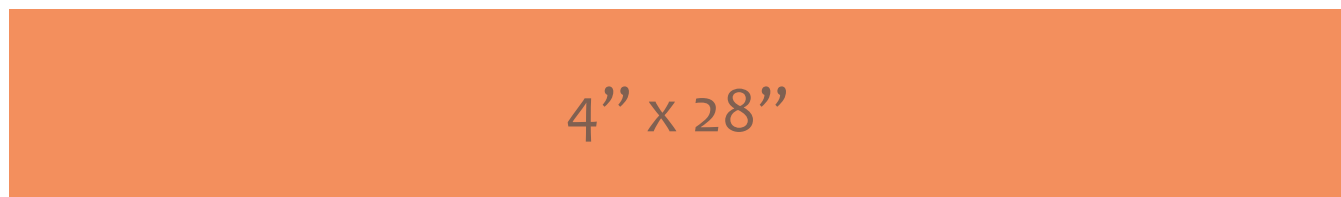
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## Make Straps



**fold 1**

**fold 2**

### step 1

Fold toward center of strip and finger press on dotted line 1/2" from cut edges



**fold 3**

### step 2

Fold strip in half and finger press along folded edge



**pin**

### step 3

Pin in place



**sew 2**

**sew 1**

### step 4

Sew along open side first 1/8" from edge. Repeat on folded side.



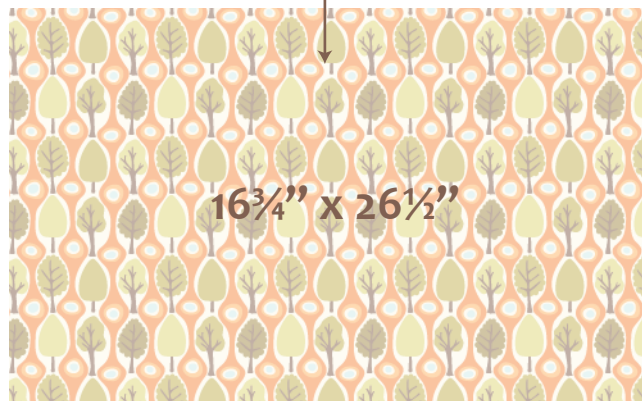
**make 2**

finished straps are 1" wide

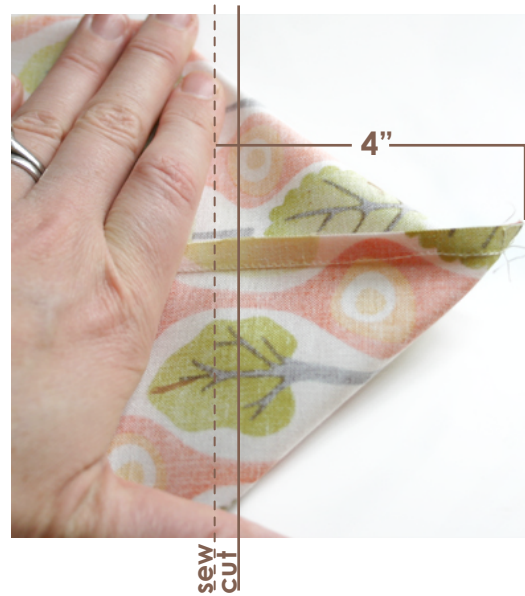
# Make main bag body



**step 1**  
Sew top border to main rectangle



**make 2**



**step 3**  
To box corners, line up right side seam and bottom seam and flatten corner on work surface.

Measure 4" from corner and mark with a line

Sew on line

Measure 1/4" from sewn line and cut



**step 2**  
With right sides together sew on 3 sides as shown

There are some great tote bag tutorials on the web that show how to box corners in more detail:

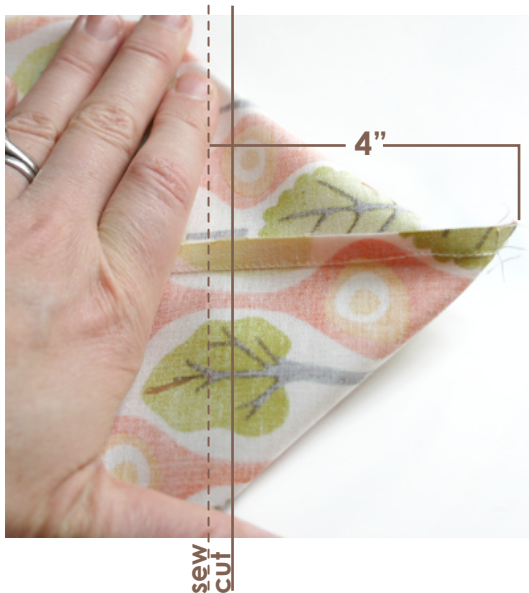
Sew Mama Sew  
Skip to My Lou

## Make lining



### step 1

With right sides together sew on 3 sides as shown.



### step 2

Box corners just as you did in step 3 for main bag body.

## Assemble Layers



### step 1

Turn lining inside out to right side is facing out.



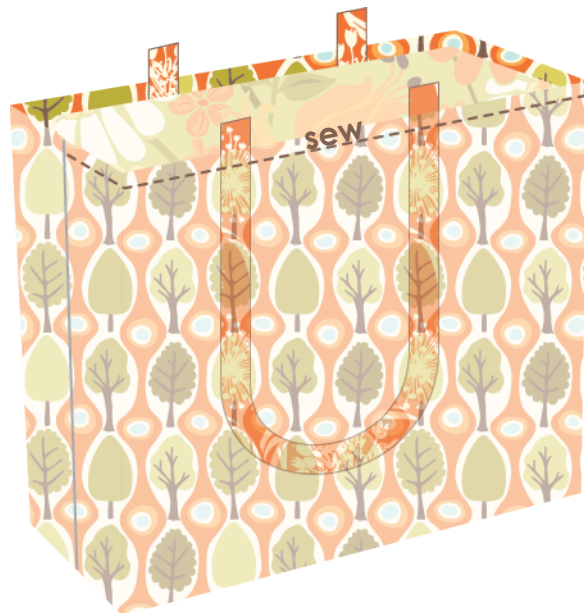
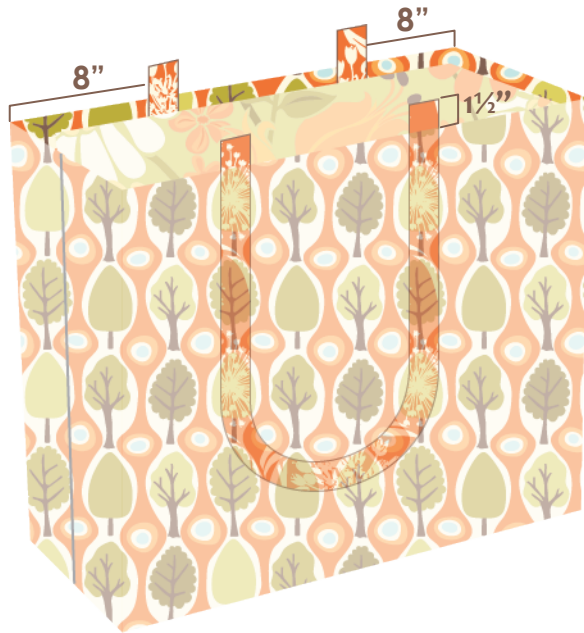
### step 2

Insert lining into main bag body so right sides are together. Main bag body will have the wrong side facing out.

Try to fit outside/inside together as snugly as possible being sure to:

- match up inside bottom corners
- nest side seams
- make sure the top edge is even

## Insert Handles



### step 1

Measure 8" from each corner and mark to position handle straps.

Insert straps upside-down and in between main bag body layer and lining layer.

Extend 1½" of handle strap beyond top edge so it sticks out as shown.

Pin handle straps in place. Repeat on both sides.

### step 2

Beginning at one of the side seams, sew 1/4" seam around top edge. Be sure to back stitch over handles to reinforce seam.

## Turn Right Side Out



This photo shows handle straps extending beyond top edge as you pull the inside lining out.



### step 1

Pull lining all the way out from the inside of the main bag body

## Turn Right Side Out (cont'd)



### step 2

Use your seam ripper to open part of one side seam on the lining.

The larger the hole, the easier to turn inside out.



### step 3

Pull all that bulky material through the hole. Not easy!

The open seam on mine ripped even more as i pulled the bulk through which was ok, but i had to do more hand sewing to close it up!

## Sew the Side Seam Closed



You'll need a thimble to help push the needle through the thickness of the material.



I used a simple whipstitch (at least i think that's what it's called!) to sew the side seam closed.



Push lining into the main bag body and fit together as snugly as possible. Be sure to fit bottom corners into one another.

Beginning at one of the side seams, sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam around top edge.

**Optional:** to reinforce handle straps, sew an hourglass shape through the part of the handle strap that extends inside bag.

## Make Covered Cardboard Insert



### step 1

Cut a piece of sturdy corrugated cardboard to specified dimensions, 8" x 18"



### step 2

With right sides facing, sew the 8½" x 19" rectangles together on three sides, leaving the top open as shown.

Insert the cardboard.

Fold top edges inside as much as you need to in order to make a clean seam.



**step 3** Sew top seam



**step 4** Put cardboard insert into bottom of bag



You're finished! Now make your shopping list and head to the grocery store!