



Picnic Tote

Skill level: Beginner/Intermediate



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Coats
Brand:	Coats
Crafting time:	Afternoon

Finished Size of Project: 16½" x 12" x 7"

Supplies:

- 54" – 60" Wide Indoor/outdoor fabric or canvas
- 1½ yards fabric for bag
- 1½ yards lining
- ½ yard fabric for handles
- ½ yard fabric for zipper and small pockets
- ¼ yards fabric for large pocket
- (1) 20" zipper
- (1) 7" zipper
- Dual Duty XP All Purpose thread

Featuring: Coats Dual Duty XP and Coats Zippers

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Note: All seams ½" unless otherwise indicated.

CUTTING

Bag – Cut as follows:

Bag Front and Back	(2) 17½" x 12"
Sides	(2) 8" x 12"
Bottom	(1) 8" x 17½"
Top	(2) 5" x 19½"

Lining – Cut same as Bag

Pockets

Zip Pocket	(1) 7½" x 7½"
	(1) 3" x 7½"

Plain Pockets	(1) 7½" x 12"
	(1) 7½" x 15"

Handles	(2) 5" x 50"
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ZIPPERED POCKET

1. Turn under and press ½" along one edge of the square pocket piece
2. Turn under and press ½" along the two long edges of the smaller pocket piece
3. Place one pocket piece on each side of the 7" zipper with the folded edges ⅛" from the zipper teeth. Stitch along each folded edge using a zipper foot.
4. Center pocket on the bag front, aligning the bottom edge of the pocket with the bottom of the bag. Pin in place. Topstitch the top of the pocket close to the fold. Machine baste the side edges of the pocket in place.

PLAIN POCKET

1. Fold pocket pieces in half with wrong sides together along the short edge. Press.
2. Center and layer the pockets on the remaining bag piece and pin in place. Machine baste along the sides of the pocket through all layers.

HANDLES

1. Fold handle in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press.
2. Open out and bring each long edge in to the center fold and press.
3. Re-fold along original crease. Edge-stitch close to each edge of the handle
4. Pin handle in place on bag front and back. Position handle so the ends are aligned with the bottom of the bag and the handle overlaps the sides of the pockets by about ½". Pin in place.

5. Stitch close to each edge of the handle pivoting 1½" from the top of the bag.
6. Stitch a square at the top of each handle to reinforce.

BAG

Bag Body

1. Pin the panels to side edges of bag front with right sides together. Stitch, ending the seam ½' from the bottom edge. Repeat with bag back.
2. Mark a point ½" from each corner of the bag bottom.
3. Pin the bag bottom in place with right sides together, align the end of each seam with the markings.
4. Stitch bottom in place, pivoting at corners.

Bag Top

1. Place zipper right side down on one bag top piece. The edge of the zipper tape should be even with the edge of the fabric.
2. Layer one bag top lining piece, sandwiching the zipper between the lining and the bag top.
3. Stitch ⅛" away from the zipper teeth using a zipper foot.
4. Repeat with remaining side of the zipper (Top Panel 19½" x 10")
5. Square off and stitch each outside corner as follows – you will do one corner at a time. Fold fabric with right sides together to form a 45 degree angle – matching the short and long edges.
6. Measure from the point along the raw edge and mark 1½". Measure from the point along the fold and mark 2⅞". Draw a line connecting the dots and stitch along the marked line. Repeat at remaining corners.

Lining:

1. Assemble lining body and side edges in the same manner as the bag.
2. Pin the lining bottom to the lining with right sides together, stitch pivoting at corners and leave a 5" opening in one long edge for turning.

ASSEMBLING THE BAG

1. Turn bag right side out, and tuck handles down away from top edge.
2. Pin bag top to the bag with right sides together, matching seam lines and raw edges.
3. Stitch top in place. Open zipper. **DO NOT TURN RIGHT SIDE OUT**
4. With lining inside out, pin the lining to the bag top, right side of lining and right side of bag top lining together.
Note: when this is pinned it will look the bags are butting up against each other at the top edge.
5. Align seams and raw edges. Stitch in place. You will be stitching along the same seam as before.
6. Turn bag right side out through opening. Stitch the opening closed.
7. Tuck lining back inside the bag. Top stitch around top edge of the bag (optional)

