

Round About Tote
Pattern 043
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I created this pattern for those who have been asking for smaller purses. It's so simple to make that I can't charge for it. Read all instructions and look at all pictures thoroughly before beginning this project. Refer to your sewing machine manual for creating button holes. Below is a link to an awesome video to show you an easy way to make a button hole.

http://www.expertvillage.com/video/14009_button-zig-stitch.htm

If for some reason the site becomes unavailable, a simple search on your favorite search engine should bring up several sites offering free buttonhole tutorials.

Finished tote will be about 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " H x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " W (this does not include the strap, just the body). You can always create a larger tote by using this pattern as a guide and tracing a larger pattern onto fabric pieces. You may also want to make longer straps if you do so.

Supplies

$\frac{3}{4}$ yd Fabric 1 for Shell and Strap

$\frac{1}{2}$ yd Fabric 2 for Lining

1 yd of batting or your favorite material to use between the shell & lining

Button for closure

600 yards of matching thread

Sewing machine

Hand sewing needle

Instructions

To print pattern pieces, you may want to set all margins to "0". However, if you do not wish to mess with your printer settings, you should be able to simply follow the cutting lines that do print to finish cutting to the edges.

Batting (or other favorite material to use between lining and shell)

1. Cut 2 pieces of batting (or other favorite) using tote body pattern below.
2. Cut 2 pieces of batting (or other favorite) using the strap pattern below.



Batting for Strap & Body

Strap

1. From Fabric 1, cut 2 pieces (fabric doubled with right sides together) for Strap.



Sorry, picture shows four. **Cut only two.**

2. Keep right sides of strap together.
3. Place both pieces of strap batting on one side of strap.



4. Sew down each side of strap using 1/8" seam allowance
5. Carefully turn strap right side out from one of the open ends.
6. Stitch down each side after turning.



Shell

1. From Fabric 1, cut 2 pieces for Shell.



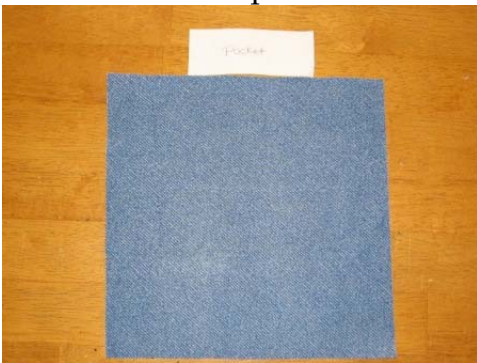
Lining & Pockets

1. From Fabric 2, cut 2 pieces for Lining using the tote body pattern below.



2. Sew batting to the back of lining using 1/8" seam allowance.

3. Cut one 8" x 8" pieces from Fabric 2 to use as pockets.



4. Fold in half with right sides together so that it measure 4" x 8".



5. Sew perimeter using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 3" opening at bottom for turning.



6. Turn right side out.

7. Sew pocket onto the back lining piece about $1\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom, centered from both sides. Sew sides and bottom only of the pockets.

8. Stitch down the middle of the pocket to make 2 pockets. This will be the back lining piece.



Finishing the Tote

1. Sew both lining sections together with right sides together (sides and bottom only). Do not turn.

2. Sew both shell sections together with right sides together (sides and bottom only). Turn right side out.



3. Turn top edges under about $\frac{1}{4}$ " and toward the middle. Pin to hold. Sew using $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.



4. Place strap ends into highest points of each end at the top of tote body about $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



5. Sew top edges together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to hold strap in place. Sew an additional row of stitches across strap section for a secure hold.

6. Mark top buttonhole cross bar about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from top, centered. Draw button hole line about $\frac{1}{4}$ " longer than the button. Draw bottom cross bar.



7. Use zigzag stitches to make button hole. Cut center for button insertion.
8. After cutting buttonhole mark lining for button placement over pocket.



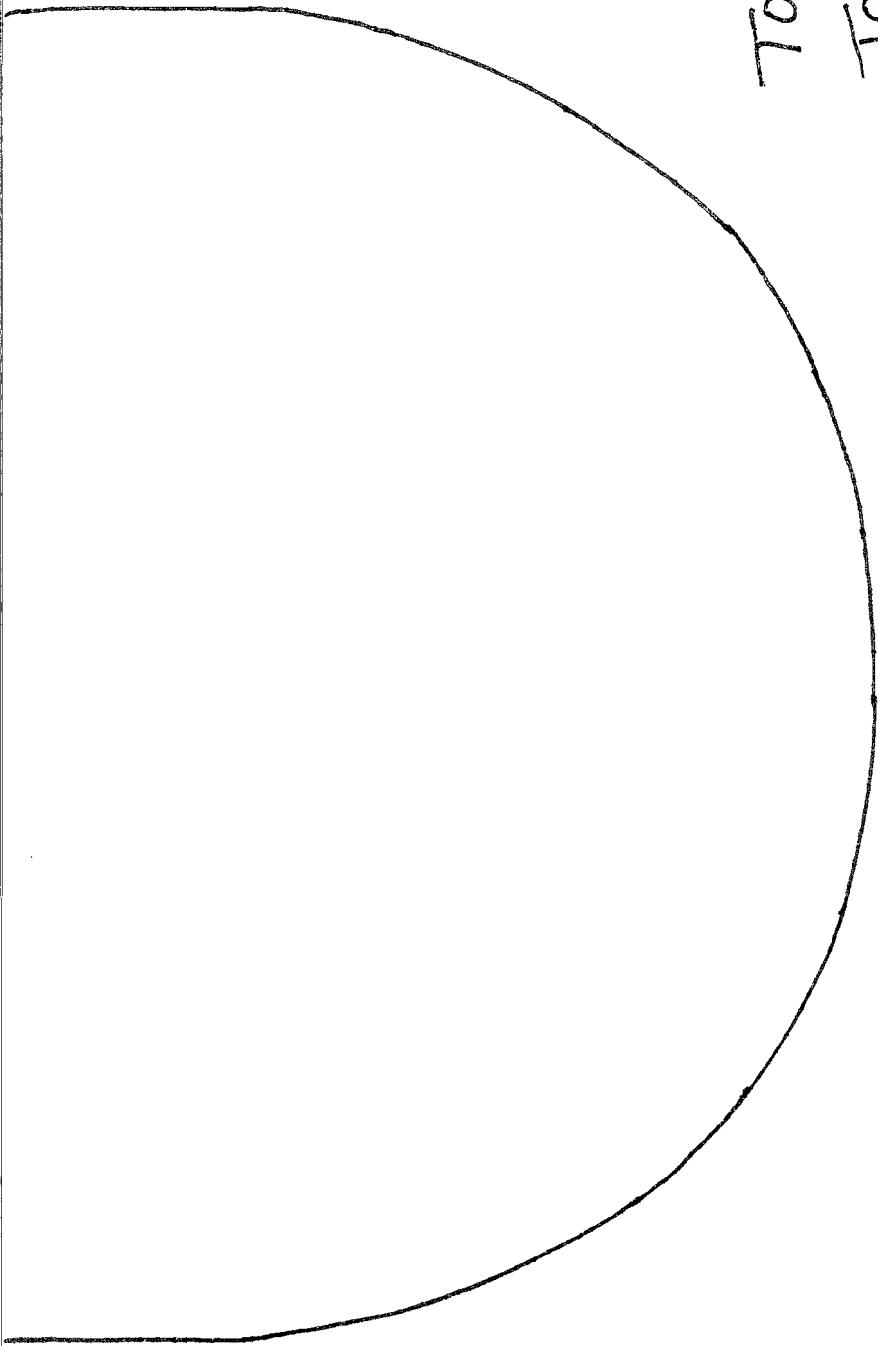
9. Sew button to lining. Do not sew through shell when adding button.



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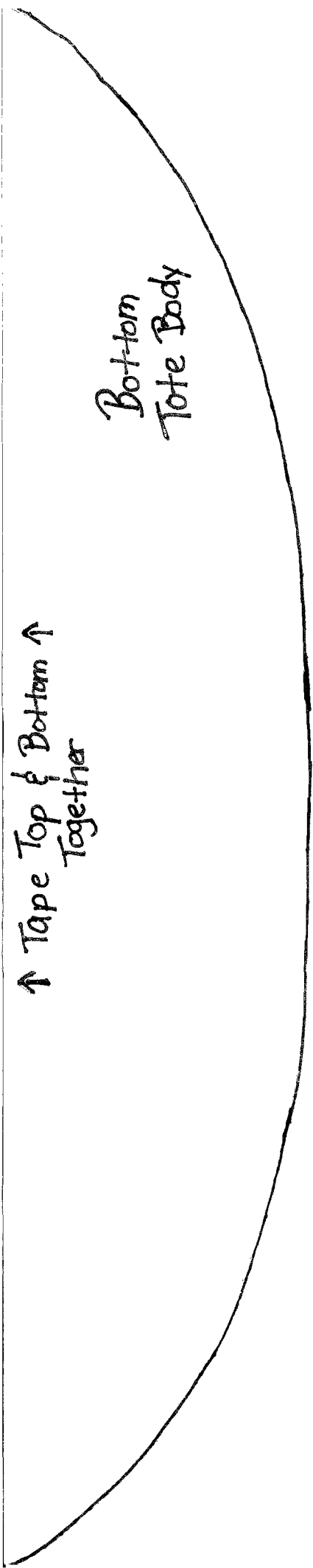




Top
Tote
Body

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↓ Tape Top & Bottom Together ↓



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Bottom
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Strap

