

## Tucked Tote Bag



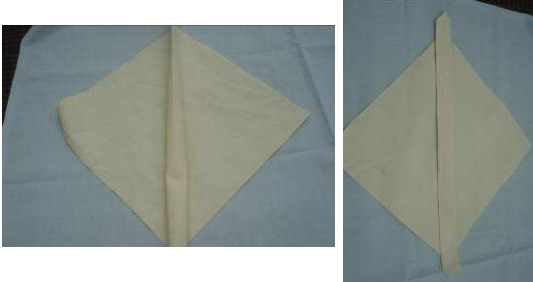


### Requirements






**Large Bag**  
56cm/22" x 56cm/22"  
42cm/16" x 42cm/16"





**Material**  
Piece of heavy calico  
Printed canvas

**Small bag**  
46cm/18" x 46cm/18"  
31cm/12" x 31cm/12"

Decorative machine Embroidery thread  
Your choice of strap –webbing or the canvas

1. Take your square piece of calico, fold in half diagonally and pin a 3cm/1.25" pleat across the diagonal.	
2. Sew a seam across in a calico colour.	
3. Press pleat open.	
4. Fold the material in half across the other diagonal (wrong sides together), pin and sew a seam 3cm/1.25" pleat	
5. Press the pleat open to create a cross as in Scottish Flag.	

<p>6. Decorate by hand or machine along the pleats.</p>	
<p>7. Take the printed canvas fabric and make a small hem along the top edge.</p>	
<p>8. Do the same on one of the edges of the decorated tucked square, these edges will be the top of the bag.</p>	
<p>9. Fold the strap material in half lengthwise and machine along the length (possibly with a decorative stitch to match your tucked panel). Then cut the handle in two to create the 2 handles.</p>	
<p>10. Fold square panels in half lengthwise to enable you to position the handles/straps. One handle should be for the canvas panel and the other for the tucked panel.</p>	

<p>11. Sew by hand the handles into place to ensure they are secure.</p>	
<p>12. Place the two sides of the bag right sides together</p>	
<p>13. Trim the corners to reduce the amount of bulk. 14. Turn right side out</p>	
<p>15. Your bag is complete.</p>	

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