



## BEGINNERS SEWING 101 – KIDS EDITION

### PROJECT 2

#### SIMPLE TOTE

##### Materials required:

½ metre of 100% cotton

1" wide cotton tape or wide grosgrain ribbon

##### Cutting guide:

2 x rectangles 14" wide by 16" tall (this is the size used in the video guide, but you can make them any size you like as long as they are 2" taller than your chosen width.

2 x lengths of cotton tape for your handles. The length recommended for the bag size above is 20"

##### Instructions:

- 1) Place outers WS together and clip or pin down both sides and along the bottom.
- 2) Sew from the top edge down the side, along the bottom and back up the other side keeping a 1/8 or very, very narrow seam allowance.
- 3) Clip the bottom two corners of fabric away being careful not to cut the stitches.
- 4) Turn the bag in the wrong way so that it is RS together and press the edges carefully with the iron.
- 5) Sew the same 3 sides of the bag up with a ¼" seam allowance to enclose the raw edges. This is called a French seam.
- 6) Turn the top edge of the bag to the WS by ¼" and press
- 7) Turn it over again by 1" and press
- 8) Measure in 3" from either side of the bag and place the raw edges of the handles up and under the folded edge being careful not to twist the handles.
- 9) Flip the handles up to the top of the bag and pin them in place
- 10) Sew around the top edge of the bag with a ¼" seam allowance, sewing over the handles
- 11) Sew around the same edge but this time ¼" away from the bottom fold sewing over the handles at the bottom edge.