

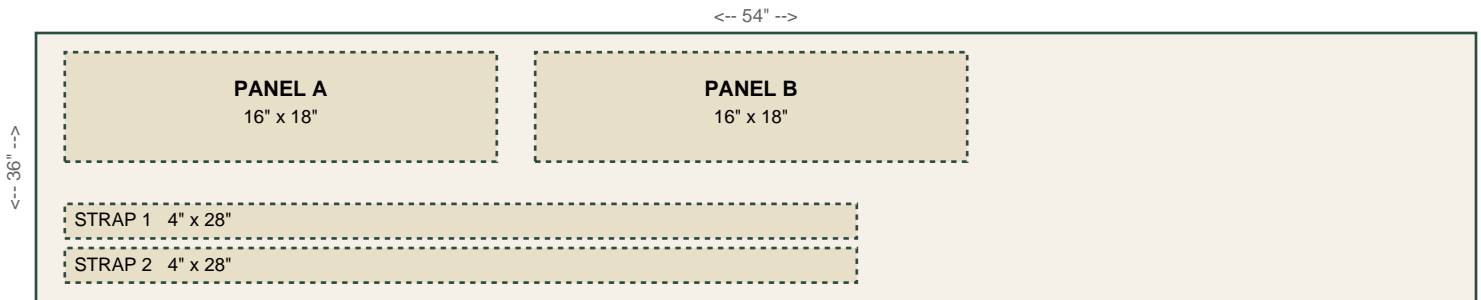
LINEN TOTE BAG

Cut-and-Sew Guide

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Beginner project | 2.5 hrs | 1 yard linen

CUTTING LAYOUT (1 yard, 54" wide)



SUPPLIES

- 1 yd medium-weight linen (5.3-7 oz/sq yd) unlined; 1.5 yd if you want a lining
- All-purpose polyester thread (matched in upper and bobbin)
- Schmetz Universal needle, size 80/12 (fresh, not the one from your last project)
- Sewing machine, iron, ironing board
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins, ruler, fabric chalk

CUT

- Main panels: 2 x (16" wide x 18" tall)
- Strap pieces: 2 x (4" wide x 28" long)
- Lining (optional): 2 x (16" x 18")

Tip: pre-shrink and press BEFORE cutting. Finish raw edges right after cutting.

MACHINE SETTINGS

- Needle: 80/12 universal, fresh
- Thread: matched poly, upper + bobbin
- Stitch length: 2.5mm body, 3mm topstitch
- Tension: machine default
- Test on scrap BEFORE cutting project

6-STEP SEQUENCE

1. Make the straps.

Fold lengthwise, sew long edge 3/8", turn, press, topstitch both edges.

2. Sew the body.

Right sides together. Sew sides + bottom at 3/8". Zigzag the seam allowances.

3. Box the corners (optional).

Pinch each bottom corner into a triangle. Sew across 1.5" from the point. Trim.

4. Press all seams open.

Use a press cloth to avoid shine.

5. Attach the straps.

Pin 4" in from each side seam. Baste 1/4" from the top edge.

6. Hem the top + reinforce.

Fold down 1/2", then 1". Press. Sew the hem catching the strap ends. Add an X-box stitch at every strap base.

THREE-FIX DIAGNOSTIC

Seams are puckering.

Re-thread, fresh 80/12 needle, stitch length 2.5mm, loosen upper tension 0.5.

Linen frays inside the bag.

Turn inside out. Zigzag every interior seam allowance. Optional: fabric glue.

Handles are pulling out.

X-box stitch at every strap base, catching outer fabric + folded hem.