

## *Easy Floral Market Tote*



### *Materials*

1/2 yard 44" cotton fabric

scrap trims, lace, rick rack, whatever you have

thread, scissors, pins

sewing machine, iron

### *Cut and Sew*

□ For the bag, cut one piece 14"x 36". Cut the 4" x 44" strip into two 22" pieces for the handles. You may wish to use the remaining 18" x 8" piece for pockets.

□ Take the 36" bag width and fold 1/4" of the top towards the right side of the fabric and press. Lay the lace trim on top of the fold so that it meets the top edge of the bag and zig-zag the lace in place along both edges. My bag has rick rack stitched over the top edge of the flat lace.

□ Fold the trimmed bag in half widthwise and stitch along the side and bottom. You may wish to serge or zig-zag the raw seam edges. I boxed the bottom edges so that it would stand up. You can do this by folding so that the side and bottom seams are lined up and stitching approximately 2" from the corner, like sewing along the bottom of a triangle.

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□ Press the two 4" x 22" lengths in half lengthwise. This is tricky- open flat and fold the wrong sides toward the center fold. Fold again so that the raw edges are now inside at the fold. Stitch closed near the edge. Your straps will be approximately 1" wide when completed.

□ To place the handles, measure 6" from both side edges and stitch to the inside of the bag approximately 1" from the top edge of the bag. Add a pretty crochet accent, bow, button or whatever and Viola!

I designed and wrote Easy Floral Tote as a freebie design and instruction sheet. Please visit my website or Etsy store. I sell lots of vintage and re-purposed linens, trims, laces, buttons and fun stuff for creating this tote. Feel free to share. It can also be downloaded for free on my website.

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