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Professional Tote Rectangle Ring Handle Variation and Purse Feet.

1. If you would like to use Rectangle Rings on the handles of the tote the sewing directions are below.
2. If you would like to use 4 purse feet you will add them to the bottom of the bag after Step 5f. (You can admire before or after inserting the feet© or Both!!) See more details below.

Use the handle directions below instead of Step 2a-e in the pattern (page 5 and 6)

- A. Cut four 16 ½" lengths of webbing and two 30" lengths.
- B. Zigzag a satin stitch on the raw edge of one end of each of the 16 ½" webbing pieces.
- C. Place a Rectangle Ring through the stitched end of the webbing and turn over about 1" to the back of the webbing. Straight stitch the zigzagged end to the handle encasing the Rectangle Ring.
- D. Draw a temporary vertical chalk line 3 ½" in from the side edges of the front piece #1.
- E. Place one 16 ½" (now approx. 15 ½" after being folded over) handle onto the front of the Main Bag along your chalk line so that the handle is covering the raw edges of the pocket.
- F. Stitch the edge of the handle in place, up to the Rectangle Ring, turn 90 degrees and stitch across the 1" handle forward, then backward and forward again to secure the handle. Turn 90 degrees and continue sewing along the other edge of the handle to the bottom of the tote.
- G. Repeat this process to add the 2nd handle of the front of the tote.

Add the handles to the back of the tote following the directions, Step 3c, in the pattern. You will have 2 separate handles instead of the one shown in the diagram.

Attach the handles to the tote after the very last step of the bag. The handles will stay out of the way while you finish the tote. Zigzag finish both ends of the remaining handles and sew them on to the Rectangle Rings as stated above in step C.

Purse feet

Measure 1 ¼" out from the bottom seam and 1 ¼" in from the side seams to find the placement for the feet. This is an approx. measurement; place them where you think they look the best. Make sure the marks are where you want them to be because you have to cut a hole in the bottom of the tote and you don't want to make the hole in the wrong spot. With a seam ripper or awl, poke a hole all the way through the fabrics. The hole should be just large enough to fit the prongs of the foot in it, (about ¼") Push one of the feet into the hole and reach inside of the bag to spread open the prongs. This will secure it in place. That's all there is to it!!

Have fun making your tote and send me a picture, I would love to put it on my website!
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