

MUG TOTE

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Do you leave your mug at home? Are you afraid to bring a "good " mug in case it gets broken? Well, this simple tote is the answer to your problems! Pin your name tag to the tote and you won't forget either one for your next meeting!

1. Cut one circle using the the pattern

below and one rectangle from the quilted fabric. The rectangle is 18 1/4" x 7 1/2".

2. Serge or zigzag one of the long edges of the rectangle. This is now the top edge. Do a 1/2 inch buttonhole in the very center of the top edge, see diagram 1. Cut the buttonhole open.

3. Place the finished edge of the lace on top of the serging on the "wrong" side of the fabric, i.e., overlap the serging with the finished edge of the lace, see diagram 2. Zigzag the lace in place.

4. Sew the rectangle into a tube using a 5/8 inch seam allowance, sewing through the lace too. Sew with the right sides together. Do a flat felled seam. OR - Press both seams to one side, serge the top seam allowance only, trim the under seam allowance to 1/8 inch, and then topstitch the top seam down through all the layers.

5. Divide the fabric circle into quarters using pins, see diagram 3. Divide the bottom edge of the tube into quarters with pins also. With the right sides together, match the pins at the quarter markings. Pin all around, easing in any fullness. Stitch using a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Serge or zigzag the raw edges together. Flip the tote right side out.

6. At the top edge of the tote, turn the lace and 1/2 inch of the "wrong" side of the fabric towards the "good" side. Pin down and topstitch through all layers, close to the edge of the lace. This makes a casing for the cording. Put the cording onto a safety pin and thread it through the buttonhole and into the casing. Tie both ends of the cording together. Insert the piece of plastic canvas for the bottom of the tote. The canvas adds some support for your mug. Enjoy!

Supplies needed

quilted fabric -- 7 1/2" x 25"
 .5m pregathered lace - 1" - 1 1/2" wide
 .5m narrow cording
 plastic canvas circle - 4 1/4" diameter

