

2 skill level

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embellished fleece tote

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1/4 yd Embellished Fleece

NOTE: Purchase enough fleece to provide two 7½" squares of embellished motif.

- 1/2 yd Contrasting solid fleece
- 1/4 yd Contrasting solid fleece for handles
- 1/2 yd Fabric for lining
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine

DIRECTIONS:

1. Centering motif, cut two 7½" squares from embellished fleece. Cut two 7½" squares from contrasting fleece. Using 1/2" seam allowance, stitch one embellished square to contrasting square. Repeat with additional squares alternating square placement. Stitch square segments together to form pieced unit. Set aside.
2. Cut 14" square from contrasting fleece. With right sides together, stitch pieced unit to 14" square along sides and bottom.
3. From handle fleece, cut two 4"x28" strips. Fold each strip lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch along long edge. Turn tube and top stitch 1/4" from each long edge. Repeat for second strip. With raw edges even, stitch handles to top of tote, placing handle edges 2½" from side seams.
4. Cut two 14" squares from lining fabric. Stitch sides and bottom together, leaving opening for turning. With right sides together and raw edges even, stitch lining to tote bag. Turn and stitch lining opening closed.
5. Topstitch 1/4" around top edge to secure lining.

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Skill Level 2: Some sewing experience helpful

Approximate Crafting Time: 2 hours

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