

Create Your Own Season

**FREE
Project**

Placemat Tote Bag

Materials:

- 3 Placemats
- 5/8 yard Med. weight fusible interfacing
- 1/2 yard Cotton fabric for lining

Directions:

1/4 seam allowance is used except where noted. Take hems out of all placemats. Choose 2 for the outer bag. Take the third placemat, cut it into 3 strips evenly lengthwise. One of the stripes will be the bottom of the bag. With right sides together, stitch the bottom onto one of the outer bag placements. Now stitch that same bottom to the other outer bag. Cut the interfacing to match and fuse to wrong side of outer bag. Because all placemats may be different sizes, at this time measure this piece and cut your lining to be the same size plus 1/2" lengthwise.

Outer Bag: With right sides together, fold the piece in half and sew up the sides.

Lining: Cut piece in half lengthwise. This will allow you to have a seam at the bottom of the lining. With right sides together, sew the sides together and sew the bottom together making sure to leave an opening in the center 5" wide for turning.

For both lining and outer bag: Make a boxed corner on the bottom of the bag using a 2 1/2" square.

Handles: Make 2 handles out of the remaining 2 strips of outer bag placemat. With the outer bag turned right side out, pin handles to the top of the bag, 4" in from the side seams.

Bag Construction: Start with the wrong side of the outer bag outside, and the right side of the liner outside. Slide the liner inside the outer bag, matching sides seams and pin well (right sides of each fabric will be matched). Sew top of bag and liner together with a 1/2" seam allowance. Reach in the bag and turn. Tuck the lining down into the outer bag and push out the boxed corners. Top stitch around the top of the bag and enjoy.



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