

The Two TG Tea Towel Tote



This is a roomy tote bag made from two TG Tea Towels, it can fold up and be used as a shopping bag.

1. Seam together on the short side of the tea towel so you end up with a piece of fabric 3 times the width of the tea towel i.e. 144cm/57". I took in a 5cm seam to achieve this. Keep the excess as we can use this to make the handle tube later. NB: There is a very cute bee on one end of the tea towel, it would be a shame to lose it so seam the other end.
2. Now for a slightly tricky bit! With the pattern side down grab the top right hand corner and bring it towards the bottom edge to form a triangle. Grab the bottom left corner and bring it towards the top to form another triangle. Not to bad so far, make sure everything lines up neatly.



3. This is a bit trickier! You will see a square in between the two triangles, imagine a line going from the bottom left corner to the top right. Grab the point of the triangle at the bottom and bring it up and over folding at that imaginary line.
4. Pin the bag together at the line marked, being careful to pin through only two layers, turn over and do the same to the other side. I found it impossible to sew on the machine without tacking and it is easier to start at the outer edge of the bag and sew towards the corner. I decided to do two rows of stitching just for strength.



5. This next step is optional, you can box the corner of the bag to give it a flat bottom. Fold the bag at the seams and flatten out, it will be a square, Measure 10cm/4" on each side, as per picture and stitch, neaten, press and trim off excess.

Now we need to make the handle tube. You need a piece of material 18cm x 10cm/7"x 4". You can use a contrasting piece of fabric or you can piece together a piece from the fabric we cut of when we seamed the tea towels together. You will need to unpick the seams.

Turn in a small hem on the short sides and seam the long side to form a tube.

6. Take one of the handles and pull it through the tube. Place the two corner one on top of another sew them together in a square. Pull the tube along to cover the join and shape the bag.

That's it finished; it doesn't take long as most of the hems are done for you. Take it out and about and promote TG as you shop.