

The Minimal Carry Tote Project

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Skill level : Advanced beginner

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Supplies

Fabric	58" (148 cm) wide	44" (112 cm) wide
Main	1/2 yard (0.46m)	1/2 yard (0.46m)
Lining	1/2 yard (0.46m)	3/4 yard (0.68m)

The yardage requirements are estimated. More fabric may be needed if using directional print.

-Suggested fabric choice (exterior) : canvas, home decor, denim, faux leather

-Suggested fabric choice (lining) : cotton quilting fabric

Mid weight fusible stabilizer (e.g. Decovil, foam stabilizer, pellon 808) 10" x 5" (25.5 x 12.5cm)

1 set of magnetic snap closure 18mm

1x nylon coil zipper at least 9" (23cm) long, 1 1/4" (32mm) wide (interior zipper pocket)

1 yard (92 cm) faux leather or leather strip, 3/4" (19mm) wide <https://amzn.to/4qZpuOV>

12x set of small rivets 5-7mm cap

1/8" or 1/4" basting tape <https://amzn.to/3BPXtjx>

Polyester thread

Tools

Sewing machine, leather hole puncher, basic sewing notions.

Finished bag measurements
approx. 15" wide x 12" tall x 5 1/2 deep (bottom)
38 x 30.5 x 14 cm

Features

Magnetic snap closure

Interior zipper Pocket

3x interior slip pockets

watch the video tutorial
<https://youtu.be/1tPRdjlmeA>

Seam allowances are 3/8" (1cm) unless otherwise stated

Cutting Instructions

Following the below chart, cut your fabric and stabilizer accordingly.

Name	Main Fabric	Lining Fabric	Leather/ Faux leather strip
Main Body	Cut (1) 17" w x 31" h (43 x 79 cm)	Cut (1) 17" w x 26" h (43 x 66 cm)	
Facing (interior)	Cut (2) 17" w x 3" h (43 x 7.5 cm)		
Slip Pockets		Cut (2) 17" w x 8" h (43 x 20 cm)	
Zipper pocket		Cut (1) 10" w x 17" h (25.5 x 43 cm)	
Straps			Cut (2) 18" x 3/4" (45.5 x 1.9 cm)

Instructions (Brief Overview)

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Please watch the [Full Video Tutorial](#) for thorough demonstration.

1. Cut all your pieces, mark all the top center points.
2. Attach the straps.
3. Assemble the bag exterior.
4. Sew the facing to the main body interior.
5. Sew the slip pockets.
6. Sew the zipper pocket.
7. Install the magnetic snap closure.
8. Assemble the bag interior, leaving an opening on one side for turning.
9. With the bag exterior wrong side out, and the bag interior right side out, insert the interior into the exterior.
10. Pin the top edges, then stitch all around the top.
11. Turn the bag right side out through the opening hole.
12. Finish the bag by top stitching along the top edge and sewing the opening closed

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