



2023 Holiday OPEN HOUSE

Applique Tote Bag

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Supplies

- Denim fabric 23"x38"
- cotton webbing for handles 1.5 yds
- Cotton scraps in assorted colors
- Coordinating Cotton thread 50 wt
- Janome purple tip needle
- 1 pack of double-sided fusible web 8 ½"x11" (steam a seam 2)
- chalk pencil
- Scissors
- AccuQuilt GO! cutter (optional)
- AccuQuilt GO! Mermaid King & Queen Die (optional)

Machine:

- Janome M17 Continental
- Satin stitch Foot F and zig zag plate, hp & hp plate

I didn't grow up celebrating traditional holidays like we do here in the US but I have fallen in love with the festivities and the generous spirit of my community, as an adult. Making reusable totes is a simple and beautiful way to share the bounty of any season, be it to collect autumn veggies from the market, gift hygiene items to a local shelter and/or gather groceries to share with community meals' organizers. I believe that in the long run these joyful bags can replace yards of wrapping paper that is often discarded and still make Giving, meaningful and personal. Gather a few friends for a sew day and consider making them to give away!

Instructions

1. Start by selecting applique shapes and/or text of your choice.
2. Apply steam-a-seam-2 to the wrong side of fabrics.
3. Trace and cut desired shapes and/or use AccuQuilt.
4. Iron shapes to the front and back of the tote. Serge all edges to prevent fraying (optional).
5. Applique shapes using foot F
6. Fold the tote fabric in half, right sides together and stitch on either side
7. Turn bag right side out.
8. Fold raw edges 1" to the wrong side and press. Pin in place.
9. Cut two handles from cotton webbing and stitch ¼" from each raw edge to secure fibers and prevent fraying.
10. Measure 4.5" from side seams to mark the placement for the handles and pin in place. On the wrong side of the tote, the handles' raw edge should line up with the raw edge of the tote.
11. Secure handles by top stitching all around the top edge of the bag and again by following the stitching line of the serged edges.
12. If you wish to box the corners, I show you a quick way to do that on the video. Otherwise, the reusable tote is ready to Gift!

