



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread
Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP™ All-purpose Thread
Coats & Clark™ Jeans & Topstitching Thread

1½ yds (1.49m) ombre fabric (*includes lining*)
 ⅔ yd (60.96cm) foam stabilizer, 54" (137.16cm) wide
 1 pair leather handles, 24" (60.96cm)
 Removable marker
 Optional: Quilt Basting Spray, Spring clips such as Wonder Clips, Walking foot, Quilting guide



QUILTING, SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread

Let the colors of a beautiful ombre print fall where they may on this handy leather-handled tote. Channel quilting with Coats & Clark™ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread accents the colorful gradation as it flows across the bag.

MEASUREMENTS

14½" (36.83cm) x 17" (43.18cm) x 4" (10.16cm)

CUTTING

WOF = Width of Fabric

From ombre fabric, cut:

(4) rectangles, 21" (53.34cm) wide x 22" (55.88cm) tall
 (4) strips, 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF)

From foam, cut:

(2) rectangles, 21" (53.34cm) wide x 22" (55.88cm) tall

Seam allowances are ½" (1.27cm).

QUILTING

1. Layer two rectangles wrong sides together with a foam rectangle between. Pin securely. Make a second set.
2. Using a removable marker, draw a vertical line along the center of each rectangle.
3. Lengthen the stitch to 3.5mm and thread the machine with Coats & Clark™ Cotton Machine Quilting Thread.
4. Begin sewing along the marked center line, stitching the entire length of the rectangle. Using the presser foot width as a guide (or a quilting guide, if you prefer), sew parallel rows of stitching on both sides of the marked line until the entire rectangle is covered. Repeat for the second rectangle. Be careful to keep fabric smooth and wrinkle free both top and bottom as you stitch.
5. From the quilted rectangles, cut two rectangles 21" (53.34cm) tall x 19" (48.26cm) wide. At the lower corners of each rectangle, cut out a 2" (5.08cm) square.



Want a bit of extra hold for the quilting process? Secure the fabric to the foam with temporary quilt basting spray or other temporary adhesive or use fusible foam.

ASSEMBLING THE TOTE

1. Thread the sewing machine with Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP™ All-Purpose Thread. Place the tote rectangles right sides together and sew the bottom seam. Using a 2¼" (5.72cm) strip and a ¼" (.64cm) seam allowance, bind the seam allowances together, press in one direction and hand-stitch the seam allowance to the tote lining.
2. Sew both tote side seams and repeat the binding process but leave the bound seam free.
3. To box the tote bottom, fold the tote side seam over the bottom seam, nesting the seams. Sew across the corner. Bind the seam to finish, turning under the binding ends to neaten. Repeat for the second corner.

4. Bind the tote upper edge in the same manner and press under a 1½" (3.81cm) hem all around. Hand-stitch the hem binding to the tote lining.

FINISHING

1. Mark the upper edge centers on both the tote front and back.
2. Measure out 3" (7.62cm) from each side of the center marking and 2½" (6.35cm) from the upper edge and position the leather handle ends. Clip in place.
3. Following the manufacturer's instructions and using Coats & Clark™ Jeans & Topstitching Thread, hand-stitch the handles to the tote front and back.

