



Technique:	Sewing
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Skill Level:	Experienced Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	Varies

Featuring Coats Dual Duty XP®

Whether you're a thrift store shopper, or you just like to reuse what you have, this fun jean tote can indulge either passion. Pick traditional blue denim, or a summery pastel, and keep the existing pockets all usable on your new creation.

Supplies

Note: More yardage may be required if jeans are larger.

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread**
- (1) pair jeans (Note that the jeans size will determine the finished tote size; featured tote is made from Misses size 6 jeans.)
- ¾ yd (68.58cm) tote lining fabric
- ⅝ yd (57.15cm) home décor-weight fabric for tote bottom/handles
- 3" x 6" (7.62cm x 15.24cm) scrap for sunglass frames
- 3" x 6" (7.62cm x 15.24cm) scrap sunglass lenses
- Paper-back fusible web
- Sunglass frame and lens patterns

Cutting

From the jeans:

Draw a line parallel to the waistband upper edge and about ½" below the back pockets. Measure the same distance all around and cut on the line. Keep the inner pocket bags free.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Preparing the Appliqué

1. Trace the sunglass frame and lenses onto the paper side of the fusible web. Rough-cut about ¼" (.64cm) outside the drawn lines.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the frame and the lenses to the wrong side of their respective fabrics. Cut out the shapes on the drawn line.
3. Layer the appliqué pieces on the left side of the jeans front, being sure that the lens edges are behind the frame edges. Fuse in place.
4. Pin the front inner pocket bags out of the way of the appliqué area to avoid catching them. Using a narrow, medium-length zigzag, sew around all the sunglass edges. Bring the threads to the back and tie off to secure.

Assembling the Tote Body

1. Overlap any curved front crotch area and baste ¼" (.64cm) from the lower tote top edge to straighten the seam.
2. Measure the circumference of the jeans tote lower edge and divide by 2. Add ½" (1.27cm) for seam allowances to determine the lower tote piece width. Although the lower tote portion size can vary, the featured one is cut 10½" (26.67cm) long. Cut two rectangles the size determined.

3. On each of the lower corners of each tote bottom, cut out a 2" (5.08cm) square.
4. With right sides together, sew the side and bottom seams in the lower tote section. Press seams open.
5. To box the corners, fold the piece right sides together matching the side and bottom seams. Sew across the corner. Repeat for the second corner.
6. Fold the tote bottom in half, matching side seams, and pin-mark the center front.
7. Matching the center front of the jeans (the straight portion of the seam) to the marking, sew the tote bottom to the tote top. Note that the side seams will not match, as jeans are wider in the back than the front.
8. Press the seam toward the tote bottom.

Making the Strap

1. Cut two strips of tote bottom fabric 7 ¾" x half the fabric width (19.69cm x about 22" [55.88cm]).
2. Press each strip in half, then fold the long raw edges to the pressed crease. Re-press the original fold.
3. Edgestitch the long edges of each strap.
4. Lapping the waistband ½" (1.27cm), pin a strap to the tote front and the tote back, 3" (7.62cm) from the centers. Topstitch across the strap width on the original jeans stitching line.

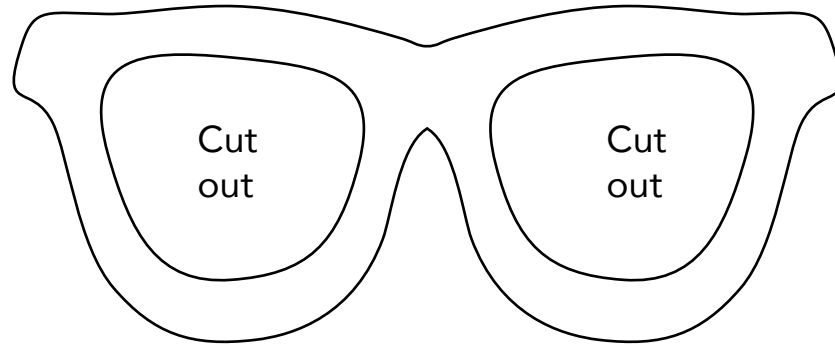
Assembling the Lining

1. To create the lining, measure the circumference of the upper waistband and add 1" (2.54cm) for the width of the rectangle. Measure the center front length of the tote bag from the upper waistband to the tote bottom seam and add ½" (1.27cm). Cut two rectangles this size.
2. On each of the lower corners of each lining rectangle, cut out a 2" (5.08cm) square.
3. Sew the side and bottom seams, then box the corners, as on the outer tote.

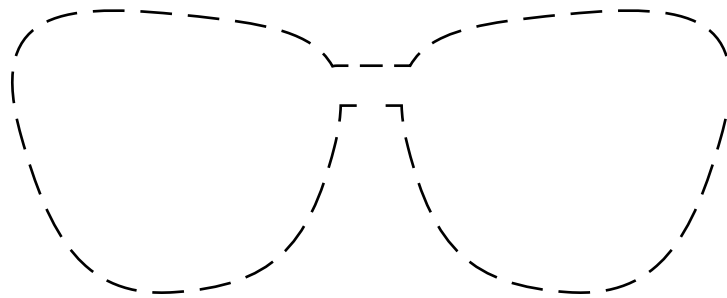


Assembling the Tote

1. With wrong sides together, slide the lining into the tote, matching the side seams to the location of the lower tote seams.
2. Turn under the upper lining edge ¼" (.64cm) and pin in place all around the upper edge about ¼" (.64cm) from the top and covering the strap raw edges.
3. Hand-stitch the lining in place.



Frame



Lenses

This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***