



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
Coats & Clark Transparent Thread
Red Heart Super Saver Yarn- black
Red Heart Pom & Tassel Maker

1½ yds (1.37m) black and white print fabric, for outer tote
 1½ yds (1.37m) red print, for lining and appliques
 1 yd (.91m) foam stabilizer, 58" (147.32cm) wide
 (2) 1" x 10" (2.54cm x 25.40cm) leather handles with screw attachment
 Paper-back fusible web
 Spring clips

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

Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Tote your holiday gifts in style with this fun fabric basket with a graphic message spelled out in appliqué and pompoms.

MEASUREMENTS

Finished Size of Project:
 15" (38.10cm) diameter x 16"
 (40.64cm) tall

CUTTING

Cut pieces in the order listed.

From the outer fabric, cut:

(1) rectangle, 46" x 16½" (116.84cm x 41.91cm)
 (1) circle, 15" (38.10cm) diameter

From the lining fabric, cut:

(1) rectangle, 46" x 16" (116.84cm x 40.64cm)
 (1) circle, 15" (38.10cm) diameter

From the foam stabilizer, cut:

(1) rectangle, 46" x 16½" (116.84cm x 41.91cm)
 (2) circles, 15" (38.10cm) diameter

PREPARATION

1. Trace three "h" shapes on page 3 onto the paper side of the fusible web and rough cut about ⅛" (.32cm) outside the lines. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web to the lining fabric wrong side and cut on the drawn lines.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

ASSEMBLE THE OUTER TOTE

1. Fold the outer tote rectangle in half to find the center point and lightly press to form a crease.
2. Position the letters about 1¾" (4.45cm) from the rectangle upper and lower edges, and 1" to the left of center. Fuse them in place.
3. Using a 2mm wide, 1.5mm long zigzag stitch and transparent



thread, sew around the letters. Bring the threads to the back to tie and secure.

- Place the outer tote fabric over the foam rectangle and smooth flat. Baste around the edges a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) from the edges.
- Quilt a vertical line on each side of the stacked letters.
- Sew the short center back edges of the rectangle together. Press the seam open.
- Mark the quarter points of the outer tote lower edge.
- Layer the outer tote circle over the foam circle and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) and $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27cm) from the edge. Add additional quilting if desired.
- Mark quarter points on the base circle. Matching the quarter points to those on the upper tote lower edge, pin around the circle, easing fullness as needed. Stitch. Turn the tote right side out.

ASSEMBLE THE LINING

- Sew the short edges of the lining rectangle together leaving an 8" (20.32cm) opening

for turning. Mark the quarter points on the rectangle lower edge.

- Layer the lining tote circle over the foam circle and baste $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) from the cut edge.
- Mark quarter points on the base circle. Matching the quarter points to those on the upper tote lining, pin around the circle, easing fullness as needed. Stitch.
- Mark the quarter points on the upper edge of the lining.

ASSEMBLE THE TOTE

- Mark the side quarter points on the upper tote edge.
- With right sides together, slip the lining over the outer tote. Match the upper edge quarter points. Sew around the upper edge.
- Carefully press the seam open.
- Stitch the lining opening closed and push the lining into the tote.
- Press the tote upper edge firmly. Clip in place and top-stitch $\frac{3}{4}$ " (1.91cm) from the upper tote edge.

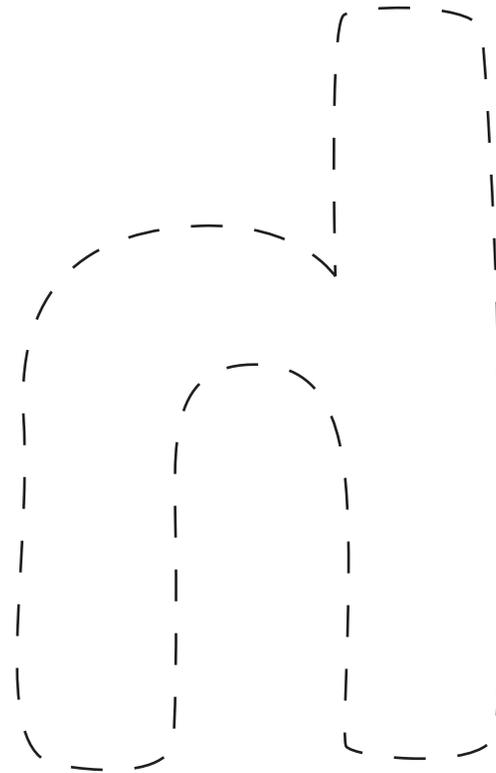
MAKE POMPOMS

- Following the instructions for the Red Heart Pom and Tassel tool, make three 3-inch pompoms.
- Using the yarn tails, sew the pompom through the tote and lining next to each appliquéd letter and tie off ends.
- Trim the pompoms to shape, if desired.

FINISHING

- Following the manufacturer's instructions, apply the handles to the tote upper edge at the side quarter markings.





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

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