

Strawberry Mug Tote by Marj Deveau

Supplies: ¼ meter Tote Focus Fabric (red)
 ¼ meter Tote Lining Fabric (red)
 ¼ meter Tote Leaf Fabric (Green)
 10" x 20" Quilt Batting or Fusible Fleece\
 1 meter cord
 Usual sewing notions

Instructions

1. Cut all pieces according to instructions on bag and leaf templates. Also cut 2 strips 9 ¼ x 4 out of the green.
2. Layer 4 cut batting on bottom and cut 4 Focus Fabric pieces on top right side up.
3. Taking two of the layered pieces, place right sides together on one using ¼" seam allowances. Repeat with other set of bag pieces.
4. Take the batting and Focus Fabric Sets and place right sides together, matching seams & sew from top to point/seam. Leaving needle down, turn and sew up the other side.
5. Repeat steps 4 and 5 with lining pieces, excluding the batting.
6. Now make 4 leaves. Take the 8 leaf pieces and pair them up with right sides together.
7. Clip points & turn right side out, then press. Stitch leaf vanes into each leaf.
8. Taking the green strips, fold and press each end ¼", then over ¼" again in casing the raw edges along the 4" end of each strip. Stitch down along the edge.
9. Fold and press strips in half. Stitch a straight line ¼" from fold.
10. Insert tote lining into tote, matching seams. Pin leaves within each section of tote seams. Place 1 raw edge of cord strip along outside one half of tote having a finished end in the center of each center seam of tote. Pin and sew using a ¼" seam. Do the same on the other side. Then fold and press the inside raw edge, wrong sides together ¼", and hand stitch or stitch in the ditch to cover inside raw edge of tote.
11. Topstitch along top of tote along seam allowances creating a channel for cording. Thread cording through channel and finish ends whichever way you choose. Knot, bead, etc.