

Key Tote

Material you will need

Scrap fabric.
Scrap quilt batting.

Special Tools: Possibly a walking foot for your sewing machine.

Special Instructions: All seams are 1/4".

Making the Outside

Make two 5-1/2" quilt blocks (finished size will be 5"). Attach the quilt blocks together to make the outside fabric for the tote. The outside fabric should be 5-1/2" x 10-1/2". Designate this as fabric A. See Figure 1.

Cutting the Fabric

Cut one 5-1/2" x 10-1/2" rectangle from quilt batting. Designate this as batting A. You can add a special touch by quilting your blocks (fabric A) to the batting as you like.

Cut two 5-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles from fabric to be used for inside of tote. Designate this as fabric B.

Cut one 2" x 10-1/2" strip from fabric to be used for strap. Designate this as fabric C.

Cut one 1/2" x 10-1/2" strip from batting. Designate this as batting B.

Sewing the Outside

Lay fabric A face up on batting A (If you have not quilted them together yet). Fold fabric and batting toward fabric. Stitch each side and clip the corners as shown in Figure 2.

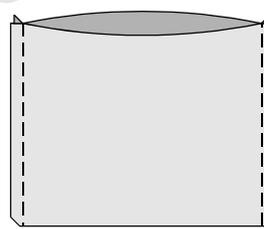


Figure 2
Fabric A

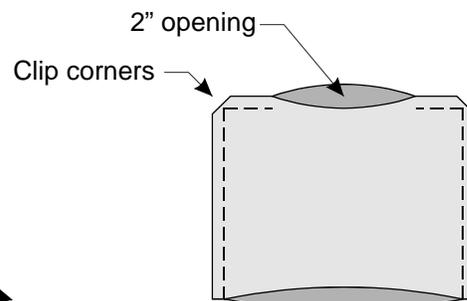


Figure 3
Fabric B

Sewing the Inside

Lay each fabric B right sides together and sew as shown in Figure 3. One side will have a 2" opening and the other side will be fully open. Clip the corners on the end with the 2" opening.

Making the Strap

Press a 3/8" seam along the edge of fabric C as shown in Figure 4. Wrap fabric C around batting B with folded seam on the out side. Sew down middle of strap as shown in figure 5.

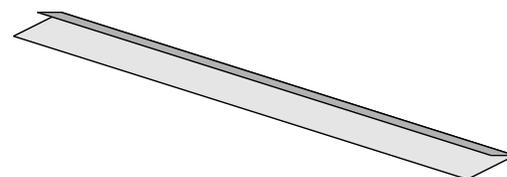


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Fabric C

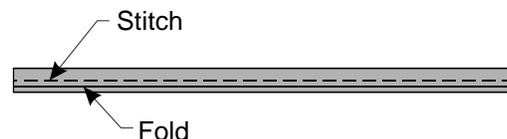


Figure 5
Strap



Figure 1
Fabric A

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Assembly

Press side seams open at open end of fabric A and fabric B. Place strap inside fabric A with folded seam on strap away from fabric A. Be careful to keep the strap straight. Strap should be centered at seams of fabric A. (Hint: a couple of stitches at the seams is helpful to keep the strap in the correct position). Take fabric B and turn it right side out. Slip fabric B into fabric A as shown in Figure 6.

Sew all around the top as show in Figure 7. (Hint: If the batting gets caught in the pressure foot, try using a walking foot on your sewing machine.) Pull fabric B out of fabric A.

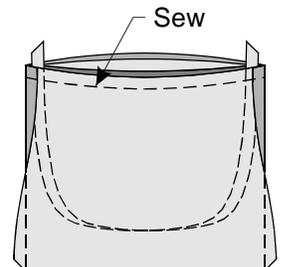
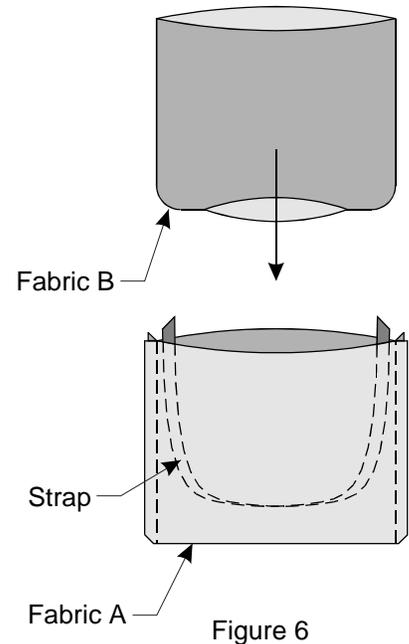
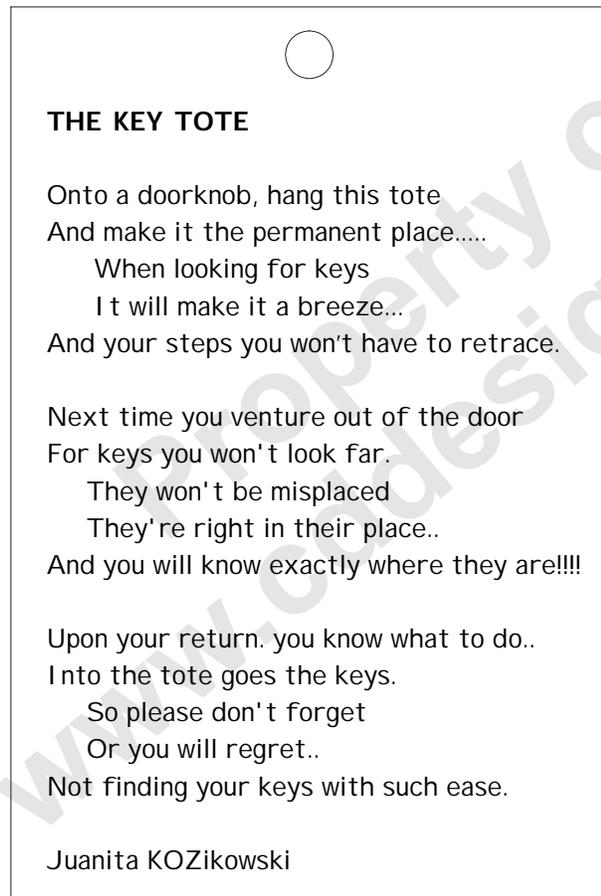
Use the 2" opening in fabric B and turn all so that right side of fabric will be on the outside as shown in Figure 8.

Whip stitch close the 2" opening in fabric B.

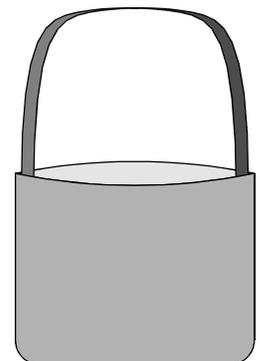
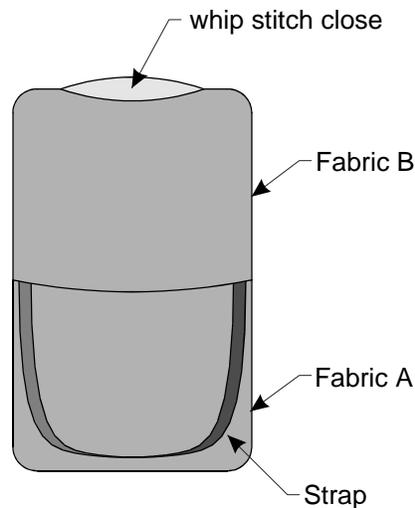
Push fabric B into fabric A so that it will be the inside lining of the tote. See Figure 9.

Making the Key Tote a Gift

Write the poem below onto a postcard. Punch a hole at the top of the card and attach it to the tote.



Your key tote is ready to be used!



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