

Screen It Up



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Finished size is approximately 16 1/2" x 14" x 5 1/2" deep.

The tote can be made with or without embroidery (as pictured above). The embroidery design used on the cover page was purchased from Planet Applique'. It is known as the Marie Frame. If you choose to decorate your tote with embroidery, complete it before you attach the assembled piece to the screen.

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Recommended Screen is New York Wire
Pet D-Fence Screen. Rolls can be purchased at
Lowe's and Wal-Mart.



Starch and press all fabric

WOF = Width of Fabric

Supply List:

- Vinyl Coated Pet Screen 20" x 36"
- 1/3 yard of main fabric (**Fabric A**): Outside fabric
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- 1/3 yard Pellon fusible fleece stabilizer
- 1/4 yard coordinating fabric for trim (**Fabric C**): To cover raw edges & shields
- 1/8 yard black fabric (**Fabric D**): To cover inside seams
- 24" black or coordinating zipper
- 3 yards of rick rack
- Matching thread (or invisible) and bobbin
- Black thread and bobbin
- Rotary cutter & mat
- 40" of 1" wide webbing
- Size 16 and/or 18 needle
- KK2000 or equivalent basting spray
- Normal sewing notions
- Wonder tape

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STEP ONE: **CUTTING THE** **SCREEN:**

I strongly suggest you read the instructions all the way through before beginning. This step is really important so you understand what fabric goes where. It will be beneficial when choosing material for your screen tote.

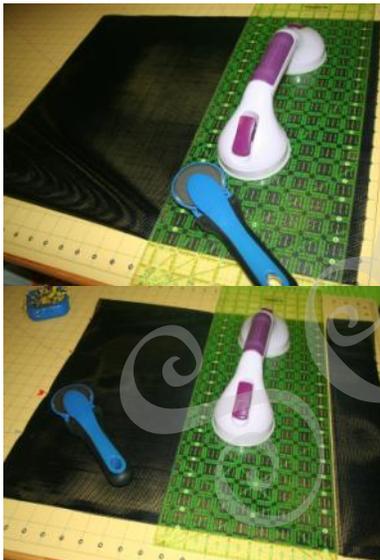


Cut the screen to exactly 18" x 34"



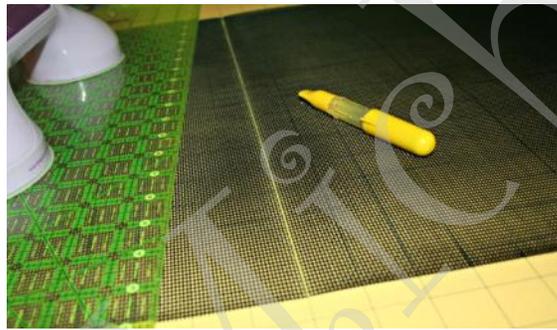
HINT:

To accurately even up screen, use pins to hold it in place after the first side is cut and the other side is being trimmed; it keeps the screen from slipping.

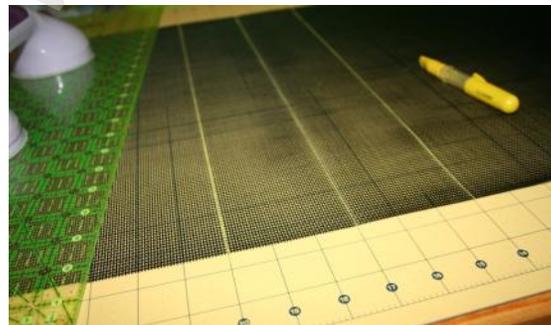


STEP TWO: **MARK THE SCREEN:**

Place the screen on a flat surface. Using a chalk pen, mark a line down the middle of the screen. This should be 17".



Then mark a line 3" on each side of the center chalk line. Mark these lines pretty heavy so they won't rub off. These 2 lines will be known as the guide lines. The middle one will be hidden on the bottom of the bag. Set screen aside for now.



STEP THREE: **PREPARING THE** **FABRIC:**



Cut 2 pieces each of Fabric A, B and fusible fleece to 8 1/2" x 20". Fuse the fleece stabilizer to the wrong side of each piece of Fabric A.



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Cut 2 strips from Fabric C
(2 1/4" x WOF)
starch and press in half.



Cut 1 strip of Fabric D
(2 1/2" x WOF)
starch and press in half.



STEP FOUR: **SHIELDS FOR** **HANDLES:**



Using the template pattern, trace
and cut 8 of the handle shields
from Fabric C.



*HINT: By folding 4 layers of
fabric, then pinning and tracing
the template onto the stack will help
ensure all shields are the*



Sew two of the
shield pieces right
sides together using
a 1/4" seam.

Clip the seam
allowance.



Trim seam to
about 1/8".



Then turn the
shield right side
out. Repeat to
make a total of 4
shields. Starch
and iron all 4
pieces.



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STEP FIVE: **ASSEMBLING THE** **FABRIC PIECES:**

Place one piece of Fabric A (now fused with the stabilizer) right side face down on a flat surface. Spray the back of the stabilizer with KK2000 and attach a piece of Fabric B, wrong side to the stabilizer.



Smooth out any wrinkles. Repeat the process for the other pieces. These fabric sandwiches will be known as the assembled pieces.



STEP SIX: **ATTACHING THE** **RICK RACK:**

On the right side top and bottom raw edges of one assembled piece, align a piece of wonder tape. Finger press to make sure it adheres to fabric. Peel the paper back to expose the sticky.



Place the edge of the rick rack across the tape. Repeat on the top and bottom raw edge of each assembled piece.



Place a strip of Fabric C raw edge to raw edge on the assembled piece covering the rick rack.



Stitch with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance



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Then fold the fabric to the back and stitch again.



This process will bind the raw edge. Repeat this step for all raw edges on the assembled pieces.



HINT: Invisible thread works well in this step.

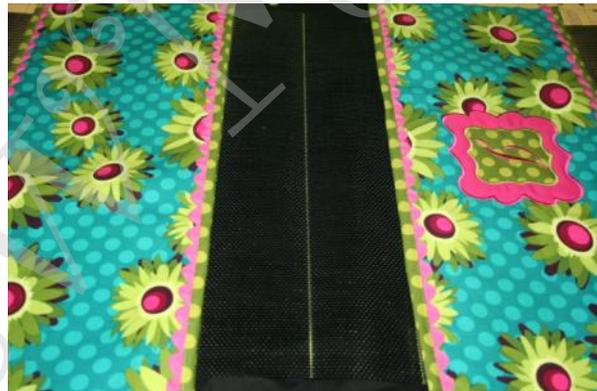


STEP SEVEN: **ASSEMBLING THE** **BODY OF THE BAG:**

Place the screen on a flat surface. Align one of the assembled pieces along one of the guide lines. Flip the screen around and lay the other assembled piece along the other chalk line.



HINT: If you choose to add embroidery to your tote, please do so before attaching it to the screen.



Pin in place. The fabric will be longer than the screen; the extra fabric will be cut off in a later step.

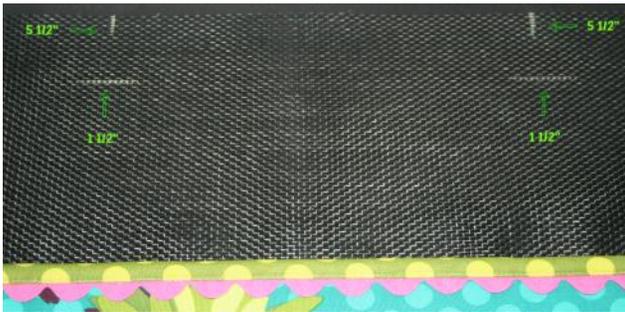


Stitch in the ditch or sew along the same stitched lines that were used when attaching the binding to the assembled pieces.



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Cut the 40" webbing in half to make two 20" pieces. Set one piece aside for now. Measure 5 1/2" from each side of the top raw edge of the screen and mark a line with the chalk marker. Then measure 1 1/2" below each drawn line and mark another chalk line.

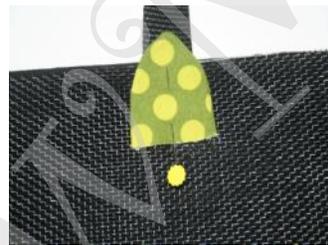
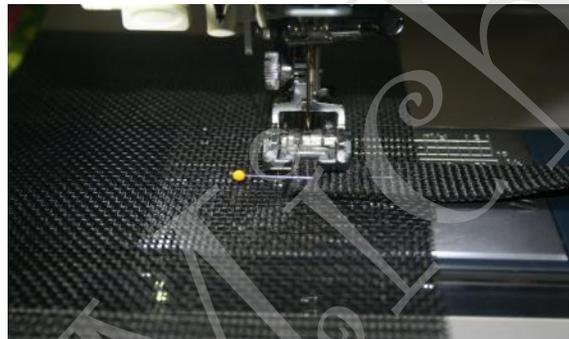


This is your placement line for each end of the 20" piece. Pin one raw end of webbing on this chalk line to the screen. Fold the handle over to the other chalk line and pin in place making sure to keep the handle straight.



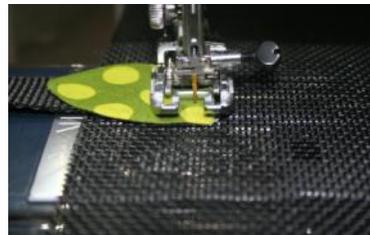
STEP EIGHT: **ATTACHING** **THE HANDLES**

Stitch over the raw edge of the webbing several times, with a 1/4" seam, to secure it to the screen.

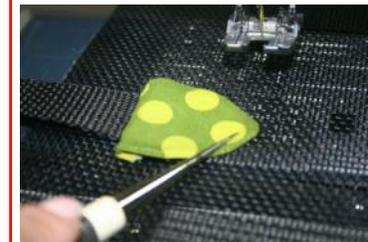


Place one of the shields upside down over the handle, lining up the raw edge of the shield to the raw edge of the handle.

Stitch with a 1/4" seam allowance.



Flip the shield down concealing the raw edge of the handle and the fabric.



Then top stitch to secure it to the screen.

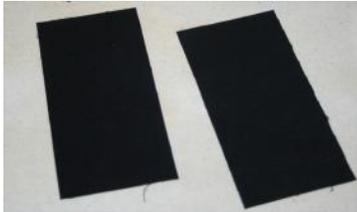
Repeat this process for the remaining handles and shields on both sides of the assembled pieces.



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Cut 2 pieces of black fabric
2" x 4" for zipper tabs.
Fold $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each short side and
press.



Then fold the whole
piece of fabric in half
and press again.

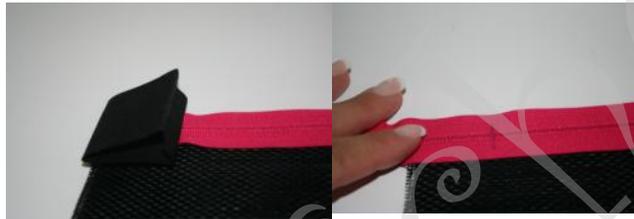


Place the zipper on top of the raw edge on
one end of the screen above the handles.



STEP NINE: **ZIPPER TABS**

Place a zipper tab over each end and mark
a line at the edge of the tab.



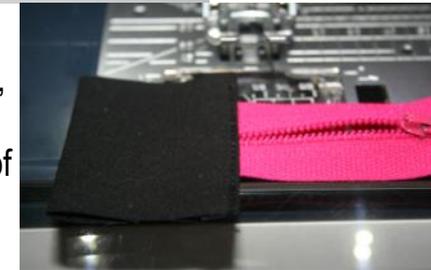
Be sure to **unzip the zipper** past the
marked line. Then stitch over each end
of the zipper on the marked line.
Cut off excess zipper leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ "
on the ends.



Place the zipper tabs on the ends of the
zipper with the folded edges directly on the
stitched lines, sandwiching the zipper
between the tabs.



Top stitch
them in place,
backstitching
on each end of
the tabs.



Cut the excess zipper tabs off
making them even with the
zipper on both ends.



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Place the screen on a flat surface. Lay the right side of the zipper face down on the right side of the bag.

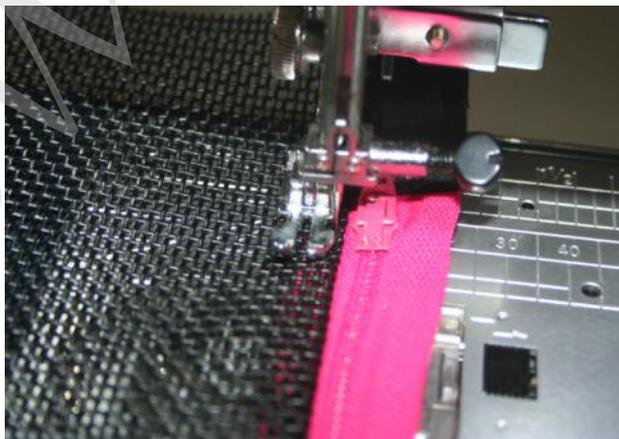
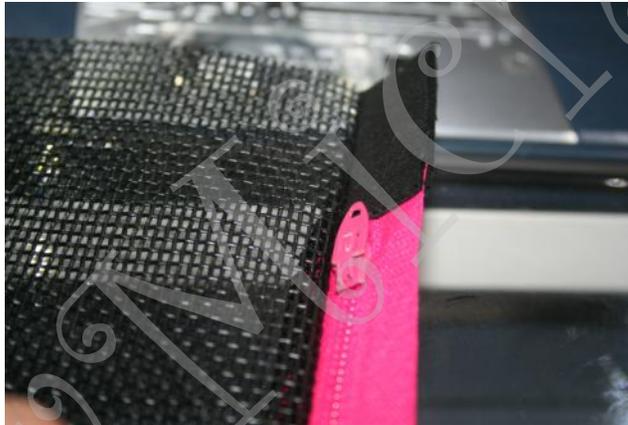


Using a zipper foot, sew the zipper to the bag.



STEP TEN: **INSTALLING** **THE ZIPPER**

To ensure that the sewn seam doesn't interfere with the zipper, fold it down and stitch in place on the right side of the bag.



Repeat Step 10 for other side of the zipper. This is what your screen tote should look like at this stage.

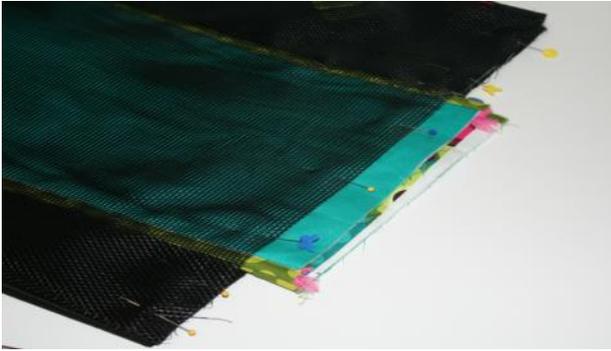
Almost done, hang in there, you're doing great.



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STEP ELEVEN: **SEWING THE SIDE** **SEAMS**

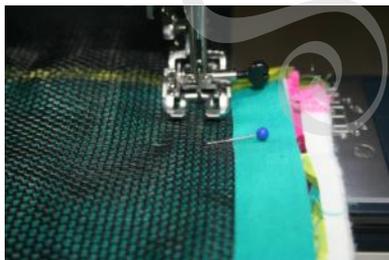
Turn the screen inside out (right sides together). Align the side seams using the overhang of material as your guide.



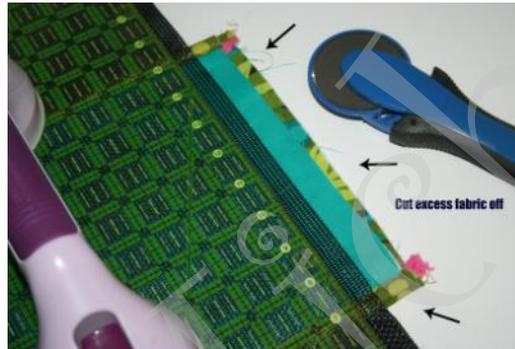
UNZIP YOUR ZIPPER HALF WAY. Pin the sides and stitch with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance aligning the foot on the edge of the screen.



HINT: The seams are really thick, switching to a 16 or 18 size needle is recommended.



Trim the excess fabric.

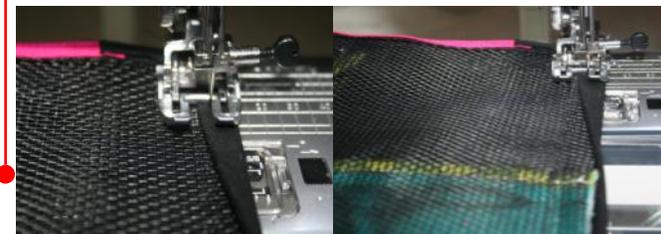


Leave the tote bag turned inside out.



STEP TWELVE: **BINDING THE** **INTERIOR RAW EDGES**

Bind the raw edges of the inside of the tote with the black strip of fabric using the same method as was done in Step 5. Start at the zipper, making sure to fold the top and bottom of the black fabric down about a $\frac{1}{2}$ " to give it a nice clean finish with no raw edges. One strip will cover both sides.



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Pinch the bottom corners of each side of the tote to form a triangle.



Stitch across the base of the screen, aligning the pressure foot with the trim of the assembled piece.



STEP THIRTEEN: **BOXING THE** **CORNERS**

Repeat steps to box corner on other side.



Turn the tote right side out, carefully push the corners out on the zipper tabs.



YOU ARE DONE....ENJOY!!!!
You did a **GREAT** job!!!!





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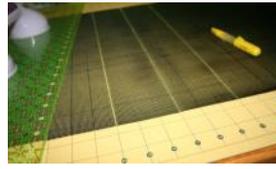
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Mark a center line with chalk and two more chalk lines 3" from each side of the center line.



Fuse stabilizer to wrong side of fabric A



Spray the back of fabric A with KK2000 and attach fabric B to make a fabric sandwich



Place rick rack on edges of assembled pieces. Add trim to bind raw edges and secure rick rack.



Align assembled pieces on chalk lines. Attach to screen sewing on the stitched lines.



Using the template pattern, trace and cut 8 of the shields from fabric C.



Place 2 shields right sides together and stitch with a 1/4"



Clip around seam.



Trim seam to 1/8"



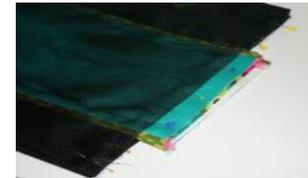
Then turn the shield right side out. Repeat to make a total of 4 shields. Starch and iron all 4 pieces.



Measure 5 1/2" from each side of the screen and 1 1/2" from the top raw edge of the screen for handle placement. Attach all handles and shields.



Place tab on zipper and mark a placement line. Stitch on the line. Sandwich the zipper in between the tab and topstitch. Cut excess zipper tab. Lay zipper face down on right side of screen. Stitch with zipper foot to attach zipper to screen.



Place right sides together. Stitch with 1/2" seam then trim excess fabric. Attach 2 1/2" strip of fabric D and cover raw edges of inside seams.



Box corners and sew next to edge of trim. Turn inside out and you are DONE!





Template Pattern for Shields

