

Dinosaur Tote Bag

Approximate Finished Size: 13" x 9"

Fabric Requirements

- ¼ yard Digital Cuddle® T-Rex Bellflower, *exterior*
- ½ yard Cuddle® 3 Breeze, *lining*

Suggested Notions

- 6" x 13" piece of Soft and Stable (such as: by Annie's)
- 1 yard woven fusible interfacing (such as: Pellon SF101)
- 90/14 Stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread

DIRECTIONS

Cutting

From the Digital Cuddle®, cut:

- 2 (13" x 9) for Exterior Panels
- 2 (6" x 9") for Ends
- 1 (13" x 6") for Base

From Cuddle® 3, cut:

- 2 (13" x 9) for lining (Panels)
- 2 (6" x 9") for lining (Ends)
- 1 (13" x 6") for lining (Base)
- 2 (2½" x 16") for Straps OR use 2 (¾" x 16") lengths of webbing

From woven fusible interfacing, cut:

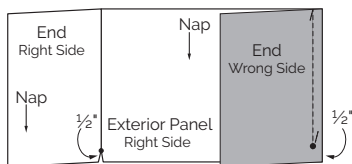
- 2 (13" x 9) for lining panels
- 2 (6" x 9") for lining ends
- 2 (2½" x 16") for Straps

Assembly

Prepare the lining and straps by fusing the interfacing to the wrong sides of each of the pieces.

Create the body + lining

1. Double pin an End piece to each short edge of an Exterior Panel of the digital print, naps going down.
2. Sew from top edge to ½" from the bottom, backstitching at each end.



3. Sew the other Exterior Panel to the Ends, completing the rectangle.

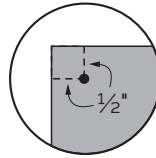
Sewing Basics for Cuddle®

- Use polyester thread in top and bobbin.
- Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
- Use ½" seam allowance.
- Double-pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
- Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference.

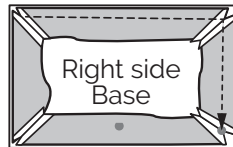
4. Repeat the this process using the interfaced lining pieces.

Add the Base

1. Baste the Soft and Stable stabilizer to the wrong side of the lining Base with a ½" seam allowance. Trim stabilizer to ⅛".
2. On the wrong side of both exterior and lining Bases, mark ½" in from each corner.

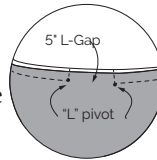


3. Right sides together, double pin the Exterior Panel to the Base, matching open seam ends with corner dots.



4. Sew completely around the Base.

5. Repeat the above steps with the lining, except leave a 5" gap along one side for turning. Sew an "L" at the gap ends.



Note: An "L" pivot at the gap secures the seam ends when turning the tote and helps the seam allowance turn in.

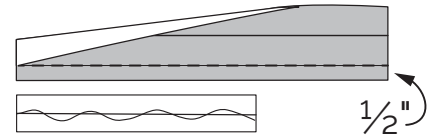
Make the straps

If using webbing, go right to Finishing.

1. Mark a line ½" from the lower edge.
2. Fold the top raw edge down to meet the marked line.



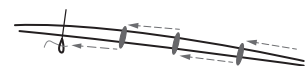
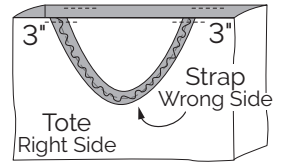
3. Fold up on the ½" mark so the raw edge is in the center of the strap.
4. Sew down the center of the strap with a serpentine strip.



5. Make 2 straps. Trim the ends to make the straps same length.

Finishing

1. With the right side of the strap against the right side of the tote exterior, baste the strap ends 3" from each of the tote corners.
2. With right sides together, slide the exterior into the lining. Sew around the top edge.
3. Turn right side out through the gap in the lining. Sew the gap closed with a ladder stitch.



Ladder Stitch: Using polyester thread and a hand-sewing needle, catch one side of the opening, then the other. Pull to tighten every few stitches.

4. Hand tack the Base of the lining to the exterior.