

Market Bag Pattern

You need 5/8 yard of fabric – canvas or heavier fabric is best. You will need 1 ¼ yards of strapping if you don't want to do self straps (or 1 ¼ yards if you are making them with double fabric).

1. Cut two 22" x 22" pieces and zigzag around each square (if you are using lighter weight fabric, you can double the pieces and treat them as one -- this makes the bag look like it is lined). Because cotton fabric is usually 42" in width, and may have an unsightly selvage, cut those squares 21" or 21 ½". You will have a fold on 1 side that makes a good finish for the top. Just make sure it is on the top side when you do steps 2 and 3.
2. Sew bottom seam – right sides together—using 1/4" seams, leaving seam allowance on both sides. Press open.
3. Sew the side seams and press open.
4. Fold corners and mark a 7" corner and sew across. Tack the corners down. You can hand sew them or sew across the bottom (this means your side folds will be 3 1/2").
5. Fold and sew about 1 ½" fold over around the top.
6. Fold and sew side fold lines and bottom fold lines close to the edge to square up your bag.
7. Make straps from 3 ½" wide pieces of fabric and attach to the bag 7" apart (from the center to closest edge)—one strap on each side making sure to not cross them.