

ONE-STRAP TOTE Y.E.S. KIT BAG *

FABRIC: Use heavy fabric, such as strong denim, sailcloth, canvas, or upholstery material. Lighter-weight fabric can be used if it is lined for strength.

You will need a piece of fabric: 32" x 20"

Cut this piece into two pieces:

Piece A — 32" x 5"

Piece B — 32" x 15"

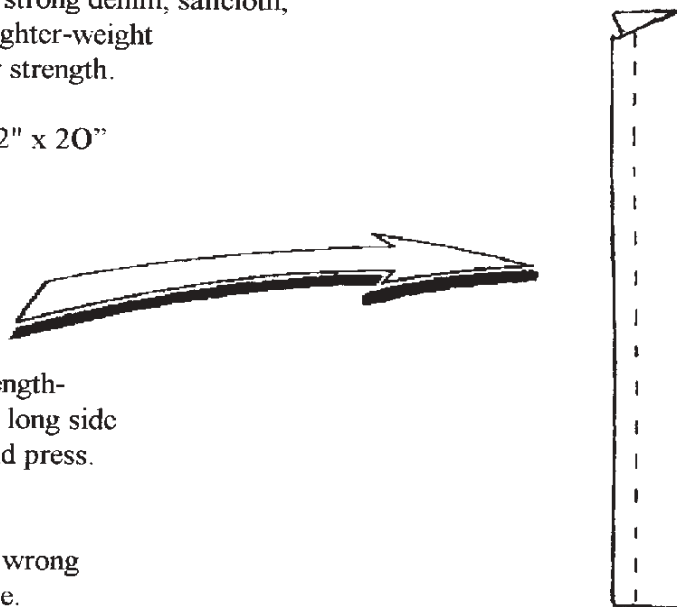
METHOD: [All seams are 1/2"]

Fold **piece A**, (the 5" strip), in half length-wise, wrong side out. Seam down the long side to make a tube. Turn right side out and press. Piece A has now become the strap.

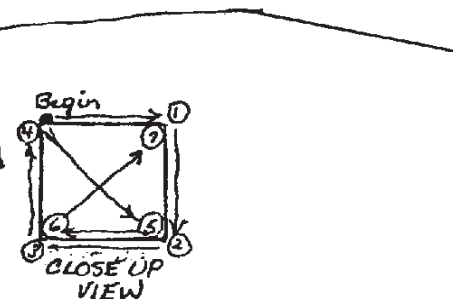
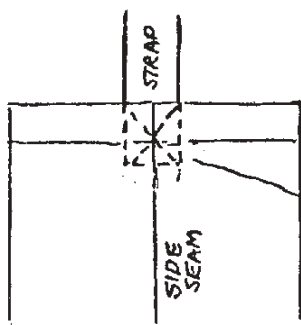
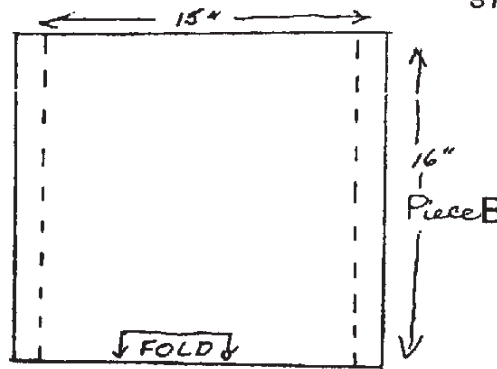
Fold **piece B**, (the 15" piece), in half, wrong side out, to make a 16" x 15" rectangle. (The fold will be the bottom of the bag.)

Stitch side seams (16" sides). Double stitching would add strength to the side seams and is recommended.

Fold down top of bag 1/4", (towards the outside), and press. Turn down top 1" and pin in place. Stitch along pressed edge. Turn bag right side out. Press.



Piece A — STRAP



Center ends of strap side seams, on the inside of the bag, and pin in place. Stitch strap securely to bag. To do that, stitch around the edges of the strap ends and then in an X.

** If you prefer, you may use another pattern/set of instructions for a basic tote bag, with one handle or two. Be sure that handles are long enough that they can be used over-the-shoulder. It is also important that the bag be large enough to hold easily a couple of 9" x 12" notebooks and other supplies as well as a textbook or two. Kits should be as uniform as possible.*

The kit along with the contents should be boxed for shipping according to the OC shipping instructions. These boxes should be **taken** to the Lapel warehouse. If taking them to the Lapel warehouse, please first contact John Barker, 317-534-3681. You may also **send** them UPS to the Lapel warehouse, addressed to: Operation Classroom, %Lapel Grain Company, 806 Woodward Street, Lapel, IN 46051. Do not send them via Post Office. Some Indiana districts have designated locations for temporary storage. You may wish to check with your district coordinator.