

Copic Marker Tote

(Works great as a crafty, catch-all tote, too. Idea and Inspiration by Lisa Hetrick)

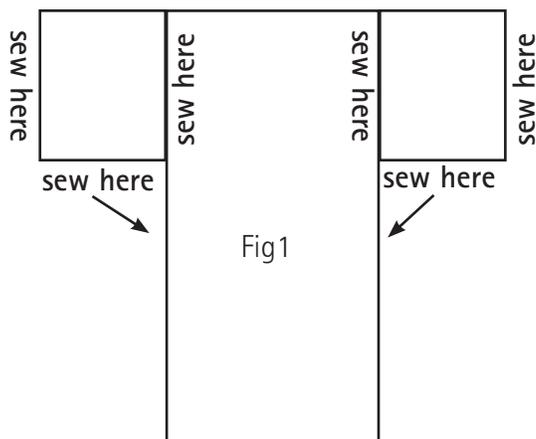
Get Started:

Choose fabric that you LOVE:

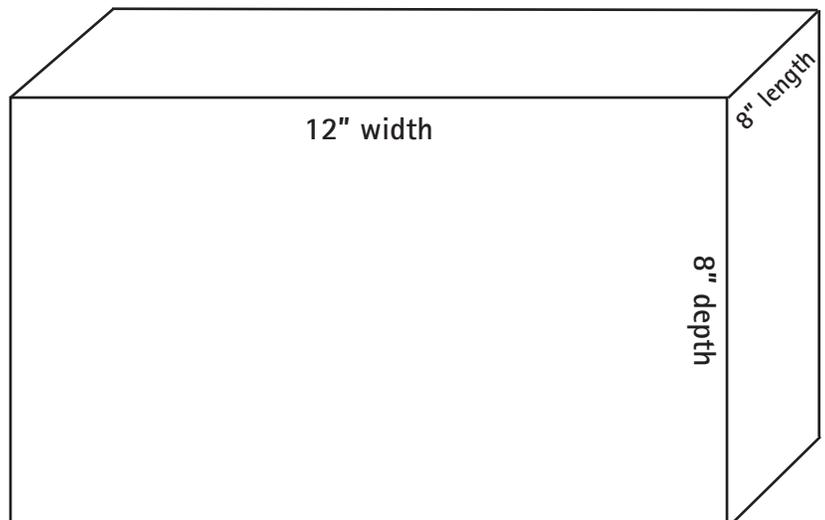
You'll need about a yard in a half. I got 2 yards to have extra, just in case. I also chose a pre-quilted fabric that had a pattern on both sides for stability and overall cuteness. A 42" zipper. A yard of nylon or canvas handle material. Or, handle of your choice.

Cutting your pieces:

1. **Cut two pieces of fabric 13 x 25.** Sew them together back to back on all four sides, overcasting the edges. Overcasting seals off the ends and keeps them from fraying. **This long piece will be the front, bottom and back of the tote.**
2. **Cut four pieces of fabric 9 x 9.** These square pieces will be the sides of the tote. Sew two sides together back to back on three sides, overcasting the edges leaving the top side open. Do this twice. I left the top side open because I inserted plastic between the layers to give the sides of the tote stability. **These pieces make up the sides of the tote.**
3. **Cut two pieces of fabric 13 x 9.** Sew them together back to back on all four sides, overcasting the edges. **This will be the top flap of the tote**
4. **Cut two pieces of fabric 2 x 6".** Sew them together back to back on all four sides, overcasting the edge. **This will be the piece of fabric that connects the top flap to the base of the tote and hides the back of the zipper.**
5. **Sew up the sides to create the tote.** Pin the 9 x 9 pieces of fabric to the sides of the 13 x 25" fabric, lining it up with the top (Fig1). Sew up the sides on the 9", turn and repeat all the way around the 9" fabric until you have sewed up all six sides to the 13 x 25" fabric. This will make the tote shape. Allow a 1/2" seam allowance on each turn.
6. Insert a 8" square piece of plastic down inside the fabric pieces that make up the side of the tote. Overcast stitch them in. The tote is ready for the top and zipper. (This is optional. I did it to add stability to the sides)
7. **Sew the zipper to the top of the tote and the flap.** Keep in mind what is the front and back of the tote while sewing. I allowed about 1/4" seam allowance. Sew in the fabric that will connect the base of the tote to the top flap. This piece of fabric covers the back of the zipper and keeps the top flap closure connected to the tote.



Finished Size: 12 w x 8 l x 8 d



8. Sew handles to each side of the tote to suit your carrying need. I also placed a piece of thick plastic on the inside bottom of the tote for stability.

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Copic Marker Storage - 12 wide x 8 long x 8 deep



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DISCLAIMER:

I am not a professional seamstress. Not EVEN close. My sewing is not precise and is flawed. The directions provided is how I created it with my limited sewing knowledge. The drawings are not to scale and I may have not used the correct sewing terminology. I created this project for FUN to suit a storage need for my Copic Markers®. The tote size could easily be modified to create a larger or smaller size. Have fun with it.

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