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## Faux Leather Bottom Bag Skill Level: Beginner

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Everyone needs a new tote, and a custom one is even better. Adding faux leather to the base of a smart little bag gives it style and durability. Pellon<sup>®</sup> Fashion Fuse<sup>™</sup> makes sewing this new accessory a breeze!

### Fabrics Needed

Canvas for exterior	1/2 yard
Quilting weight cotton for lining	1 fat quarter
Faux leather	1 fat quarter

### Materials Needed

Pellon <sup>®</sup> 420 Fashion Fuse <sup>™</sup>	1 fat quarter
Pellon <sup>®</sup> SF101 Shape-Flex <sup>®</sup>	1/2 yard
Pellon <sup>®</sup> 830 Easy Pattern <sup>®</sup>	1/2 yard
Two 18" straps	
Magnetic snap	1

### Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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## Instructions

Use 1/4" seam allowances unless otherwise instructed.

Step 1. Print and cut out the template. Cut two each of the faux leather and Fashion Fuse™. Cut two 9" x 16" rectangles of canvas.

Step 2. Fuse the Fashion Fuse™ to the wrong side of the faux leather pieces following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 3. With right sides together stitch one long side of one canvas rectangle to the long side of the faux leather using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam towards the canvas.



Step 4. Topstitch 1/4" from the seam on both sides. Repeat for the other exterior panel. Use this completed piece to draw a template on the Easy Pattern®. Cut two lining panels each of cotton weight fabric and Shape-Flex® using this template .



Step 5. With right sides together, stitch the darts closed by folding the cut triangle edges together.

Repeat this step for the other exterior panel.



Step 6. Place the two exterior panels right sides together and stitch the sides and curved bottom of the bag.

Step 7. Cut pocket to desired size plus 1/2" seam allowance from the lining fabric or canvas scraps. Cut matching pieces of Shape-Flex®. Fuse Shape-Flex® to the wrong side of the pocket following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 8. Fold three sides of the pocket to the wrong side 1/2" and press. On the top of the pocket fold over 3/4" and press. Topstitch top of the pocket.

Step 9. Pin the pocket to one lining panel at least 3" from the top and center. Topstitch in place.

Repeat steps 7-9 for other lining panel if desired.

Step 10. Fuse the Shape-Flex® pieces to the wrong side of the lining panels following manufacturer's instructions. With right sides together, stitch the darts closed by folding the cut triangle edges together on both lining panels.

Step 11. Place the two lining panels right sides together and stitch from the completed darts to the top edge on both sides of the lining. This leaves an opening for turning the tote bag.

Step 12. Apply the magnetic snap in the center of the lining, at least 2" from the top. Make two small slits with a seam ripper, then insert the prongs from the right side to the wrong side of the male snap half. Place support on back, bending the prongs to secure. Repeat with the female portion on the opposite lining panel. Line up the snaps.

Step 13. To assemble the bag, turn the exterior bag right side out.

Step 14. Insert the exterior of the bag into the bag lining with right sides facing.

Step 15. Place the strap 2" from each side seam. Pin in place to hold. Strap loops should be sandwiched between the exterior and the lining. Repeat with other strap on the other side of the bag.

Step 16. Pin the lining and the exterior together. Stitch around the entire top of the bag.

Step 17. Turn bag right side out through the opening in the lining. Stitch the lining opening closed. Push the lining down inside the exterior of the bag.

Step 18. Pull the straps taught, pin and then topstitch the edge.

# Template

Set printer to 100%. Check gauge

