

## **Backpack Tote**

**New! Instructions for interfacing the "Vintage Style Backpack Tote" if you are using a lighter weight fabric.**

Below is the Materials List to give you the option of using a lighter weight fabric. I recommend using a Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing to interface the bag. For the Bottom Panel, I prefer to add a product called Timtex™ for added support. It is a thick, heavyweight sew-in interfacing that gives the bottom of your bag support and helps hold the shape of the bag.

### **Materials list**

-1 1/2 yard of 3/4" Sew-on Velcro™

-1 yard of a light to mid-weight cotton Floral for the Main Panels, Outside Pocket and Bottom Panel.

-1 yard of a coordinating light to mid-weight Checked or Striped fabric for Side Panels, Loops, Handles and Backpack Straps.

-1 yard of a coordinating solid or mini-print fabric for the Lining.

-1/3 yard of a coordinating solid color fabric for the Inside Pockets.

-2 1/2 yards of Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing

**Option:** Add Timtex™ to the Bottom Panel for added support.

-1/2 yard of Timtex™ for the bottom of the bag.

Please click here to purchase Timtex™ on-line at [www.timtexstore.com](http://www.timtexstore.com)

Buttons or trim for embellishment  
(not necessary for function)

Finished size: 14" wide x 19 1/2" tall x 5 1/2" deep

## VINTAGE STYLE **"Backpack Tote"**

Product ID # 001VT

**NOTE: All seams are 1/2"**  
unless otherwise stated

(The 1/2" seam allowances are included on each pattern piece.)

The instructions below are for the option of using a light to mid-weight cotton fabric for the "Vintage Backpack Tote". Follow the instructions below to cut out and attach the heavyweight sew-in Interfacing to the Exterior Main, Side and Bottom Panels, Outside Pocket, Straps, Handles and Loops of your Backpack Tote, along with the option of using Timtex™ for added support for the bottom of your bag. Have fun!

**Step 2. – Replace Step 2 on your pattern instruction pages with the instructions below.**

CUT ALL THE PARTS OUT OF YOUR MATERIALS

From the Floral Fabric (bag exterior):

- Cut 2 Main Panels
- Cut 1 Outside Pocket
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel

From the Checked or Striped fabric (bag exterior):

- Cut 2 Side Panels
- Cut 4 Loops
- Cut 2 Handles
- Cut 2 Backpack Straps

From the coordinating solid or mini-print fabric (for lining):

- Cut 2 Main Panels
- Cut 1 Outside Pocket
- Cut 2 Side Panels
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel

From the solid color fabric (for the interior pockets):

- Cut 2 Inside Pockets

From the Heavyweight Sew-in Interfacing

- Cut 2 Main Panels
- Cut 1 Outside Pocket
- Cut 2 Side Panels
- Cut 1 Bottom Panel - not needed if using the Timtex™
- Cut 2 Backpack Straps
- Cut 2 Handles
- Cut 4 Loops

Option: From the Timtex™

- Cut 1 Bottom Panel

**Step 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>** - Additional Instructions to attach the Interfacing to the Exterior Panels.

PREPARE THE EXTERIOR PANELS, HANDLES, STRAPS, POCKET AND LOOPS

A. Attach the Interfacing to the Exterior Main Panels – Place the first Interfacing Main Panel onto the **WRONG** side of the first Exterior Main Panel and pin it in place. Then, machine-baste the interfacing to the Exterior Main Panel by stitching a **1/4"** seam completely around the panel. Repeat this step to attach the other Interfacing Main Panel to the other Exterior Main Panel.

B. Attach the Interfacing to the Exterior Side and Bottom Panels – Repeat Step 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A to attach the heavyweight sew-in Interfacing to both Exterior Side Panels and the Bottom Panel.

C. Attach the Interfacing to the Handles, Straps, Outside Pocket and Loops – Repeat Step 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A to attach the heavyweight sew-in Interfacing to both Handles and Straps, the Outside Pocket and all 4 Loops.

**Option:** Follow Steps 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> D and E to add Timtex™ to the bottom of your bag.

D. Attach the Timtex™ Bottom Panel to the Exterior Bottom Panel –Place the Timtex™ Bottom Panel onto the **WRONG** side of the Exterior Bottom Panel and pin it in place. Then, machine-baste the Timtex™ to the Exterior Bottom Panel by stitching a **3/8”** seam completely around the panel.

E. Trim the Timtex™ seam allowances - Trim **ONLY** the Timtex™ seam allowances close to the stitch line, making sure not to cut the seam allowance of the Exterior Bottom Panel.

Set these panels aside and continue to follow the written instruction pages for Step 3 to make the lining for your Tote.

#### **Step 4.**

**REPLACE** Step 4A with the instructions below. Since you added interfacing to the **WRONG** side of the Outside Pocket you will need to line the Outside Pocket.

A. Attach the Lining to the Outside Pocket – First, place the **RIGHT** sides of the interfaced Outside Pocket and the Pocket Lining together, matching the raw edges and pin in place. Attach by stitching a 1/2” seam across the top raw edges of the Pocket.

Turn the Pocket **RIGHT** side out and press. Topstitch with a 1/2” seam across the top finished edge of the Pocket. Then, machine baste with a **1/4”** seam down both sides and across the bottom of the pocket.

Continue with the instructions for Step 4B through Step 12 on the printed instruction pages to finish constructing your Backpack Tote.