

Go-to-Tote

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You know the tote you always go to as you are running out the door, your favorite???? Well, this will become your new Go-to-Tote! It uses a fun border design on the center panel surrounded by ruffled panels.

The border design, **100382019**, is free for the month of May 2013 from www.myembroideries.com.

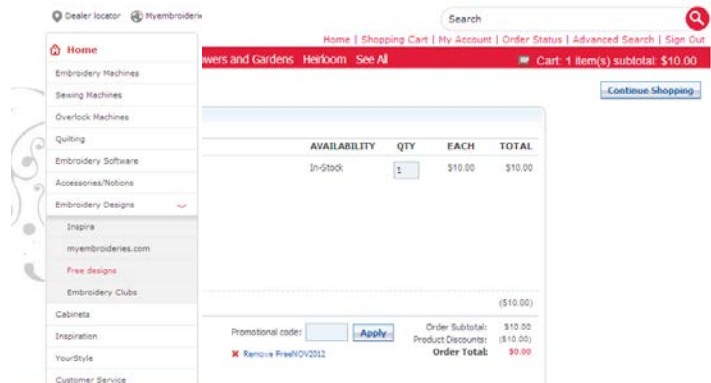
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Sewing Supplies:

- *creative*™ Endless Hoop II 100 x 180 820893096
- ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system 820924096
- Stitch-In-Ditch Foot with IDT™ system 820925096
- Adjustable Guide Foot with IDT™ system 820677096
- Ruffler 820255096
- INSPIRA® embroidery needle, size 90 620071896
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer 620112296
- INSPIRA® In-R-Form or (¾ yard Pellon polyester fleece) 620131596
- 1 yard aqua solid fabric for embroidery
- ⅜ yard black and white dot fabric
- ¾ yard print for bag
- Robison-Anton 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread
- Sewing thread
- Bobbin thread
- Fasturn Tube Turner 140000001
- Water or air soluble marking pen

Cut:

From aqua solid:

- Two pieces 21" long x 12" wide for embroidery
- Two 13" squares for lining
- Three pieces 13" long x 3" wide for lining sides and bottom
- Two pieces 15" long x 5" wide for handles

From black/white dot:

- Two strips 1¼" long x width of fabric for edge trim.
- Two strips 2" long x width of fabric for center trim
- Three strips 13" long x 3" wide for sides and bottom

From print:

- Four strips 5" long x width of fabric

From In-R-Form or Pellon Fleece:



- Two 13" squares
- Five strips 13" x 3"
- Four 15" x 2" if using fleece, two if using In-R-Form for handles

Embroider:

1. Insert a size 90 embroidery needle.
2. Bring in design **100382019**.
3. Thread with 40 wt. rayon embroidery thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
4. Hoop the 21" x 12" piece of aqua solid with Tear-A-Way stabilizer in your *creative*™ Endless Hoop II. Be sure the right edge is cut straight and aligned with the ledge of the hoop.
5. Embroider two repeats of the design.
6. Embroider another two repeats of the design on the other 21" x 12" piece of aqua solid fabric.
7. Trim the strips leaving ⅝" on either side of the embroidery, resulting in a strip 4½" wide.

Sew:

1. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
2. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.

3. Fold the 2" x width of fabric strip of black dot in half lengthwise, right sides together.
4. Stitch the long edge.
5. Repeat for the other 2" black dot strip.
6. Turn the tubes right side out using your Fasturn Tube Turner.
7. Press so that the seam is centered. This is crucial for the technique to work.
8. Press the 1¼" wide black dot strips in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
9. Snap on your 1A foot and engage the IDT™ system.
10. Select stitch **1.1.16**  .
11. Adjust the width to **6.7** and the length to **11.0**. Adjust the thread metering to **100**.
12. Align the fold of the fabric to the left, so that the left swing of the needle will just go off the fabric. This will form a small scalloped picot edge.
13. Stitch the length of both 1¼" wide strips.
14. Cut each in half to form four strips approximately 22" long.
15. Stitch both edges of the two tubes the same way. Set aside the double edged picot trim.
16. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ system.
17. Select straight stitch **1.1.1**  .
18. Place one of the single edged picot strips on top of the embroidered strip, aligning raw edges. Stitch in place.
19. Sew a second single edged picot strip to the other long side of the embroidered strip.
20. Repeat, sewing the remaining picot strips to the other embroidered strip. Both embroidered strips now have picot edging.
21. Press the seam allowances of the picot trim to the wrong side, forming a finished edge.
22. Attach your ruffler.
23. Set to ruffle every stitch, and stitch a test strip adjusting the screw to ruffle 10" strip down to 3½"- 4".

24. Ruffle both sides of the 5" x width of fabric print strips.

25. Place on the ironing board and pull on each gathered edge to "set" the ruffles. Press with steam.

26. Place one ruffled strip on each side of the 13" square of INSPIRA® In-R-Form or Pellon fleece and pin, as shown.

27. Stitch around all four edges of each ruffled piece.



28. Place the 3" x 13" pieces of INSPIRA® In-R-Form or Pellon fleece in the center between the ruffled strips. This will act as a "filler" to even out the depth. Otherwise, the embroidered strip "sinks in" in the center because of the fullness of the gathers.

29. Pin the embroidered strip over the center between the gathered strips. It will cover the raw edges. The embroidery should be centered and should just fit the space.

30. Snap on your Stitch-In-Ditch Foot and engage the IDT™ system.

31. Stitch in the ditch of the trim to attach the embroidered piece to the center.

32. Snap on your 1A foot.

33. Place the double edged picot strip down the center of the gathered strips.

34. Stitch in place as shown. Reserve the remaining pieces for the handles.

35. Place the black/white dot 13" x 3" strips on top of the 13" x 3" INSPIRA® In-R-Form or Pellon fleece.





36. Thread with contrasting sewing thread on top and in the bobbin.

37. Select stitch **2.3.5** .

38. Stitch down the center of each strip.

39. Aligning the edge of the foot with the edge of the prior row of stitching, stitch an additional row on each side of the center row.

40. Place one of the stitched 13" x 3" black dot strips right sides together with the bag front/back. The embroidery should be in a vertical position.

41. Snap on your Adjustable Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ system. Slide the guide all the way to the left.
42. Stitch the strip to the bag front forming a bottom.
43. Stitch the other bag front/back to the other side of the strip.
44. Stitch the remaining two strips to create the sides of the bag.
45. Fold one of the 15" x 5" handle strips right sides together, lengthwise.
46. Snap on your ¼" Right Guide Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
47. Stitch the seam.
48. Repeat for the other handle.
49. Turn using your Fasturn Tube Turner.
50. Press so that the seam is in the center.
51. Using a large safety pin, pull one 15" x 2" piece of In-R-Form or two pieces of fleece through the open tube of the handle.
52. Select stitch **2.3.5** .
53. Snap on your 1A Foot.
54. With the seam side up, (this will be the right side of the handle) align the edge of the foot with the edge of the fabric and stitch the serpentine stitch down both edges of both handle pieces. .
55. Stitch the remaining double sided picot trim down the center, covering the seam.
56. Construct the lining as you did the bag. Leave a 6" opening in one of the side seams to turn.
57. Place the lining and bag right sides together and stitch around the top.
58. Turn through the opening in the side seam.
59. Snap on your Stitch-In-Ditch Foot and engage the IDT™ system.
60. Stitch in the ditch of the seams for ½" or so at the top to keep the lining in place.

Fill with goodies, grab your Go-to-Tote and Go!