

Tidy Tote *by Anita* ©



Never forget a thing again!



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Great for all hobbies that require lots of equipment to be on hand.

The Tidy Tote can be made in two different heights.

Both the large and small sizes are suitable for table top use.

Both sizes hold the 3 Draw unit, plus one basket, either large or small.

The Large Tidy Tote has a deeper basket on top. It will hold more, but may be too high on the table if you are a smaller person. A large or small basket can be used in the large size Tidy Tote.

The Small Tidy Tote is 3½" shorter and can hold the small basket only.

The Tidy Tote basket can also be made in two different heights. You could make both to use for different purposes. There is enough wadding and material allowed for in the pattern requirements to make one Tidy Tote in either large or small and one of each size basket, large and small.

Check the measurements before you begin the project so that you make the size that suits you.

Diagram (a) shows the position of the measurements.

The instructions in the pattern are colour coded. I suggest you mark which size you are doing so that you do not mix them up.

Pink instructions for the Small Tidy Tote and Basket

Green instructions for the Large Tidy Tote and Basket

Aqua instructions that apply to all sizes

Small Tidy Tote

Finished size 11½" (w) x 14" (d) x 13½" (h)

Small Tidy Tote Basket

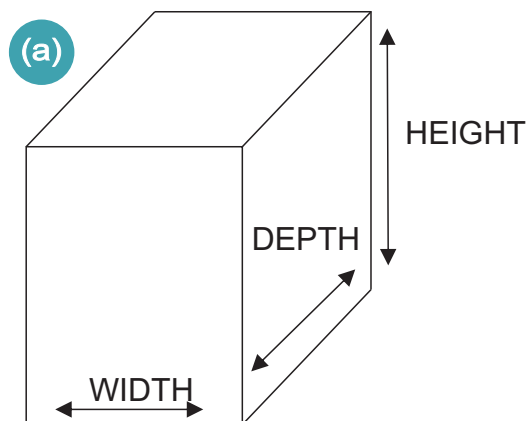
Finished size 10" (w) x 12½" (d) x 3" (h)

Large Tidy Tote

Finished size 11½" (w) x 14" (d) x 17" (h)

Large Tidy Tote Basket

Finished size 10" (w) x 12½" (d) x 5½" (h)



Please read through the whole pattern before starting to make your Tidy Tote.

Special note - The word "CLIP" refers to holding the seams together with sewing clips, such as Clover Sewing Clips, not clipping the seams with scissors.

Fabric requirements

Small Tidy Tote plus one small basket & one large basket

- 1.4m (1 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards) non directional top fabric for the outside of the bag; choose a busy big pattern that you love.

Or 1.75m (2 yards) directional fabric.

- 1.7m (2 yards) non directional fabric for the lining and handles, again choose a coordinating busy fabric.

Or 2.3m (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards) directional fabric.

- 1m (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ yard) of fabric for the binding.
- 0.7m ($\frac{7}{8}$ yard) fabric for the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " basket

or two pieces of fabric each 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22".

- 0.5m ($\frac{5}{8}$ yard) fabric for the 3" basket

or two pieces of fabric each 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 19" .

- *Cutting the handles and the lining out of different fabrics is uneconomical but can be done. For the lining you will need 1.4m (1 $\frac{5}{8}$ yard) of non directional lining fabric or 1.75 m (2 yards) directional fabric. Plus 1.7m (2 yards) for the handles. The handles should be cut in one piece without joins for strength and ease of making. If you choose this option, the pieces for the handles are cut first and then you could use the rest of the piece for bias binding.*

Large Tidy Tote plus one small basket & one large basket

- 1.4m (1 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards) non directional top fabric for the outside of the bag; choose a busy big pattern that you love.

Or 2m (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards) directional fabric.

- 1.7m (2 yards) non directional fabric for the lining and handles, again choose a coordinating busy fabric.

Or 2.3m (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards) directional fabric.

- 1m (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ yard) of fabric for the binding.
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Tidy Tote bag making Requirements all sizes [See Page 5 for where to buy](#)

- 1.4 m (1 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards) of 58" wide of the roll single sided or double sided fusible foam or, 2 packages (58" x 36") with leftover for another project. There is enough to make one Tidy Tote, either large or small, and two baskets, one of each size, from the fusible foam.
- 1 package of coordinating mesh (from By Annie) 18" x 54".
- 2 x 30" open ended nylon zips.
- 2 x 14" nylon zips.
- 2.5m (3 yards) fold over elastic to coordinate (allows for a little extra to practise).
- 3.5m (4 yards) strong strapping 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.
- Set of 4 bag feet and 2 bag magnets.
- Two matching buttons with small hair tie elastics to secure the drop down pockets. The buttons can be up to around 1" diameter, so long as the hair elastic can wrap around them.

General Requirements



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- If you cannot source this box, choose an equivalent box in a similar size, no bigger.
- Sewing machine in good working order, maintained according to manufacturers instructions
- Extension table with Free Motion Glider for the quilting
- Zipper foot, normal foot and quarter inch foot
- Free motion foot or ruler foot for your machine, to free motion quilt the bag, or walking foot for quilting
- Quilting thread and strong piecing thread
- Self threading needles
- Sewing clips such as Clover Clips
- 505 spray baste
- Stiletto
- Hand sewing needles and fine thread to match the binding
- Superior Top Stitch Needles size 80 or 90 to match your thread choice or Janome Purple Tip needles
- Marking pen/chalk pencil that is easy to see and removable from your fabric choice
- Quilting gloves such as Grabaroos
- 24" X 6½" patchwork ruler for trimming the quilt sandwiches
- Large square patchwork ruler (15"/20" square if you have it, or 12" square)
- 2½" circle for marking corners (*Hint, the Westalee Design 2" circle template measures 2½"*)
- Rotary cutter with sharp blade and self healing cutting mat, as large as you have got
- Spray starch, iron, ironing mat and parchment paper to protect iron

Pattern:

<https://www.hillsidequilting.com.au/collections/tidytote>

Drawers-

can be sourced from two different places

Sterilite Drawers: uses **ORANGE** pattern
Walmart or Target 13.5"D x 11"W x 9 5/8"H

<https://www.walmart.com/ip/Sterilite-3-Drawer-Organizer-White/15442451>

or

<https://www.target.com/p/sterilite-3-drawer-medium-countertop-unit-white-with-drawers-clear/-/A-14779288>

ContainerStore Drawers: uses **PINK** pattern
Dimensions: 9-7/8" x 13-3/8" x 9" h

https://www.containerstore.com/s/4_drawer-desktop-paper-organizer/d?q=paper+storage+drawers&productId=10036673

Other Supplies Needed

The following items can be purchased from Hillside Quilting in Australia, BUT you can also get them from the "By Annie" website at:

<https://www.byannie.com>

- 1 pack of coordinating mesh fabric.
- 1 5/8 yds of foam-
 - *Deverie's note: you can use either of the following- note you can NOT iron Bosil, you can Soft & Stable. Patten mentions fusable foam- I found it works better if not fusable.*
 - Bosal- Carol Cook has a large roll of 58" that runs \$20/yd
 - By Annie's Soft and Stable – 2 yd pkg @ 36.95 (plus shipping)
- 2 x 14" or longer zippers.(
 - *Deverie's Note: You can get one 30" Double-Slide Zipper from By Annie and cut it in half*
- 2.5 m fold over elastic.
 - *Deverie's Note: you will need two 2yd packages*

- 3.5 m white strong strapping 1.5" wide for inside the handles
- 2 bag magnets

- Two 30" open ended (separating) Jacket zippers.

Deverie's Note: JoAnns sometimes has these in bright colors as does Fabric Place Basement. I also found them at Sewfisticate on route 9 in Framingham

- https://www.etsy.com/listing/1019356725/lightweight-separating-zippers-for?ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=30+inch+zippers&ref=sr_gallery-1-13&bes=1&col=1&variation0=2025673101

Set of 4 bag feet (optional- I did not use these)
Multiple suppliers on Amazon