LIBRARY TOTE BAG

VERSION 1

Cut:
2 pieces 16” x 18” for body of bag
2 strips 5” x 16” for base
2 strips 4” x 16”-18” for handles (could be longer but 16” is probably ok for a child)

*May substitute webbing or grosgrain ribbon for handles.

Fold the 5” base strips in half along the long side.

Line up *raw edges* of the strip with bottom edge of the bag.

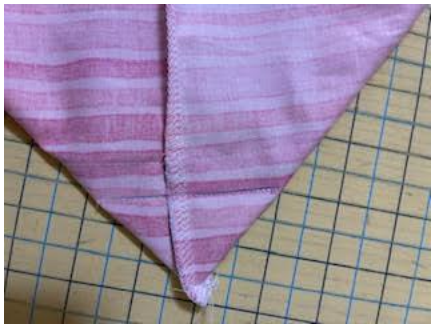
Sew the strips to the bag pieces along the **folded** edge.

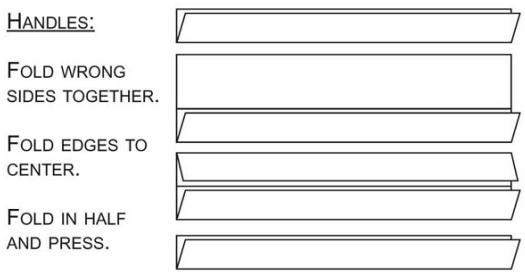
With right sides together, sew or serge the bag pieces together across the bottom through all layers.

Turn under 1" *twice* across the top of each bag piece and stitch in place.

With right sides together sew or serge the side seams.

Box the bottom 1": Match the side seam with the bottom seam. Measure 1’ from the pointed end, mark, and stitch across the base of the triangle on the marked line.





Make handles by folding in half then fold raw edges to center fold, then fold in half again. Topstitch close to both long edges.

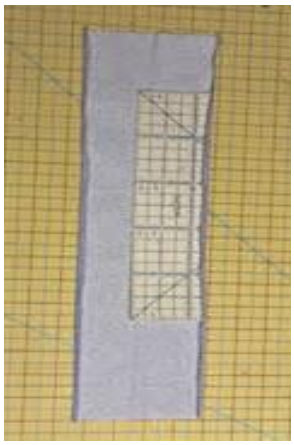
Attach the handles to the bag 3” from sides.

Topstitch around top edge of bag stitching across handles.

VERSION 2:

Cut:
1 piece 16” x 36” for body of bag, fold in half to 16” x 18”
1 strip 5” x 16” for base
2 strips 4” x 16”-18” for handles (could be longer but 16” is probably ok for a child)

Fold ¼’ under along the long edges of the 5” strip. Place the strip at the center of the bag body and stitch in place along the folded edge of the strip.



Turn under 1" *twice* across the ends of the bag piece and stitch in place. With ‘right sides together, fold bag in half, aligning top edges. Sew or serge side seams.

Box bottom and make and attach handles as in version 1.