

Nautical but nice **TOTE**

Set sail for the beach with this
pretty and practical canvas bag

Project **VICTORIA PEAT** Little Black Duck

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Shopping WE USED

Navy/cream
water-resistant printed
canvas, £9.25 per metre

Cream cotton canvas,
£7.95 per metre

Available from
www.croftmill.co.uk

Skill level ♥♥**MATERIALS:**

- ♥ 60cm 145cm-wide canvas for main body of bag*
- ♥ 65cm 140cm-wide canvas for lining
- ♥ 70x90cm Vlieseline Decovil I Light
- ♥ 4m 25mm-wide bias binding
- ♥ 1.5m piping cord
- ♥ 7" zip to co-ordinate with lining
- ♥ 2m 14mm-wide cotton rope
- ♥ 4 14mm eyelets with setting tool
- ♥ co-ordinating cotton thread
- ♥ water-soluble fabric marker
- ♥ craft knife (optional)
- ♥ thicker sewing machine needle such as 90/14 or 100/16
- ♥ templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

*Allow extra fabric for stripes. This project uses 1m of fabric, cut across the grain to get the stripes running horizontally

FINISHED SIZE:

32cm (H) x 35cm (W)

NOTES:

All seams are 1cm unless otherwise stated. After cutting, remember to transfer notches and positioning marks for eyelets. Label positioning marks for folded pocket onto one of the lining body pieces, which will now be referred to as the back lining body

CUTTING:**FROM THE MAIN FABRIC & DECOVIL I LIGHT, CUT:**

- ♥ Front piece
- ♥ Back body piece
- ♥ Base piece

FROM DECOVIL I LIGHT, CUT:

- ♥ Front piece
- ♥ Back body piece
- ♥ Base piece
- ♥ 4 eyelet reinforcement patches

FROM THE LINING FABRIC, CUT:

- ♥ Front piece
- ♥ Back body piece
- ♥ Folded pocket piece
- ♥ Base piece
- ♥ Hanging pocket pieces (4 in total)

How to make:

- 1 For the hanging pocket, cut 3x18cm strips of bias binding and press in half.

Apply binding to the top/straight edge of Pocket pieces 1 and 3 and stitch approximately 1cm from the top edge. Put Pocket piece 3 to one side.

- 2 Attach zipper foot. Take pocket piece 1 and pin the fold of the bias binding onto the lower half of the zipper tape, approximately 3mm below the zipper teeth, ensuring the zipper puller is 1.2cm in from the left-hand edge. Sew in place 2mm from the folded edge of the binding. Lay Pocket piece 1 on top of Pocket piece 2, aligning the curved corners at the lower edge. Wrap the third piece of bias binding over the top of Pocket piece 2 and the zipper tape attached to Pocket piece 1. Sew along the bias binding through all layers 2mm from the edge of the binding nearest the zipper teeth. Trim off the end of the zipper tape.

- 3 Layer all the hanging pocket pieces together, aligning the curved corners at the lower edge. Baste through all layers 2mm from the outside edge.

- 4 Cut a 53cm piece of bias binding. Open one fold of the binding and place with RST the raw edge of the binding along the raw edge of the hanging pocket. Stitch in place along the ditch. Fold the remaining binding over to the WS of the hanging pocket. From the RS, sew in place 5mm from the inner edge of the binding. Trim any excess binding at the upper edge of the hanging pocket.

- 5 To make the folded pocket, fold with RST so that the short edges meet, matching notches. Sew side seams. Trim the seam allowance at the top corners. Turn through to right side. Press flat.

- 6 Place the pocket on the back lining body, matching the corners of the pocket with the positioning marks, the raw edge with the lower edge of the bag lining and matching notches. Sew in place down the short edges. If desired, stitch down the middle of the pocket to divide in two. Baste the bottom of the pocket to the bag lining 5mm from the raw edge.

- 7 To create the lining, transfer the eyelet positioning marks onto both of the lining pieces. On the WS, apply the eyelet reinforcement patches centrally over each eyelet position. With RST, sew side seams of lining. Press open.

- 8 With RST, sew the body of the bag to the base of the bag, matching the side seams with the notches on the short edges of the bag. Snip a little into the seam allowance of the body pieces to fit the curves of the base.

- 9 Apply the Decovil I Light pieces to the outer fabric main bag front, back and base pieces. Transfer all notches and the positioning marks for the eyelets.

- 10 Prepare the base by taking a 105cm piece of bias binding and ironing it flat. Wrap it around a piece of piping cord of the same length. Switch to your zipper foot and sew through the bias binding as close to the cord as possible. Trim seam allowance of binding to 1cm.

- 11 Starting at one of the notches on a long edge, pin the piping to the base of the bag, matching raw edges of binding with raw edges of base. Snip into the seam allowance of the



pipings to fit around the curves of the base. When you get back to where you started, trim away any excess piping so that the ends meet perfectly. To cover the join, take a 3.5cm piece of binding and wrap over the join in the piping. Still with your zipper foot, baste piping all the way around the base.

12 To make the main body, with RST sew side seams of bag and press open. From the RS, top-stitch 5mm either side of the side seam.

13 Using the zipper foot, with RST sew the body of the bag to the bag base, matching the notches. Snip into seam allowance of body pieces to fit curves of the base.

14 To construct the bag, slip the lining into the main body of the bag with WST, pinning in place around the top edge. Position the hanging pocket on the front lining body (side opposite the folded pocket), matching notches. Baste around the upper edge through all layers.

15 Cut a 106cm length of bias binding. Open one fold along the length of the binding and turn in 1.5cm on the short edge. Place this turned-in edge on the outside of the back of the bag, at the centre notch. Match the

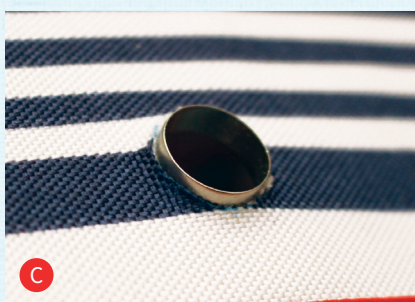


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Masterclass INSERTING EYELETS



1 Mark the centre point of the eyelet with a pin. Position the eyelet centrally over the pin and trace the inner circle to mark the size of the opening. (See Pic A.)

2 Use a craft knife or the tool provided with eyelets to carefully cut the opening through all layers of the bag. (See Pic B.)

3 Insert the eyelet through the hole from the inside of the bag. (See Pic C.)

4 Place the eyelet on the base provided with the eyelets. (See Pic D.)

5 Slip the washer over the top of the eyelet from the RS of the bag. (See Pic E.)

6 Place the setting tool over the eyelet and hammer until the eyelet has been bent over the washer. (See Pic F.)

raw edges of the bias binding with the raw edges of the top of the bag. Continue around the top of the bag, overlapping the end of the bias binding at the start point. Stitch in place along the upper ditch/fold of the bias binding. Fold the remaining binding to the inside of the bag and from the RS; sew in place 5mm from the inner edge of the binding

17 To make the handles, cut two lengths of rope 86cm long. Tie a knot in one end of a length of rope. Insert other end of rope through the eyelet so that the knot is on the outside of the bag. Next, thread the rope back out through the adjacent eyelet. Tie a knot in the remaining end of the rope to finish.

16 Insert the eyelets, following masterclass above.