

Walker/Wheelchair Tote Bags

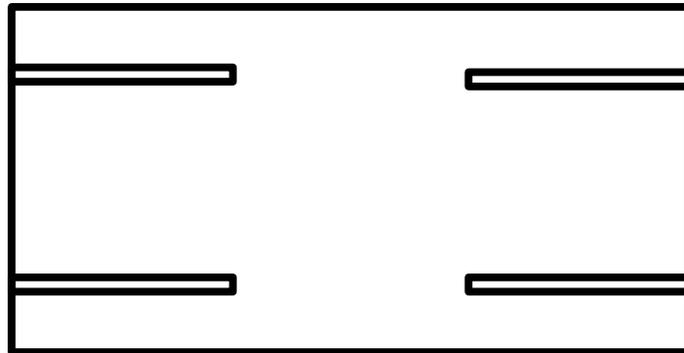
These need to be made from a sturdy fabric on the outside and a coordinating lighter lining fabric on the inside. For each bag, cut:

- 2 pieces (one for the outside and one for the liner) 19" wide x 25" tall.
- 1 pocket piece 10" wide by 18" tall *OR* 2 pieces 10" wide by 9" deep.
- 4 ties: 1½" wide x 18" long (or use lengths of ½" wide grosgrain ribbon).

Ties: Either:

1. fold each tie in half lengthwise [right sides together (rst)], sew across one short side and down the long side, then turn right sides out, press, and edge stitch both long sides and the short side you sewed.
2. Turn in ¼" on one short side and both long edges, fold in half lengthwise (wrong sides together), and edge stitch to complete the tie.

Pin the ties to the 19" side about 3" in from the side. Place the ties so the raw edge of the tie is even with the raw edge of the top of the bag. Baste in place. Place and attach the ties to the other 19" edge of the bag in the same way. Be sure that the ties are straight.



Bag: Place the lining piece right sides together with the outside piece. Sew across both 19-inch edges. Back stitch over the ties to reinforce. Turn the unit right sides out and press. Top stitch about ¼ inch from the top on the 19-inch sides. Zigzag or serge the unfinished 25-inch sides.

Pocket:

- If you are using one 10" x 18" piece of fabric for the pocket, fold the piece right sides together and stitch across the 10" side. Turn right side out. Edge stitch the top of the pocket. Fold the unfinished sides in ½" and press.
- If you are using two pieces 10" x 9", place right sides together, sew around leaving one 9" side open. Turn right side out. Fold in ½" in on the bottom and press. Edge stitch the top.

Place the pocket 3" down from the top of the bag (one of the 19" sides), centered between the sides. Edge stitch the sides and bottom of the pocket. Stitch again about ¼" in from your first line of stitching.

Fold the bag in half with the outer fabric to the inside so you have a piece 19" wide and about 12" deep. Sew the side seams. If desired, box the bottom. Turn right side out.