

The Walker Tote

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One of my favorite projects!! Due to the unavailability of the pattern I originally used, we'll be using an identical free pattern found at Createswithlove.com. When you get to her page, select "DIY", and then select the pattern titled "Walker Bag Made With Home Decorator Fabric". (There is no need to use decorator fabric - regular cotton quilting fabric is actually my preference.) Under the pattern cover it will say "Walker Bag Tutorial". Her page has some distracting advertising for us all to ignore. Sorry about that! Also - I found that I only needed to print pages 2-9. Check before you print to confirm which pages you'd like to print.

These totes are very fun, quick, and rewarding to make and donate - I hope to donate a nice big stack of walker bags made at our workshop to The Chateau on behalf of the Carson Valley Quilt Guild. If you have any questions, email me!

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Materials needed (for each tote):

- ½ yard cotton fabric for the outside (visible side) of the tote
- ½ yard cotton fabric for the inside lining
- 15 X 42" fusible fleece or any cotton batting (will require minimal quilting)
- Coordinating or neutral colored thread
- 1/3-yard Velcro for each tote
- Normal sewing supplies, including scissors, pins, rotary cutters and rulers (a small one for marking Velcro placement), fabric markers, pins, etc.

NOTES:

- **Precutting** your fabrics and fusible fleece and creating "kits" will allow you to finish several totes at the workshop. **CUT** your fabrics and your fusible fleece to 15 X 42". Also **CUT** four 3" pieces of Velcro for each tote.
- If you want to be even more efficient, you could fuse your pieces of fusible fleece to the back side of your main (outside) fabric before you come!! Just follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer for fusing. If you're using batting scraps, do some simple quilting to hold the batting to the main (outside) fabric.

<https://createswithlove.com/walker-bag-tutorial/>

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Teacher - Susan Van Alyne

Project - The Walker Tote Bag

The Walker Tote project started when my dad moved here in 2012 and lived at The Chateau. I organized several workshops to make the totes for him and for any other residents who used walkers. They were quite the status symbol in their little community and were even passed down to incoming residents. After accompanying my dad and uncle on an Honor Flight, I was inspired to modify the pattern a bit to accommodate veterans in wheelchairs, and a small group of quilters made a custom set to donate to the Honor Flight organization. It's a project that's close to my heart. I'm hoping that this Second Saturday group will produce enough Walker Totes to make a sizeable donation to The Chateau on behalf of the Carson Valley Quilt Guild for their current and future residents.