

Tote Bags from Recycled Coffee Bags (from Ten Thousand Villages Store)
can also use PC frozen fruits or vegetable bags.

Instructions are for “single layer of bags” however can do a double layer.

Single layer tote bag requires 8 coffee bags* (or frozen fruit/vegetable bags*).

Double layer tote bag requires 14 coffee bags* (or frozen fruit/vegetable bags*)

* All bags must be the same size.

Supplies: 2 bags for the front panel (double layer 4 bags), 2 bags for the back panel (double layer 4 bags), 2 bags for the side front panels (double layer 4 bags), 1 plus a part of another bag for the bottom, webbing or ribbon for handle (Len’s Mills carries the kind I use).

1. Sew the front panel. (overlap the two coffee bags and zigzag them together).
2. Sew the back panel. (overlap the two coffee bags and zigzag them together).
3. Make the bottom panel to fit the front and back panel and zigzag stitch.
4. Sew the front and back panels to the bottom. ** Leave a ¼ inch unstitched at the corners to make it easier to sew the side pieces to the front and back panels.
5. Fold the top below the plastic that seals the coffee bag. Straight stitch across the top, adding straps at that time. (Tuck the end of the straps under the folded edge to strengthen it).
6. Sew the side panels on to the front, back and bottom panels. This is the hardest step. Fold the end back flat to the front. Always start at the top or it is very difficult to make it even.

These instructions were given to me by staff from the 10 Thousand Village Store and were given to them by Marion from Leamington.