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Simplicity SS9298OS

Simplicity S9298 Market & Grocery Tote Bag Sewing Pattern Instruction Manual

Model: SS9298OS

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for creating four distinct reusable market and grocery tote bags using the Simplicity S9298 sewing pattern. The pattern includes designs for two larger totes (19" x 13") and two slightly smaller totes (16" x 17"), one of which features quilting instructions. Follow these guidelines to successfully complete your sewing project.

Setup: Materials and Preparation

Before beginning your project, ensure you have all necessary materials and prepare your workspace. The pattern packet includes printed tissue pattern pieces, clear step-by-step illustrated sewing instructions, fabric recommendations, and a list of notions.

Required Materials:

- **Fabrics:** Cotton, Cotton Blends, Canvas, Home Decorating Fabrics. For lining: Cotton, Cotton Blends. Interfacing: Sew-in Hair Canvas. Non-fusible fleece is suitable. Avoid obvious diagonals for certain designs.
- **Notions:** Thread.
- **Additional for Bag C, D:** 15½" x 4½" (39.5cm x 11.5cm) Cardboard.
- **Additional for Bag D:** Quilting Pins and Thread in a Contrasting Color.



Image: Detailed fabric and notions requirements for Simplicity S9298 Market Tote Bags, including dimensions for each bag style (A, B, C, D).

Sizing Information:

The Simplicity S9298 pattern is designed as one-size-only. Refer to the finished measurements provided on the pattern envelope before cutting your fabric to ensure the desired outcome.

- **Totes A and B:** Measure approximately 19" x 13" (48cm x 33cm).
- **Totes C and D:** Measure approximately 16" x 17" (41cm x 43cm).

Operating: Sewing Instructions

This pattern offers four distinct tote bag designs. Each design comes with specific instructions within the pattern packet. Always refer to the printed instructions for the most accurate and detailed steps.

General Steps:

1. **Review Pattern:** Carefully read through all instructions and identify all pattern pieces for your chosen tote design.
2. **Fabric Preparation:** Wash, dry, and press your chosen fabrics according to their care instructions to prevent shrinkage after the project is complete.
3. **Cutting:** Lay out your fabric as indicated in the pattern. Pin the pattern pieces securely and cut accurately. Pay attention to grainlines and any specific fabric layouts (e.g., "with nap" or "without nap").
4. **Marking:** Transfer all pattern markings (darts, notches, dots, etc.) to your fabric pieces using appropriate marking tools.
5. **Sewing:** Follow the step-by-step illustrated instructions provided in the pattern packet. Use the recommended seam allowances.
6. **Finishing:** Finish raw edges as instructed (e.g., with a serger, zigzag stitch, or French seams) to prevent fraying and ensure durability.

Tote Bag Designs:



Image: Line drawings illustrating the four different tote bag designs (A, B, C, D) included in the Simplicity S9298 pattern.



Image: Example of Tote Bag A, a large, soft-sided tote with a wide strap, shown in a floral fabric.

Tote A: A large, soft-sided market tote, 19" x 13".



Image: Example of Tote Bag B, a large, slouchy tote with a wide shoulder strap, featuring a patterned fabric.

Tote B: A large, slouchy market tote, 19" x 13".



Image: Example of Tote Bag C, a structured grocery tote with short handles, featuring a floral and striped fabric design.

Tote C: A structured grocery tote with handles, 16" x 17".



Image: Example of Tote Bag D, a structured tote with handles and a quilted lower section, shown in pink and brown.

Tote D: A structured grocery tote with handles and quilting instructions, 16" x 17".

Maintenance of Finished Tote Bags

The longevity of your handmade tote bags depends on the care given to the chosen fabrics. Always follow the care instructions for the specific fabric types you used.

- **Washing:** Most cotton and cotton blend fabrics can be machine washed in cold water with like colors. Use a gentle cycle.
- **Drying:** Tumble dry low or hang to dry to prevent excessive shrinking or damage to the fabric.
- **Ironing:** Iron on a medium setting if needed, avoiding any non-iron or delicate embellishments.
- **Spot Cleaning:** For small stains, spot clean with a mild detergent.

Troubleshooting Common Sewing Issues

Even experienced sewers encounter challenges. Here are some common issues and potential solutions:

- **Skipped Stitches:** Check your needle; it might be dull, bent, or the wrong type for your fabric. Re-thread your machine.
- **Uneven Seams:** Ensure consistent seam allowance by using a seam guide on your sewing machine. Practice feeding fabric evenly.
- **Fabric Puckering:** Adjust tension settings on your sewing machine. Use a walking foot for slippery or thick fabrics.
- **Pattern Pieces Don't Align:** Double-check that you've cut accurately and transferred all markings correctly. Ensure fabric is laid out on the correct grain.
- **Finished Bag Size is Off:** Verify that you checked the finished measurements on the pattern envelope before cutting and that your seam allowances were accurate.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Simplicity
Model Number	SS9298OS
Item Type	Sewing Pattern
Number of Designs	4 (Market Totes A & B, Grocery Totes C & D)
Finished Sizes	Totes A & B: 19" x 13" (48cm x 33cm) Totes C & D: 16" x 17" (41cm x 43cm)
Included Components	Printed tissue pattern pieces, illustrated instructions
Recommended Skill Level	Beginner to Intermediate
Recommended Uses	Bag
Age Range Description	Adult
Manufacturer	DG Americas
Pattern Language	French (as per product specifications, manual is in English)
UPC	039363592983

Warranty Information

As a sewing pattern, this product does not typically come with a manufacturer's warranty for the finished item. The pattern itself is expected to be complete and free from printing errors upon purchase. If you encounter any issues with missing or

misprinted pattern pieces, please contact customer support.

Support

For further assistance, questions regarding the pattern, or to report any issues with the product, please visit the official Simplicity website or contact their customer service department. You can often find helpful resources, FAQs, and contact information on their brand store page:

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