



**TOTE BAG**  
**EASY SKILL**  
**ONE SIZE**

# INTRODUCTION

This Totebag is quite simple to make. And can be scaled in size and detail. I like to add a pocket on the outside, one on the inside and a piece of webbing to hold my keys so they don't get lost.

## BEFORE YOU SEW

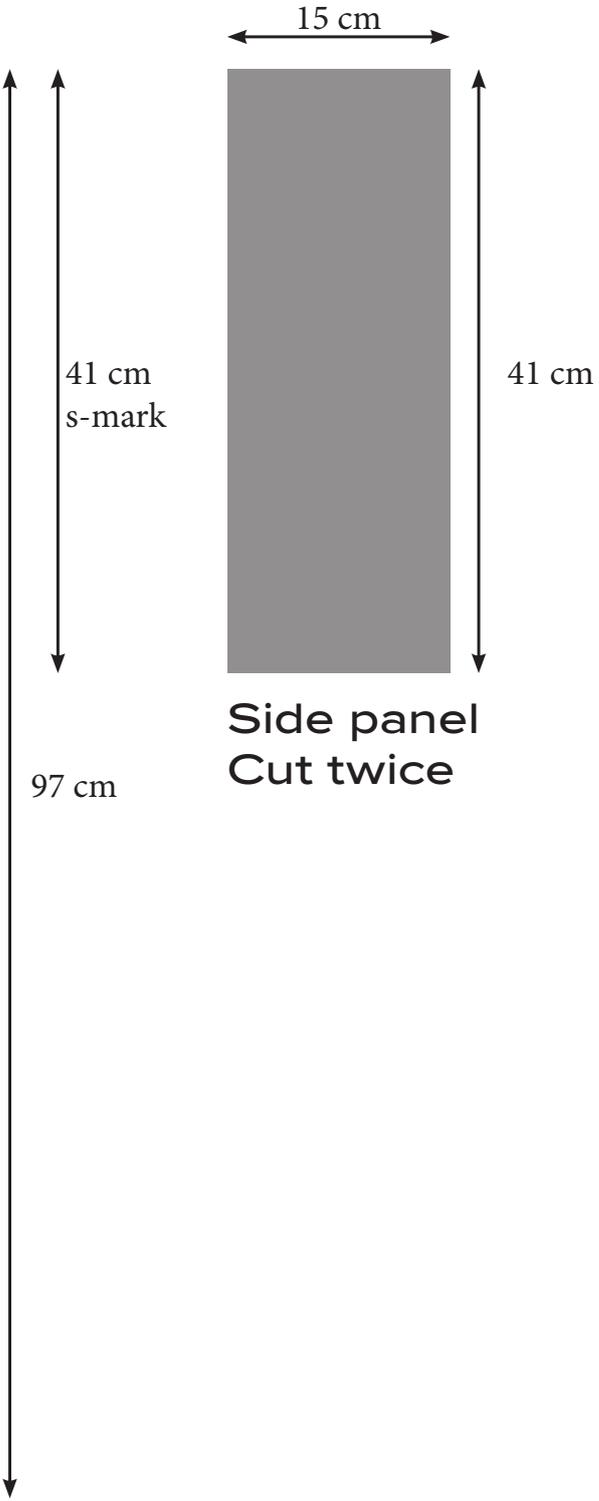
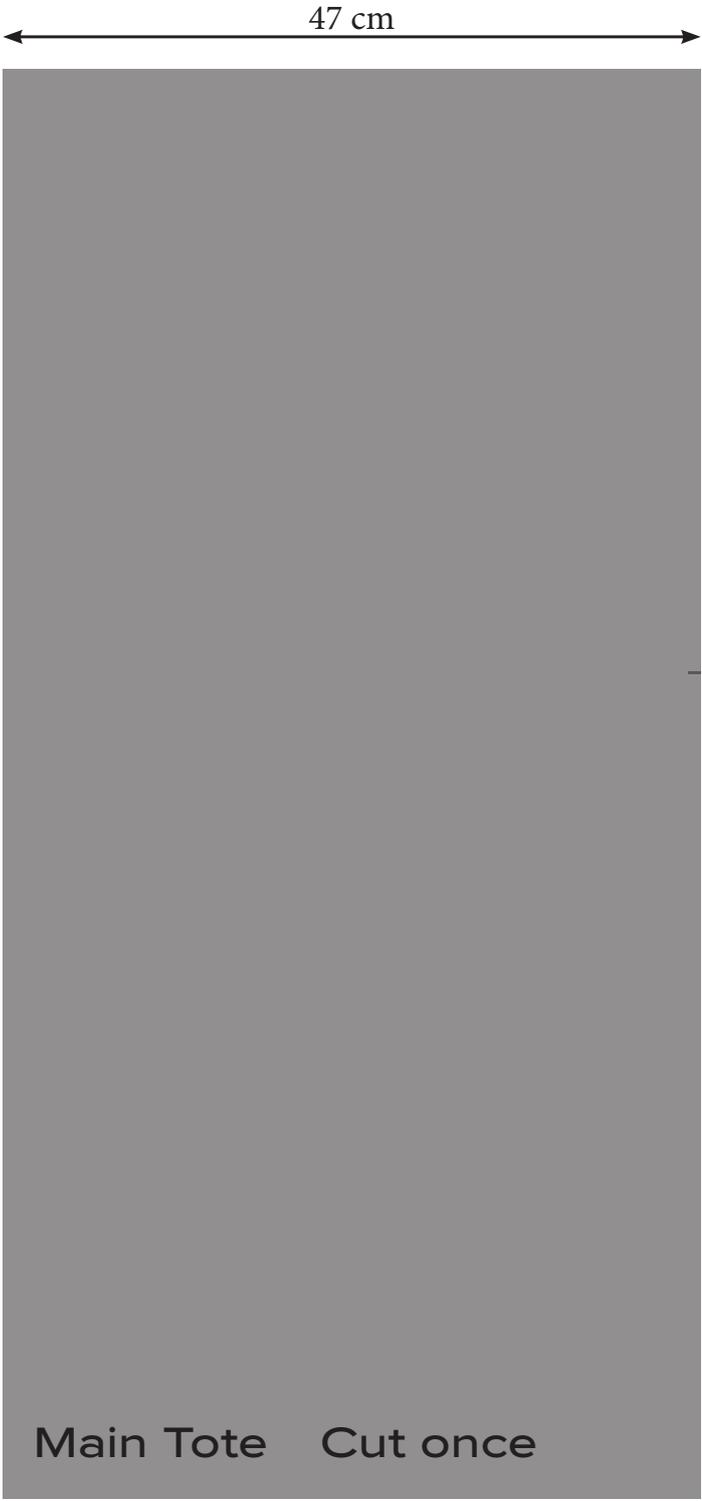
Before you sew, make sure your machine can handle the weight of your chosen material. Try folding two pieces over one another and giving it a stitch on the fold. This usually gives an idea if your machine will want to finish the project without a meltdown.

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Now that you've cut out your pieces it's time to start sewing. Start by marking your webbing on either side of the main totebag. from the edges go 12cm in and mark with chalk. do this from all edges.

Find your desired length of webbing, remember to try with a jacket you wear often. Once the length is measured, lay out the webbing and on the large piece and pin it in place. I like to fold it over a d-ring for extra detail. It's important to take note about how the webbing lies so it's not twisted.

Sew the webbing on but stop roughly 5 cm from the edge as we are adding bias tape to this and we want to hide the closure behind the webbing.



# SEWING INSTRUCTIONS CONT.

After you've added the webbing it's time to add the sides. You can add a keychain to one of them if you want here. and if you want a large inside pocket now will be the time to add it.

Pin the sides together with the main piece and sew the first side stopping 1cm from the s-mark and end of the side panel. Repeat on the other side.

Fold and pin the bottom seam and sew across again stopping 1 cm from the edge. Repeat on the other side.

Sew the last sidepanels together with the main tote bag.

It's time to clean the edges. You can use an overlock or bias tape. this is pure preference. I usually go with bias tape as i hate loose threads in my bags. If you're doing bias-tape i suggest you don't do a continuous tape on all edges but start with the short ones at the bottom and then the side panels and fold in the ends at the bottom for a clean finish.

Once the side panel is cleaned up its' time to add the bias tape to the top. This is quite simple. I do recommend starting and ending behind one of the straps as this makes the finish a little nicer.

Once the Bias tape is on simply finish sewing the webbing on and poof. You're done!