

## The Newporter Tote

This roomy tote has 2 outer pockets, ideal for frequently accessed items and perhaps a water bottle or glasses case. Inside, 3 inner pockets and an additional divided pocket provide more organization. Handles can be created from matching fabric, sew on leather handles or webbing.

This bag works well in cotton, canvas or heavyweight fabrics. The bag can be made with all one color on the outside or accent colors for the outer pockets. Lining should be a regular weight cotton.



**Pattern:** The Newporter Tote by Sue Michaels, Dragonfly Fiberart Pattern Company (note: each student must purchase their own copy)

### **Supplies:**

- Basic sewing supplies - straight pins, Wonder Clips, seam ripper, fabric scissors, ruler, rotary cutter, marking pencils, **coordinating threads, pre-wound bobbins**, labels to identify pieces. Bobbin thread will show on certain parts of the bag so be sure it is a good match.
- Machine needles: 80/12 or 90/14 Microtek Sharps or Denim and/or Top Stitch needles

### **Tools:**

- Sewing machine in good working order, with all parts including power cord and foot pedal, even feed/walking foot and/or standard presser foot. You should be familiar with the use of your machine prior to class. (Note: sewing the many layers will be much easier with a walking foot if you have one)

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Instructor: Sue Michaels

Bag Section	Amount Needed
Main Fabric (outer bag sides, handles, outer pockets, tab closure)	1 ¼ Yards
Contrast Fabric (lining, inside pockets, base cover)	1 ¼ Yards
Pellon 809 Décor Bond Interfacing*	1 ½ Yards
Pellon TP971 Thermolan Plus Fusible Fleece**	¾ Yard
Pellon 71F Peltex Ultra Firm single side Fusible	2 Pieces 5 ½" x 14" Fused together
(Fabric should have 42" usable width. If less than 42", more fabric may be required.)	
Notions: Two (2) pair magnetic closures. Use regular weight cotton for the lining *Shapeflex SF101 may be substituted for the Décor Bond if desired. It is much easier to work with. **If you prefer a firmer bag, replace the Thermolan Plus Fusible Fleece with Annie's Soft and Stable, Pellon Flex Foam or Bosul Inner Foam	

### Pre-class work:

Please have your bag pieces cut and labeled prior to class. Labels are provided below. We will need all of our time to sew. We will be working with ½" seam allowances on parts of the bag so please note this on your machine if you do not have a ½" guide mark on your stitch plate.

If you are comfortable with fusing, please follow the Fusing Instruction in the pattern for the exterior bag side pieces, interior lining pieces and pockets. Do not fuse your fabric handles. We will do these in class.

Outer Bag	Outer Pocket	Sunglass Pocket	Base Cover	Handles
Tab Closure	Outer Pocket Flap	Lining	Interior Divided Pocket	Interior Pleated Pocket
Thermolan Plus OR Foam for Outer Bag Sides	Thermolan Plus OR Foam for Straps	Décor Bond OR Shapeflex Outer Bag	Décor Bond Lining OR Shapeflex	
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