

## TOTE BAGS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Using **Home Dec Fabric**, cut two pieces approximately 21"x20" ( one piece 42"x20" if enough fabric).

Sew or serge the seams. If you are using 42"x20", fold in half.

Box the corners: On the inside of the bag, line up side seams with the bottom seam (or bottom center). Draw a line across the corner 2.5" or 3" from the edge, sew along the line. Cut and serge the seam allowance if possible.

Serge or zig zag the top edge of the bag. Fold down approximately 1". Press and top stitch.

Straps: Cut 2 pieces approximately 26"x4". Press the short ends in  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Fold in half lengthwise. Press. Bring each side into the center. Press. Fold in half again, press and top stitch both long sides. Attach to each side of the bag making an X to secure.

Feel free to use pre-made strapping and embellish the bag with trim if desired.

