



AQUATIC BEACH TOTE

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Items Needed:

- ✓ Aquatic Tote Template
- ✓ ½ yard of fabric for top
- ✓ 2/3 yard of fabric for body
- ✓ Two pieces of 48" cord (we used clothes line)
- ✓ Needle
- ✓ Thread

Instructions –

Start with fabric that you are using for the top part, cut one strip 2-1/2" x length of fabric (this is for the drawstring "lips). Set aside.

Take template for the top (head), place on fold and cut two pieces.

For the body, lay template on fabric, cut two pieces on the fold. Set aside.

Construction – top part of fish

Take 2-1/2" strip, trim to 17-1/2" in length. Need two.

Fold over each end ¼" and stitch down on both strips. Fold in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together. Take one strip and place it on the shorter end of the fish head template, line up right sides together, raw edges on top. Sew ¼" all the way across. Repeat with second strip.

You should have two pieces with the strip and the top part of fish. If you have a Serger, you can Serge the raw seams. You can also do a zig zag stitch along the seams to close the loose threads. Press it and top stitch along the sewn line on both pieces. It should look like a tube attached to the fabric.

Body construction –

Take one piece of the body, sew it to the bottom part of the head, right sides together 1/4". Repeat with second piece. You may also want to Serge or zig zag stitch.

Now take the two large pieces and place the right sides together, pin and clip to hold. Starting at the top part, just below the drawstring lips, sew ¼" all the way around, ending at the other side of the drawstring lips. Do not sew "mouth" closed. You can also Serge the seam or zig zag stitch.

Turn right side out.

Take one piece of cord, thread through one side, all the way around through the other side. Put a knot on each ends. Repeat for second cord, going in the opposite direction. Knot both pieces together.

OPTIONAL

- Use mesh fabric in place of body fabric
- Serger machine
- Add "eyes" to the top "head" piece for character