

## Project Instructions

### Dog Food Tote Bag

Supplies:

- Dog or cat food bag (clean out the inside)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Sewing machine (optional)

1. Lay the bag flat on a table
2. Use a ruler and draw a line across the bag where you want the top of your bag – leave an inch extra so that you can roll the top down to make a nice edge.
3. Cut the bag where you made your line.
4. With the bag right side out, roll the cut edge of the bag down so that the top edge of the bag is a nice fold rather than a jagged edge.
5. Use your sewing machine to zig zag stitch around the part you folded over to create a nice hem.
6. Take the excess bag material and lay it flat on the table (it should be double thickness...like a bag with the bottom cut off)
7. Lay your ruler down on the straight cut edge and trace a line across the width of the material using the other edge of the ruler as a guide.
8. Repeat by placing the ruler edge against the line you just traced and draw another line using the other edge of the ruler as a guide.
9. You will now have two bag handles to cut out.
10. Cut out the handles which will look like circle strips of dog bag.
11. Take one of those strips and lay it flat (double thickness).
12. Using your sewing machine, sew around the outer edges of the strip with a straight stitch. You will end up with a nice thick handle. Repeat with the other strip of dog bag.
13. Attach both handles to the bag using a zig zag stitch on your sewing machine.

### No sewing machine? No problem...

In this case you will cut your bag and leave a bit more room at the top. Then you will cut large holes into the top of bag to create handles that are similar to a traditional plastic grocery sack.