

Weavers Study Group

Weave a tote bag

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This is an easy plain weave project with many possibilities
Warp and weft provided for \$25.

I wove this tote bag about 40 years ago and I am still using it. I use this one in the summer and I have a brown and tan one that I use in the winter. Woven in plain weave with weft of fabric strips, this is very easy to weave.

All of my bags were woven on a 16/2 cotton warp at 12 ends per inch. The fabric strips were cut about 3/8 inches or 1 cm wide. My handles were purchased, but you can also weave or braid your own handles.

I used a variety of materials, mostly made of cotton. These are mostly cotton threads of various kinds and fabrics. These make a sturdy fabric which is not too thick for sewing.

Here is another example with weft both fabric strips and threads.



You are free to weave with just about any kind or type of thread or fabric strip, as long as it is not too thick. I will give you some ideas for how you can weave decorative horizontal stripes and patterns..

The bag is woven in a rectangle, 20 to 27 inches wide. Weave until the bag is tall enough.



After cutting from the loom, the edges are finished and the handles stitched on. Then the side seam and bottom are sewn. If you want you can stitch some velcro on the top to make a closure.