

SASHIKO TOTE

Style your outfit with this tote and show off your embroidery skills with the beautiful pattern that gives the bag its unique look. Sashiko is a traditional Japanese technique meaning 'little stabs'. It utilises a simple running stitch with beautiful results.

YOU WILL NEED:

Sew Easy Sashiko Tote Bag Kit (ERS.014)
Sew Easy Marking Pencil
Sewing Thread
Sewing Machine

INSTRUCTIONS:

Use the included Seigaiha Template to draw design onto bag front and complete using running stitch. To do this, place template on right side of fabric (keep steady with finger holes). Trace with Sew Easy Washable Marking pencil (White or Yellow is recommended against dark fabric). Prepare a length of thread and use a running stitch in the direction of the number sequence

To start stitching:

Make a knot at the end of the thread and start stitching with the knot hidden in the backing fabric. Alternatively, secure the thread by making a few small stitches from the starting point and then stitching back again.

If there is a sharp curve in the design or a long line of straight stitches, make a small loop of thread at the back at intervals to prevent stitches from shrinking and puckering when washing. At the end of a line of stitching, work back a few small stitches to secure the thread.

Tote construction:

Begin assembling the tote with right sides together sew along sides and base of outer bag. Repeat for lining leaving 10cm gap in base to pull bag through later. Fold straps in half lengthwise with right sides out and press. Open up and fold each edge into center crease and fold in half again and press. Top stitch along side of the strap close to the edge. Place straps in position (approx. 8cm in from sides) along top edge of right sides of front and back ensuring ends of strap are facing up. Tack into place.

Turn outer bag inside out and place lining inside ensuring right sides are together and straps are sandwiched between them. Sew all the way around top of the bag. Pull bag right way out through gap in lining. Sew up gap. Press top edge of bag opening and top stitch if desired.

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