

**SINGER® PROJECTS**

# Candy Heart Tote Bag

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This adorable, fully lined tote bag is inspired by classic candy hearts, making it the perfect accessory to add a sweet touch to your style or a thoughtful gift for your loved ones this Valentine's Day!

This project features the SINGER® SE9180 Sewing and Embroidery machine available at select Michaels® locations, [michaels.com](https://www.michaels.com) or [singer.com](https://www.singer.com).



**PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:** ■■■□□

## Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

### PROJECT SUPPLIES for Candy Heart Tote Bags:

- Singer sewing and embroidery machine
- 2 Contrasting fabrics
  - 1x (1 yard) for outside material (thicker/canvas fabric)
  - 1x (1 yard) for lining fabric (can use thicker/canvas to make bag extra sturdy or standard cotton fabrics)
- Machine sewing thread and embroidery thread
- Scissors or Rotary Cutter and Mat
- Canvas Belting Strap Fabric (2x - 45" straps)
- Stabilizer

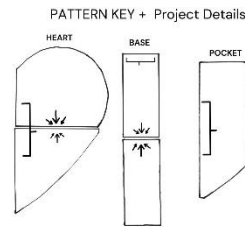
- Bag pattern pieces included with this project

## Project Instructions:

### 1) Cut the fabric pieces

**\*\*Print & cut pattern pieces provided. Then cut out fabric pieces as instructed**

- A) 2x heart shapes in outside fabric
- B) 2x heart shapes in lining fabric
- C) 1x base piece in outside fabric
- D) 1x base piece in lining fabric
- E) 1x pocket piece in outside fabric
- F) 1x pocket piece in lining fabric
- G) 2x Canvas Straps (45" each)



1) HEART: Cut 2 x heart shape out of lining fabric and 2x heart shape out of canvas/thick outside fabric  
2) BASE: Cut 1x base of lining fabric and 1x canvas/thick outside fabric  
3) POCKET: Cut 1x pocket lining fabric and 1x canvas/thick outside fabric

**BAG STRAPS: CUT 2x CANVAS/COTTON Bag Strap Fabric at 45" EACH**

↕ - tape line to combine pattern pieces

↕ - Fold side of fabric

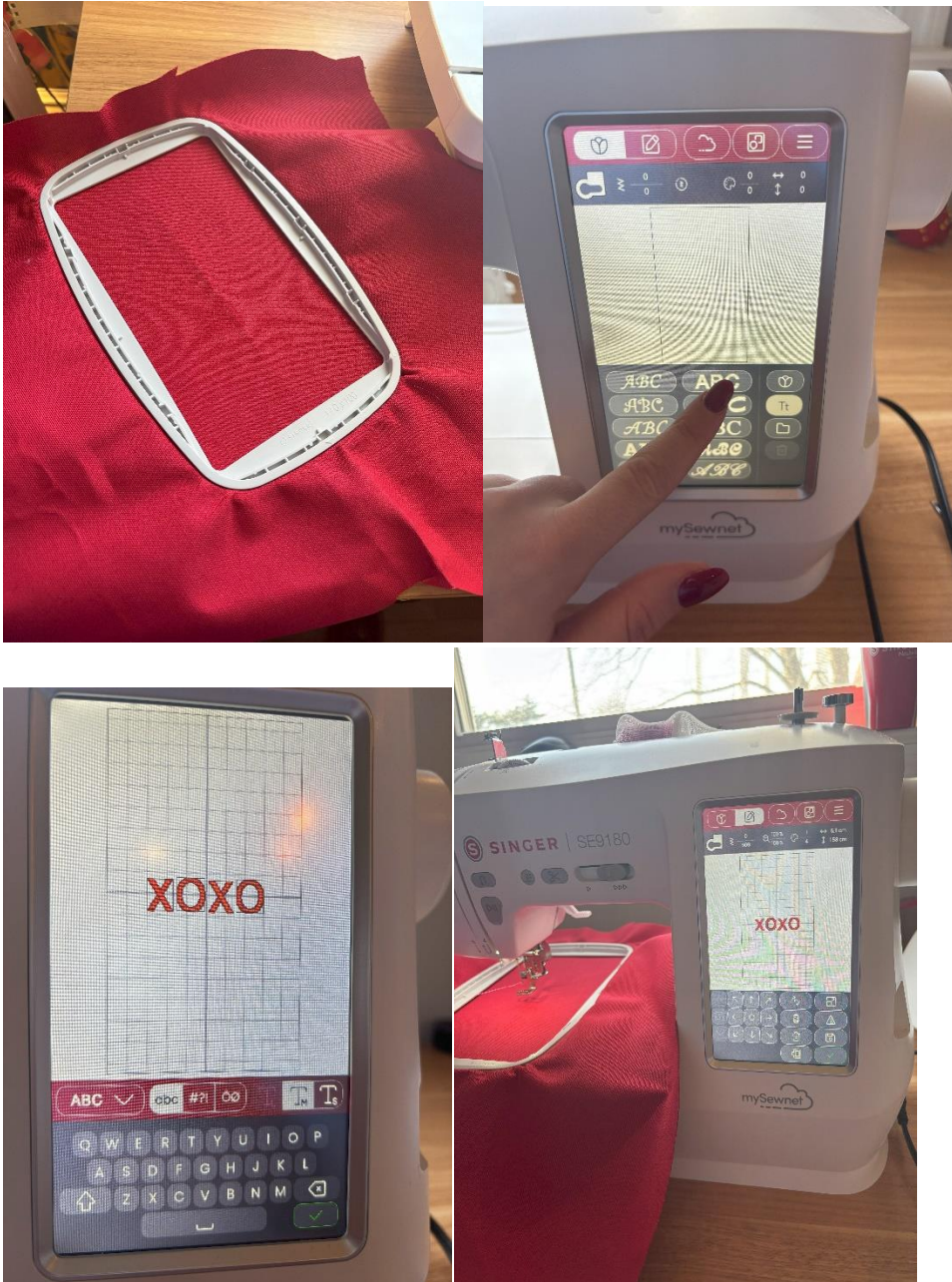


### 2) Embroider Your Front Pocket Piece

*This step is optional.* If you don't want your bag to have a word or have an embroidery machine, skip ahead. You could also use iron on letters as another option. First, I want to program a word or phrase into my embroidery machine.

**\*I would recommend cutting your pocket piece to size AFTER you embroider, as it may be too small for your hoop size once pattern is cut out.\***

- Hoop your pocket fabric piece and use stabilizer. Select font and program word of choice. Make sure to load embroidery thread as well.







### 3) Sew front pocket piece to pocket lining

- Place outside pocket piece to lining piece with good sides touching and clip/pin on top edge. Sew top edge at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.



- Then flip right side out and press along top edge, and add top stitch on top edge of pocket



**4) Sew front pocket to outside of heart piece**

- Match pocket to front of heart so the bottom corner is matched up. Sew down the sides and the pointed corner. Sew as close to edges as you can. (reference black dashed lines shown)



**5) Sew straps to both front sides of outside heart fabrics**

- Match straps on each side of pocket first and pin in place, make sure they are even.
- Sew as close to edge side (move needle over from left to right to get closer) on each side of strap (reference white dashed lines) DO NOT SEW ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP OF HEART - Leave space to flip bag at the end. (Reference solid white line in photo for stopping point)



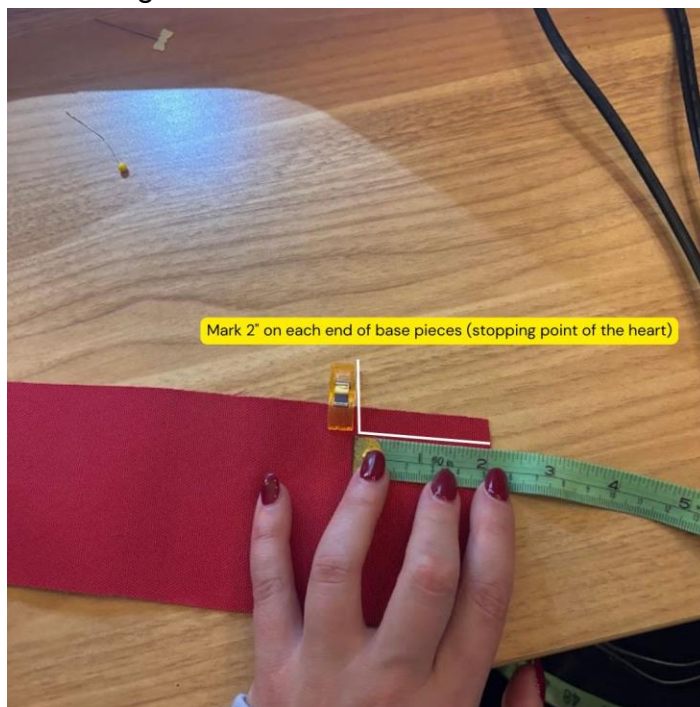
- Then align straps on opposite side of bag so they are even and repeat this step on other side of outside heart.





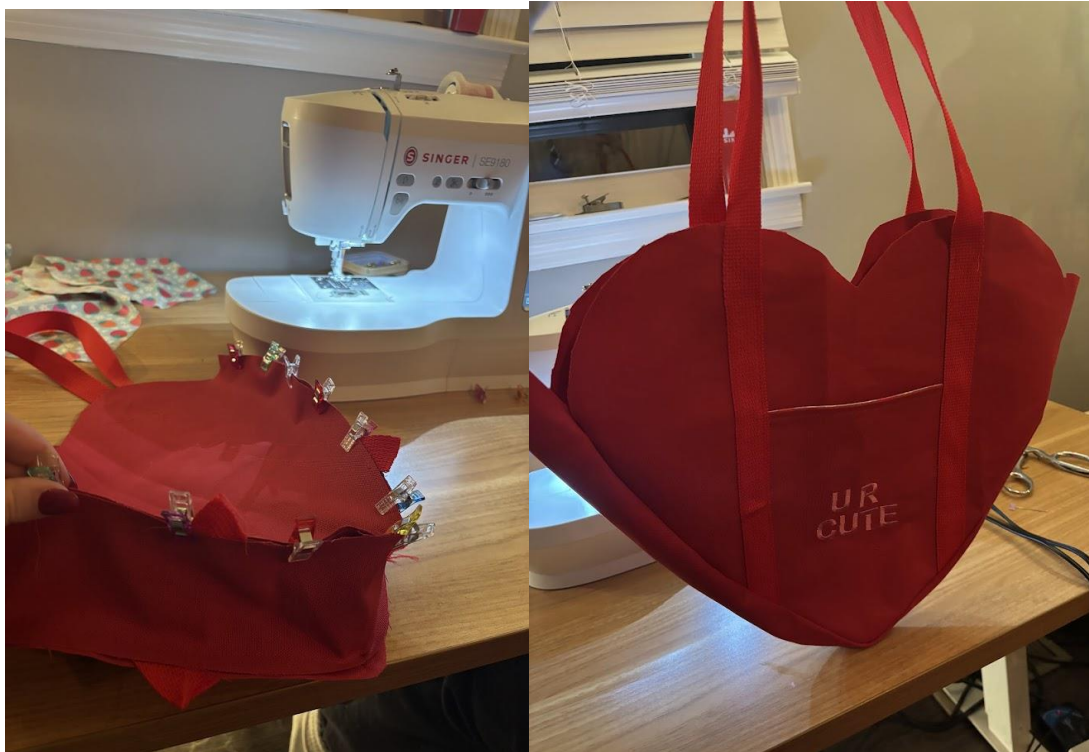
**6) Sew outside base piece to heart**

- First make 2" mark on each end of base piece. This is stopping point when sewing it around the heart.



- Then clip/pin base to each side of heart (good sides touching) and sew a 3/8" seam allowance around. Stopping at the points you marked. Then flip it right side out and press.

*Tip: Match the center point of heart at center fold of base piece when pinning so they match up evenly*



- Then flip right side out and press seams





7) **Repeat the same process for your lining pieces (sew lining base piece and lining hearts together)**



8) **Match outside heart inside your lining piece, with good sides touching**

- Make sure your lining heart is now on the outside (with wrong side out)
- Match up and **tuck your straps down inside the heart** so you don't sew to the edges
- Pin/clip around the top edges matched up



- Once outside and lining pieces are all clipped/pinned together, mark a hole space about 3-4" where you will not sew. This is how you will flip the bag right side out. You can also leave a hole on your lining piece as well. Either will work to flip the bag.



- 9) **Then sew all the way around the heart top edges with a 1/4" seam allowance**





**10) Snip corner edges of heart close to seam and trim any bulky excess**



**11) Turn bag right sides out through the hole you left**



**12) Fold and press hole side inward and sew closed with topstitch on edge**



**13) Push lining inside bag and press it well**

- Really work all your seams to get it flat and even and matched up well



**14) Add top stitching all the way around outer heart edges**





**15) Secure the top of your straps and add remaining top stitching to the top of straps**



**16) Press well once more then bag is complete!**





