

# Just Helping Santa Tote Bag



Everyone knows how busy the holiday season can be, but you can show everyone how you're doing your part to help Santa by carrying this seasonal tote bag! The design on the bag front is created using a mix of vinyl images, text and a sewn applique. The finished size of the design area on the bag front is approximately 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 9" (20cm x 23cm).

## What you need

- Tote Bag
- Green Fabric (for Tree Applique)
- Heavy-Duty Paper-Backed Fusible Web
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Red)
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Gold)
- Light Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Basic Blade
- Rotary Blade
- Heat Press

- Weeding Tool
- Lint Roller
- Parchment Paper

## Directions

1. Pre-wash the tote to pre-shrink the fabric, as well as to remove any chemical residue that may have been added by the manufacturer for shipping. This will also help ensure that your vinyl will adhere to the fabric properly.
2. Apply the heavy-duty paper-backed fusible web to the back side of the green fabric, following manufacturer's recommendations for application.

3. Open the project in Canvas. Place the fabric, face up on your Light Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the material to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles.
4. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Follow the steps to cut the fabric on your Crafting Machine.

*Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.*



5. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl, shiny side down (clear liner) on the mat. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl on your Crafting Machine. Remember to Flip for Reverse Cutting.
6. Use a Weeding Tool to remove unwanted iron-on pieces, leaving the design on the clear liner. Repeat steps for the red Heat Transfer Vinyl layer.

7. Remove the backing sheet from the triangle fabric applique and position it on your tote bag. The triangle's longest side should be parallel to the bottom of the bag (the direction it was cut on the mat). Press in place.



8. Use a lint roller to clean any stray lint or fuzz from the area of your tote bag where you will adhere the vinyl.
9. Arrange your vinyl designs and cover with a piece of parchment paper to protect your pressing tool. Use your Heat Press to apply the vinyl to the bag front then peel off the clear transfer sheet.



## Images used in this project

