

Beach Towel CarryAll



Quickly made from a beach towel and a hand towel, this fun and easy project makes packing up for the beach or a quick dip in the pool efficient and fashionable. The bulky beach towel becomes a convenient carryall that will hold all the extras. Throw in your sunglasses, lotion, radio, and head for the water!

Supplies

- 1 large hand towel or small bath towel
- 1 beach towel or bath sheet
- 2 cones of Woolly Nylon
- 2 cones of all purpose serger thread
- Water soluble stabilizer
- 1 spool of thread to match hand towel

Machines

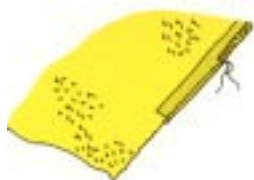
- BERNINA[®]/BERNETTE[®] serger
- BERNINA[®] sewing machine
- Most other sergers
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Trim the hand towel to 21" x 17". Use the remainder of the hand towel for handles. Cut 2 strips measuring 2" x 30" each.

Finish the edges of the hand towel using the three thread balanced stitch of the serger and the following settings:

- Upper Loper: Woolly Nylon
- Lower Loper: Woolly Nylon
- Needle: Serger thread
- Cutting Width: 2.5
- Stitch Length: approximately 1.5

Hint: Wrap the raw edge of the fabric with water soluble stabilizer and serge over it without trimming any of the toweling or stabilizer. This will prevent the terry cloth fibers from "poking" through the stitching. Rinse away the stabilizer after serging. Another option is to serge over the edge twice for a heavier coverage.



Optional Embellishment

Embroider a design in the center of the hand towel. The design shown on the bag in the photograph is design #20 from BERNINA[®] Design Card #102. *Tip: Use water soluble stabilizer on top of the terry cloth to keep the stitches from sinking into the loops of the fabric.*

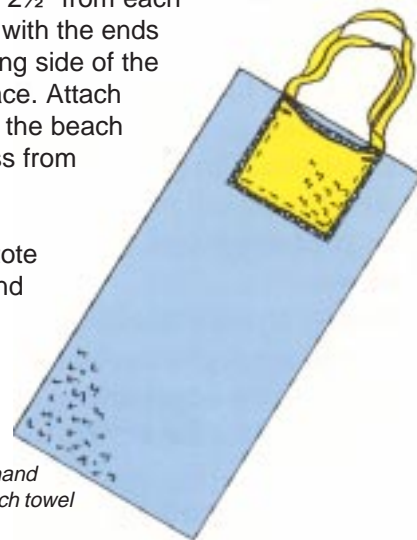
Place the hand towel on the right side of the beach towel at the center of one end with the right sides together. Straight

stitch or triple straight stitch along the sides and lower edge of the towel hand towel, 1/2" from the edge.

Finish the long edges of the handles using the same three thread balanced stitch used to finish the hand towel.

Place one handle about 2 1/2" from each side edge of the pocket with the ends of the handle to the wrong side of the hand towel. Stitch in place. Attach the remaining handle to the beach towel on the edge across from the hand towel.

To carry the towel as a tote bag, fold the towel behind the pocket and turn the pocket right side out, placing the folded towel inside.



stitch one handle to the hand towel and one to the beach towel