

Tip of the Month

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Using Plasticore for Bag Bottoms

I've seen all kinds of materials used for the bottom of fabric tote bags. However the best solution I've come up with is plasticore. It's lightweight and it's strong (no saggy bottoms). The only downfall is that it can be costly. So I've been known to recycle election signs and real estate signs which are often made from plasticore.

Use a craft knife and a metal ruler to cut the plasticore slightly smaller than the bottom of the bag. Round the corners of the plasticore with scissors to remove the sharp edges and cover all edges with some kind of tape such as painter's tape to prevent the plastic from cutting through the fabric.

Make a fabric sleeve for the plasticore, insert the bag bottom and place in the bottom of your bag.

