

# S'mores BOAT & TOTE Bag

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## You'll Need:

- Happy Camper (S-9667)
- Nightie Alphabet (S-8636)
- Great Outdoors Ribbon (RB-003)
- Memento Tuxedo Black
- Red Cardstock —
  - 4 @ 1 ¼" x 11"
  - 2 @ 4" x 11"
- Patterned paper of decent thickness —
  - 2 @ 7" x 11"
- Ivory cardstock
- Tag or paper to make a tag
- Scor-It or Scor-Pal
- Redline Tape
- Foam mounting tape
- Copic Markers
- Optional: Sewing machine



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**1** Take two of the long, skinny strips of red cardstock and adhere one end to the other, overlapping ends ¼" to create one long strip, measuring 21¾". Repeat with the remaining strips. *Optional: Machine stitch borders along each side of the handles. My stitches are 3/8" from edges. These are the "handles" to your boat & tote bag. Set aside.*

**2** Take your two 4" x 11" pieces of red cardstock and adhere one end to the other, overlapping each end by 1" so that you end up with a single piece of cardstock measuring 4" x 21". *Optional: Machine stitch a border along one of the long sides of your base. This will be the top of your base. This is the base of your tote bag. Set aside.*

**3** Take your two pieces of patterned paper and adhere one end to the other, short end to short end, overlapping each end by approximately ½" so that you end up with a single piece of patterned paper measuring 7" x 21". *Take care that the pattern on each piece of paper is meeting in an eye-pleasing fashion before you adhere them together!* This is the body of your tote bag.

**4** Lay the body of your tote bag, pattern side up. Approximately ¾" from the bottom of the body, draw 1½" notches (from left to

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right) at 4.75", 6.25", 8.75", 10.25", 14.75", 16.25", and 18.75", 20.25". **These notches are where you will later insert your tote bag handles, so be sure not to use adhesive in this area.** Adhere the top of the base to the bottom of the body, with the base overlapping the body by approximately 7/8". You will end up with one large rectangle measuring approximately 10 1/8" x 21".

- 5** Flip your large rectangle over so that the backside is facing you. Make vertical scores on this side of your rectangle (from left to right) at 1", 2.5", 4", 11", 12.5", and 14". Make horizontal scores in your rectangle at 1.5" from the top and 2.5" from the bottom.
- 6** Make a mark at the lower left side 1.5" up from the bottom and mark. Mark at the bottom edge at 6.25", 8.25", 16.25" and 18.5".
- 7** Make a dot on the 2.5" and 12.5" score lines 4" from the bottom. Draw a line from the dot at the 2.5" to the mark at the left edge and to the 6.25" mark, forming almost a triangle shape. Draw a line from the remaining dot to the 8.25" and 16.25" mark.
- 8** Draw a line from the 18.5" mark to the score line at the right edge at 2.5". Make score lines on the lines you just drew. Using a bone folder, crease your score lines well.
- 9** With the backside facing you, fold down the first horizontal score line and adhere. Start folding along score lines and forming your bag. (*Hint: Fold the small triangle on the right side and adhere first, then partially shape the bottom of the bag on the left side.*)
- 10** Next, you will adhere the far right edge to the 1" score line on the left side. Start folding and adhering the bag, much like you might wrap the ends of a present box by pressing the sides inward and adhering the triangular flaps.
- 11** After bag base is formed, put 4" strips of redline tape on the backsides of the handles, placing the tape approximately 1.75" from the ends, for a total of four pieces of tape. **DO NOT REMOVE THE BACKING YET!**
- 12** Insert straps into notches along the edge of where the base meets the body. Carefully remove redline backing and adhere strips to the body of the bag.
- 13** Stamp skunk, fire, and marshmallow image onto ivory cardstock and color. Cut around the images, leaving a little border. Adhere to body of tote bag with foam mounting tape.
- 14** Create "Gimme S'more!" tag using Nightie Alphabet and marshmallow stamp. Tie around small bag of marshmallows using Great Outdoors ribbon.
- 15** Fill bag with marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars. Enjoy!