

# Handbags, Totes, and Clutches 101

I thought I would take some time and have a little talk with those two or three male readers I have. I'm going to attempt to make this as clear and precise as possible.

This is a purse (or handbag)



**This is a tote**



**This is a Clutch**



The purse or handbag, tote and clutch. They are three totally different things. To say something like, "Look at all the purses you have," while motioning furiously at handbags, totes and clutches is a fashion fallacy. Each has a very specific use and function.

Don't just take my word for it. I have hard evidence that supports this fact. The following shots are from the "Blue Fly" and "Nordstrom's" websites.



Nordstrom! You can't argue with Nordstrom. They have eight selections, but I didn't want to overwhelm you with talk of hobos and messenger bags on the first lesson.

So, stay with me here: it's purses or handbags, totes and clutches.

I'm glad we had this little talk. I feel better now.

(Side note: taking removable straps off a handbag does not make it a clutch. Nice try Larry.)

For Marcy's G.I.R.L. Party. Go to her blog and read how other bloggers are glamours in real life.

