

BASIC Tote Bag #1

With Wrap-Around Pockets



Prints as shown may not
be to exact scale.

A
Main Exterior
5/8 yard

B
Pocket Exterior
1/3 yd. Allover Print
or
2/3 yd. Vertical Striped
Fabric

C
Lining & Faux binding
for Bag & Pocket
7/8 yard

C & D Combined - 1 1/3 yards

D
Handles
1/2 yard

ALSO Requires:
7/8 yd. Flannel or
Fusible Fleece
1/4 yd. Fusible
Interfacing

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Please read all instructions carefully AND identify all fabrics before beginning.

All instructions include a 1/4" seam allowance and strips are cut selvage to selvage, unless stated otherwise.

1. Cut the following:

Fabric A - Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip, subcut
(2) 15-1/2" x 19" tote pieces

Fabric B (all-over print) - Cut (1) 6-1/2" strip,
subcut (2) 6-1/2" x 19" pocket pieces
-OR-

Fabric B (stripe print) - Cut 2 identical stripes
the length of fabric, 6-1/2" to 9" wide by 19"
long pocket pieces

Fabric C - Cut (1) 16-3/4" strip, subcut
(2) 16-3/4" x 19" pieces tote lining
Cut (1) 10-1/4" strip, subcut
(2) 10-1/4" x 19" pieces pocket lining

Fabric D - Cut (2) 6" handle strips

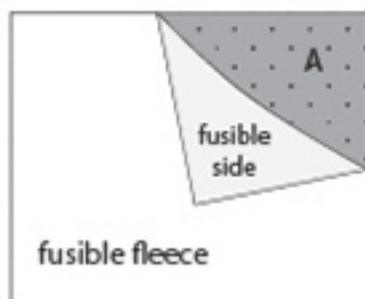
Fusible Fleece - Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip,
subcut (2) 15-1/2" x 19" pieces
Cut (1) 9" strip, subcut (2) 9" x 19"
pieces

Interfacing - Cut (4) 1-3/4" strips

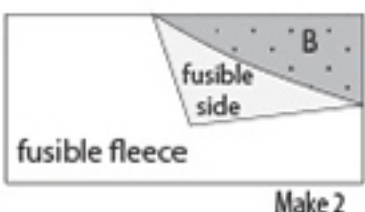
*NOTES: Backstitch to secure ends of stitching lines.
Seam allowances are 1/2" unless stated otherwise.
Shading of diagrams may vary depending on fabrics used.
Arrows indicate orientation of directional prints when used.
Dotted diagrams indicate wrong side of fabric.*

2. Piecing Order:

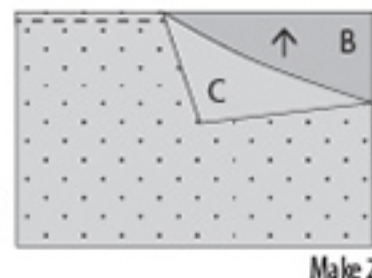
1. Fuse 15-1/2" x 19"
fusible fleece to
wrong side of
each **Fabric A**
15-1/2" x 19" piece.



2. Trim 9" x 19"
fusible fleece pieces
to same size of
Fabric B pieces
(if needed). Fuse
to wrong side of
Fabric B pieces.



3. Align long edge
of a **Fabric C**
10-1/4" x 19" piece
with top of a
Fabric B piece,
right sides together.
Stitch together with
1/2" seam. Make 2.

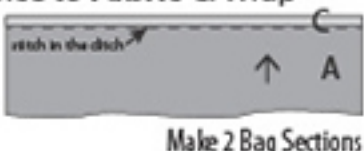


4. Press seam allowance to **Fabric C**. Wrap
Fabric C over the
seam allowance so
it is wrong sides
together with the
Fabric B piece.
About 1/2" **Fabric C**
will show above
Fabric B side. Trim extra **Fabric C** as needed
on bottom. "Stitch in the ditch" under seam
line. Finish bottom edge by serging or sewing
with a zigzag stitch. On **Fabric C**, draw a line
1/2" from the bottom. Repeat to make a
second Pocket Section.



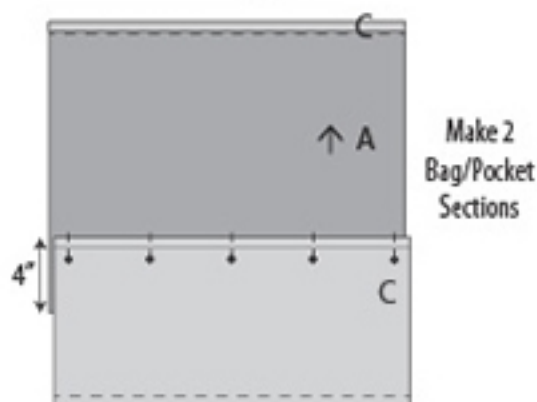
5. In the same manner as Step 3, align long
edge of a **Fabric C** 15-1/2" x 19" piece with
top of a **Fabric A** piece. Stitch together with
1/2" seam.

6. Press seam allowance to **Fabric C**. Wrap
Fabric C over the
seam allowance so
it is wrong sides
together with the
Fabric A piece. About 1/2" **Fabric C** will show
above **Fabric A**. "Stitch in the ditch" along
seam line. Trim extra Fabric C as needed on
bottom. Repeat to make a second Bag
Section.



7. Place a Bag Section with **Fabric A** side up
on a flat work surface. Align a Pocket Section
Fabric B side down on **Fabric A** with top of
Pocket Section towards the bottom of Bag
Section as shown in diagram on next page.
The sections should overlap by 4". Pin all
layers together along the marked line 1/2"
from bottom of **Fabric C**. Repeat to make a
second Bag/Pocket Section.

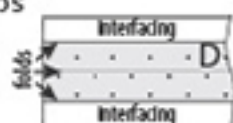
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8. Fold a **Fabric D** 6" strip in half lengthwise so it is 3" wide. Open then fold raw long raw edges to center fold and press again for a total of 3 equally spaced fold lines.



9. Fuse 1-1/4" interfacing strips centered on the wrong side of **Fabric D** strip as shown.

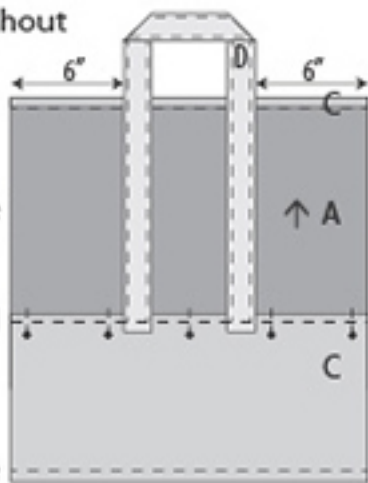


10. Refold so **Fabric D** strip is 1-1/2" wide. Topstitch 1/16" to 1/8" from each long edge to finish handle.



11. Repeat Steps 8-10 to make a second handle.

12. Pin a handle (without twisting) to a Bag/Pocket Section 6" from right and left edges and overlapping the line marked on **Fabric C** by 1/2" as shown. Stitch along marked line through all layers. Stitch 1/4" from handle edge, along outside of the handle from seam

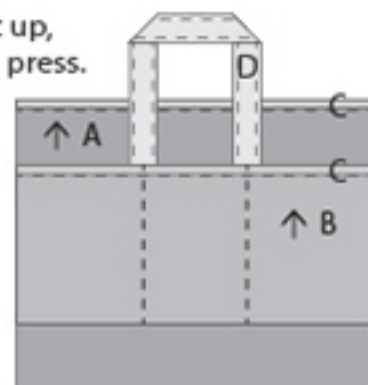


line to top of Bag Section around the loose handle and back down the Bag Section. Repeat on inside edge of handle. Add second handle to remaining Bag/Pocket Section.

13. Press each pocket up, over the handles and press.

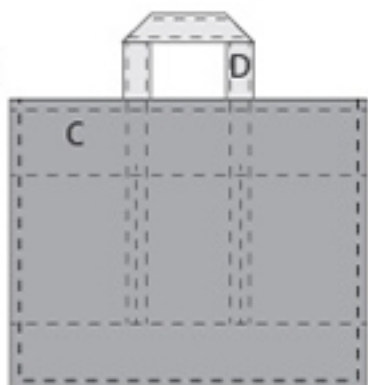
Sew center pocket divisions by sewing through all layers centered over handles. Stitching lines can be moved to make the center pockets narrower or wider as desired.

Repeat on the other Bag/Pocket Section.

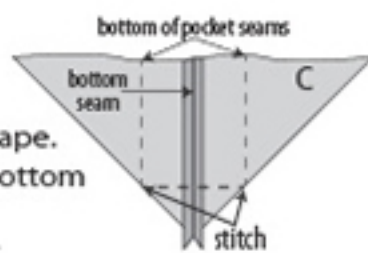


14. Serge, or stitch with zigzag, over all side and bottom raw edges of both sections.

15. Align Bag/Pocket Sections, pocket sides in, with top and side edges aligned. Sew together on both sides and bottom with 1/2" seam. Press seams open.



16. Align side and bottom seams on 1 bottom corner of bag to create a "V" shape. Viewing it from the bottom seam, sew across the corner just under the seams for pocket bottoms to form gusset. Repeat on other bottom corner.



17. Turn bag right side out. Lay gusset corners on bottom of bag and tack in place. Tack edges of side seam allowances to sides of bag. Finished bag is approximately 12" wide x 12" tall x 6" deep. Enjoy!

