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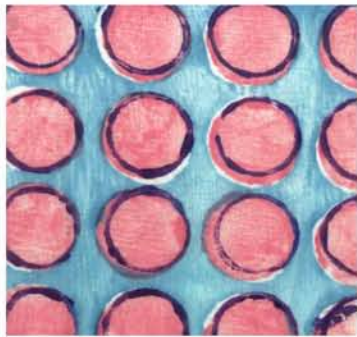


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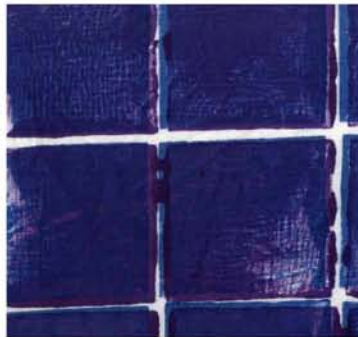
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Fabric Requirements:

1 1/8 yards 39646-12 Pink for top of tote and inside pocket
1/2 yard 39647-4 Purple for tote bottom and handles
5/8 yard 39648-4 Purple for lining
1 5/8 yard Fusible Fleece like Pellon 987F **
1 yard giant ricrckack (optional)

** For a sturdier bag but still soft, we like to use 2 layers of the fusible fleece layered for the body of the tote. If you would like to do the same, then double the mount of fusible fleece you use.

Cutting:

39646-12 Pink Polka Dot

Cut (1) 35 1/2" x 10" rectangle for top of Tote

Cut (1) 13" x 18" rectangle for inside pocket

39647-4 Purple Grid

Cut (1) 35 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangle for bottom of tote

Cut (2) 26" x 3 1/2" strips for tote handles

39648-4 Purple Solid Texture

Cut (1) 35 1/2" x 19" rectangle for lining

Fusible Batting

Cut (1) 35 1/2" x 19" rectangle for tote

Cut (2) 26" x 3 1/2" strips for handles

Assembly:

Note: All seams are 1/4" wide

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Tote Outside:

1. Take bottom rectangle and fold in half lengthwise with right sides together. From each bottom corner cut out a $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " square. Diagram 1
2. Open bottom and with right sides together join the top of the tote to the bottom. Press seam open.
3. At this point if you use the large rick rack, stitch using a small zigzag stitch over the seam joining the top to the bottom.
4. Attach the fusible batting to the wrong side of the tote following the manufacturer's recommended instructions. Cut away batting from bottom corners.
5. With right sides together, join the side seam then the bottom seam. Press seams flat.
6. Pinch the bottom corner opening together centering seam and stitch closed. Diagram 2. Repeat for the other side. Turn and Press.

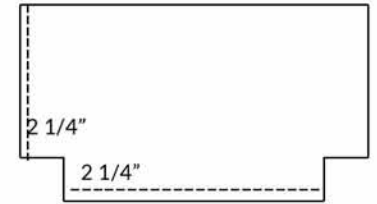


Diagram 1

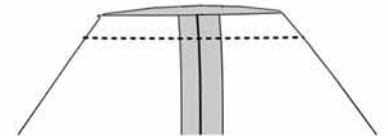


Diagram 2

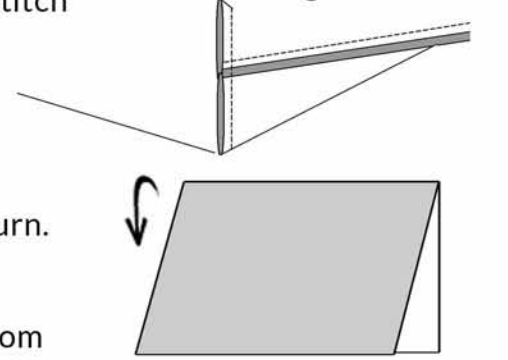


Diagram 3

Pocket and Lining:

7. Take pocket and with right sides together, fold in half and stitch around the 3 open sides leaving a small opening on one side to turn. Clip seam allowance at corners, turn and press flat. Diagram 3
8. Place pocket on the lining $3\frac{1}{4}$ " from the top edge and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from the side seam. Edge stitch around the sides and bottom then stitch again $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge.
9. Find the center of the pocket and add a vertical stitch from top to bottom to divide pocket into 2 sections. Make sure you reinforce the stitch at the top of the pocket to secure. Diagram 4
10. With lining right sides together, stitch the side seam closed leaving a 4" opening to later turn the lining right side out when joined to tote outside. Stitch bottom closed.
11. Pinch and sew bottom corner openings as instructed for the tote outside. Press all seams flat.

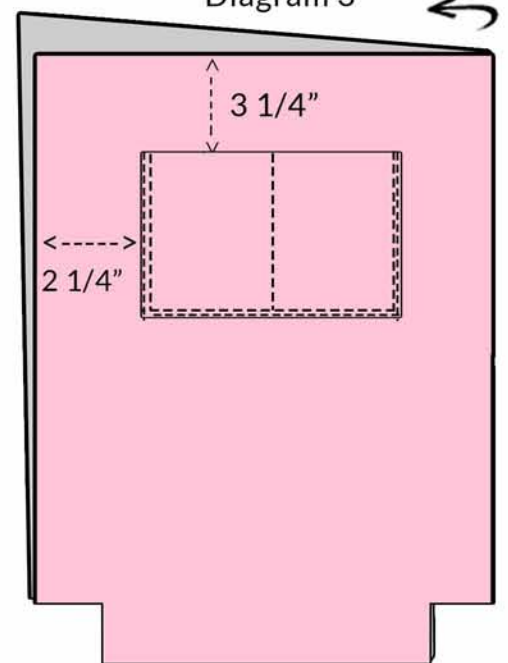


Diagram 4

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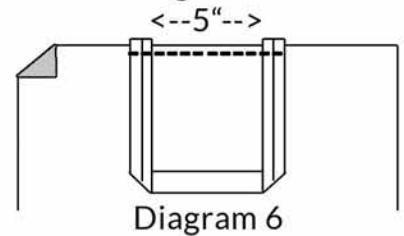
Handles:

12. Attach the fusible batting to the wrong side of each handle. With right sides together, stitch handle closed, turn and press with seam at center of the handle. Topstitch 1/4" on each side of handle. Diagram 5



13. Take one handle and place it on top edge of the tote outside 4 3/4" from the side seam and extend the handle 1 1/2" beyond the top edge of tote. Make sure the seam side of handle is facing up. Place the other side of the handle 5" from the first and extend 1 1/2" from top edge. Secure to tote 1/8" from top edge by stitching back and forth several times. Diagram 6

14. Repeat for the other side of the tote.



Final Assembly:

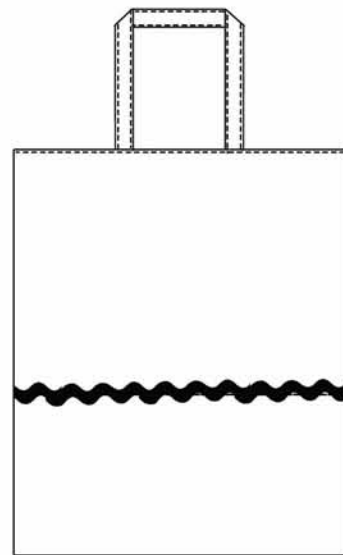
15. With the wrong side of the tote facing out, place the lining with right sides together into the tote. Carefully pin or base around the top edge of tote, then stitch opening closed. Be sure handles are flat inside of the tote and not caught in top seam.

16. Turn the tote to the right side by carefully pulling through the opening in the lining. Edge stitch opening close.

17. Press top edge of tote flat. Base around top edge of the tote trying to keep seam line rolled slightly to the inside of tote (so lining is not seen on outside). 1/4" topstitch top edge of tote.

Your tote is now complete and ready to use!

Enjoy!



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