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## Fabric Requirements

Fabric	Design	Usage	Amount
Fabric One	2135/S Notions	Base	6" x WOF
Fabric Two	2138/Q Scissors	Outer bag stripes	4" x WOF
Fabric Three	2136/1 Buttons	Outer bag stripes and handles	Fat Quarter
Fabric Four	2138/B Scissors	Outer bag stripes	4" x WOF
Fabric Five	2135/Q Notions	Outer bag stripes	4" x WOF
Fabric Six	2139/B Cotton Reels	Lining	50cms (20")
Other	Fusible Wadding	20" (50cm) fusible wadding	

## Notes;

All seams are ¼"

All fabrics quantities are cut width of fabric (WOF) and allow for one way designs

## Cutting Instructions:

### Fabric One:

Cut two (5 ½" x 16 ½") strips

### Fabric Two:

Cut two (3 ½" x 16 ½") strips

### Fabric Three:

Cut two (3 ½" x 16 ½") strips

Cut two (3" x 20") strips

### Fabric Four

Cut two (3 ½" x 16 ½") strips

### Fabric Five

Cut two (3 ½" x 16 ½") strips

### Fabric Six:

Cut two (16 ½" x 16 ½") rectangles

### Wadding:

Cut two (16 ½" x 17 ½") rectangles

Cut two (1" x 20") strips

## To Stitch the Outer Bag:

1. To stitch one side of the bag, stitch the fabric strips together in the following order: 5 ½" strip fabric one, fabric two strip, fabric three strip, fabric four strip, fabric five strip. If you are using a directional print remember that the 5 ½" strip is at the bottom. Press all seams downwards towards the 5 ½" strip. Repeat for the other side of the bag.
2. Iron the (16 ½" x 17 ½") rectangles of fusible wadding to the reverse of the units completed in step one.
3. Quilt horizontal lines across each outer bag section ½" away from each seam line.
4. Place the outer bag units on top of each other, right sides facing, matching the seams and stitch down both sides and across the bottom.
5. To shape the base of the bag, match the centre fold of the base with each side seam. Measure in 2" along the seam line from the outer point. Pin and draw a line with a marking pencil from edge to edge horizontally. Stitch on this line and then trim off excess fabric. Turn the bag right side out.

## To Stitch the Handles:

6. To stitch the handles take the two (3" x 20") strips of fabric three and press under ¼" on one long edge of each. Lay the (1" x 20") strip of fusible wadding down the centre of the wrong side of each handle and iron in place.
7. Fold the raw edge of the fabric to the centre of the wadding and then the folded edge on top. The folded edge should overlap the raw edge. Pin in place. Top stitch down the folded edge. Top stitch along each outer edge.
8. Pin the ends of the handles, right sides facing to the top edge of each outer bag section, positioning the end of each handle 4 ½" in from the outer edge of each side, placing the handle in the centre of the 4 ½" marking. Tack in place.

## To Stitch the Lining:

9. Take the two (16 ½" x 16 ½") fabric four rectangles and place them right sides together. Stitch around three sides leaving a 5" opening in one side for turning.
10. To shape the base of the lining in the same way as the outer bag follow the instructions in step five.

## To Stitch the Bag Together:

11. Place the outer bag inside the lining so that the right sides of the fabric are facing. Make sure that the handles are pushed down between the two layers. Pin the outer bag and the lining together at the top, lining up the side seams and raw edges.
12. Stitch around the top edge, back stitch at the beginning and end. Turn the bag through the opening and press the seam around the top edge of the bag so that it lays flat. Topstitch all the way around the top of the bag. Stitch the gap in the lining closed.
13. Enjoy using your bag!



2134/1 Montage



2136/1 Buttons



2135/S Notions



2135/Q Notions



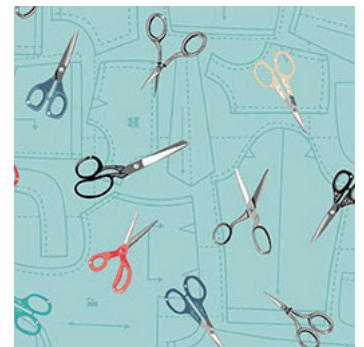
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2140/B Ditzzy Floral



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