Cat Rescue

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Tote

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner





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Fabrics in the Collection



9.5 Inch Blocks Red - 666-89

Cat 24 x 44 Panel Black - 667P-99

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Materials

⅓ yard	Yarn Allover - Black (A)	661-97
1/4 yard	Cat Toss - Gray (B)	660-93
1/8 yard	Mice Toss - Charcoal (C)	662-99
½ yard	Hearts Allover - White (D)	663-02
⅓ yard	Paw Toss - Red (E)	664-88

You will also need:

• 5/8 yard Fusible Fleece

Cutting Instructions

Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

From the Yarn Allover - Black (A), cut:

• (1) 9 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 9 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

From the Cat Toss - Gray (B), cut:

• (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

From the Mice Toss - Charcoal (C), cut:

• (1) 2 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 2 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

From the Hearts Allover - White (D), cut:

• (1) 14 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 14 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

From the Paw Toss - Red (E), cut:

• (2) 4" x WOF strips.

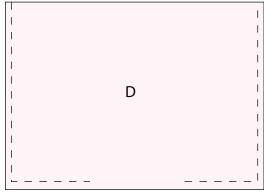
From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

- (2) 14 ½" x 18 ½" strips.
- (2) 1" x 42" strips

Tote Assembly

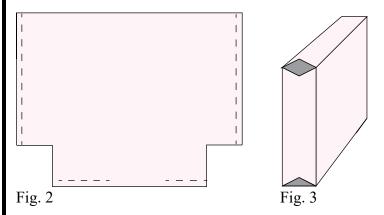
Note: Use a ¼" seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted.

1. Place the (2) 14 ½" x 18 ½" Fabric D strips right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning to create the Lining.



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2. Measure in from the side edge 2" and up from the bottom edge 2" at each bottom corner of the Lining. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 2). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 3). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom on the Lining.



3. Sew together (1) 2 ½" x 18 ½" Fabric C strip, (1) 3 ½" x 18 ½" Fabric B strip and (1) 9 ½" x 18 ½" Fabric A strip, lengthwise and in that order from top to bottom, to make the Outer Bag Front (Fig. 4). Repeat to make the Outer Bag Back.

Outer Bag Front/Back make 2

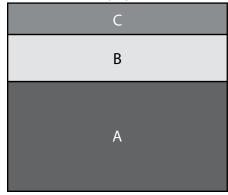
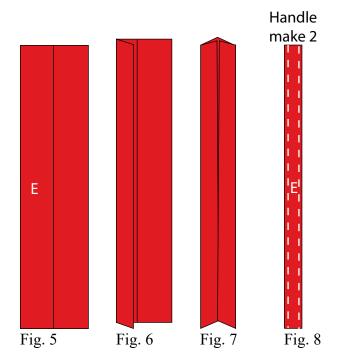


Fig. 4

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- 4. Press (1) 14 ½" x 18 ½" Fusible Fleece strip onto the back side of the Outer Bag Front and quilt as desired. Repeat with the second 14 ½" x 18 ½" Fusible Fleece strip and Outer Bag back.
- 5. Place the Outer Bag Front and Outer Bag Back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom to make the Outer Bag.
- 6. Repeat Step 2 to create a box corner on each bottom corner of the Outer Bag.
- 7. Fold (1) 4" x WOF Fabric E strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 5). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased center line and press (Fig. 6).
- 8. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make (1) 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 7). Slide (1) 1" strip of Fusible Fleece into the handle and press. Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge to make (1) Handle (Fig. 8).
- 9. Repeat Steps 7-8 to make a second Handle. Trim the Handles to the desired length.



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- 10. Position and pin one end of the Handle to the Bag Front 3" from the left side seam, aligning the raw edge of the Handle with the top of the bag. Pin and sew in place using 1/8" seam allowance. Repeat with the other end of the Handle and the right side of the Bag Front (Fig. 9).
- 11. Repeat Step 10 attaching the second Handle to the Bag Back.
- 12. Place the Outer Bag, right sides together with the Lining, aligning the top raw edges of the Bag and Lining, with the handles between the layers and pin together. Sew the Lining and Bag together. Turn the Bag and Lining right side out through the opening in the Lining. Press as needed and top stitch the opening closed. Put the Lining into the Bag, aligning the sides and bottom.
- 13. Press the sewn seams and top-stitch around the bottom of the Bag to add shape to the base of the Bag.

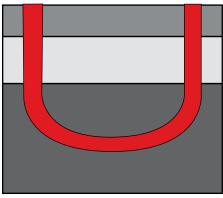


Fig. 9

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