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Celebrate Summer

A Free Project Sheet
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Tote

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner





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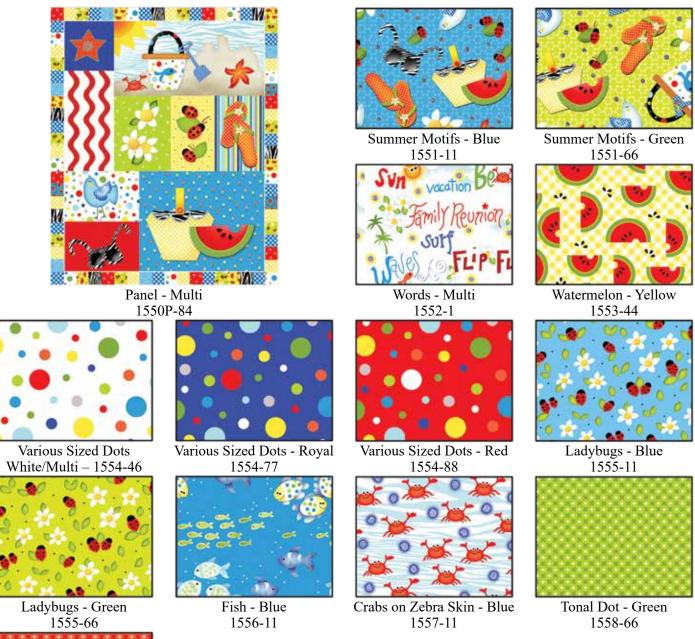
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Fabrics in the Collection



Tonal Dot - Red 1558-88

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Tote Materials

3/8 yard	Summer Motifs - Green (A)	1551-66
3/8 yard	Words - Multi (B)	1552-1
3/8 yard	Various Sized Dots - Royal (C)	1554-77
½ yard	Lady Bugs - Blue (D)	1555-11
1/4 yard	Tonal Dot - Red (E)	1558-88

You will also need:

• Fusible Fleece

Tote Cutting Instructions

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

From the Summer Motifs - Green (A), cut:

• (1) 7 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 7 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Words - Multi (B), cut:

- (1) 3" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3" x 16 ½" strips.
- (1) 5" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 5" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Various Sized Dots - Royal (C), cut:

• (2) 4" x WOF strips

From the Lady Bugs - Blue (D), cut:

• (1) 14 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (2) 14 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Tonal Dot - Red (E), cut:

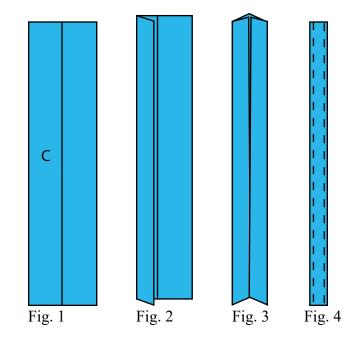
• (2) 1 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (4) 1 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

- (2) 1 x WOF strips
- (2) 14 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

Straps Assembly

- 1. Fold (1) 4" x WOF Fabric C strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 1). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 2).
- 2. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make (1) 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 3).
- 3. Slide (1) 1" x WOF strip of Fusible Fleece into the folded strap. Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge (Fig. 4).
- 4. Repeat Steps 1-3 to make a second strap. Trim to the desired length.

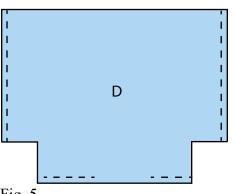


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Lining Assembly

- 5. Place the (2) 14 ½" x 16 ½" strips Fabric D strips right sides together. Stitch down the two sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning.
- 6. Measure in from the side edge 2" and up from the bottom edge 2" at each lining corners. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 5). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 6). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom.



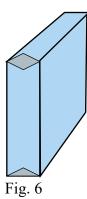


Fig. 5

Fig. 7

Outer Bag Assembly
7. Follow Figure 7 to sew together (2) 3" x 16 ½" Fabric B strips, (2) 1 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric E strips and (1) 7 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric A strip to make the bag front. Repeat to make the bag back.

B E A E B

8. Press (1) 14 1/2" x 16 1/2" Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of the bag front and quilt as desired. Repeat with the

second piece of fusible fleece and the bag back.

- 9. Place the bag front and back, right sides together aligning the fabrics on each side. Sew down the sides and across the bottom of the bag (5" x $16 \frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric B strip is at the bottom) to make the outer bag.
- 10. Repeat Step 6 with the outer bag bottom to complete. Turn the outer bag, right side out.

Bag Assembly

- 11. Place the bag right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag and lining, 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 open closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.
- 12. Position one handle on the bag front, approximately 2" from each side of the bag. Topstitch in place. Repeat with the second handle and the bag back.
- 13. Press the sewn seams and topstitch around the bottom of the bag to add shape to the base of the bag

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