Home Sewn

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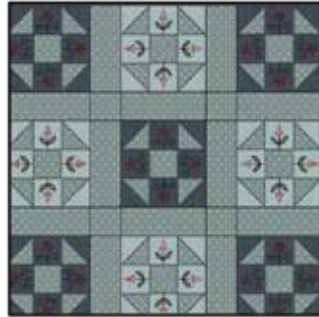
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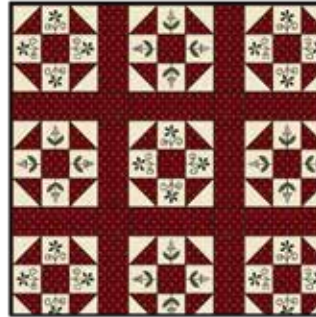facebook

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Fabrics in the Collection

Home Sewn Panel - Cream
2225P-44

Churn Dash - Blue
2226-77

Churn Dash - Red
2226-88

Hexies - Green
2227-66

Hexies - Red
2227-88

Novelty Scatter - Green
2228-66

Novelty Scatter - Navy
2228-77

Novelty Scatter - Red
2228-88

Scissors - Blue
2229-17

Scissors - Cream
2229-44

Daisy Stitches - Butternut
2230-34

Daisy Stitches - Cream
2230-44

Daisy Stitches - Red
2230-88

Border Stripe - Cream
2231-44

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Tote Materials

⅓ yard Novelty Scatter - Navy   2228-77
¼ yard Novelty Scatter - Green   2228-66
¼ yard Scissors - Blue   2229-17
⅓ yard Hexies - Red   2227-88
⅓ yard Daisy Stitches - Red   2230-88
½ yard Daisy Stitches - Butternut   2230-34

You will also need:
• ½ yard of 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 Novelty Scatter - Navy (A), cut:
• (1) 2 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 2 ½" x 16 ½" strips.
• (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Novelty Scatter - Green (B), cut:
• (1) 3" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) 3" squares.

From the Scissors - Blue (C), cut:
• (1) 3" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (6) 3" squares.

From the Hexies - Red (D), cut:
• (1) 9 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 9 ½" x 16 ½" strips

From the Daisy Stitches - Red (E), cut:
• (2) 4" x WOF strips

From the Daisy Stitches - Butternut (F), cut:
• (1) 14 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 14 ½" x 16 ½" strips.

From the Fusible Fleece, cut:
• (2) 14 ½" x 16 ½" strips
• (2) 1" x WOF strips

Sewing Instructions
1. To make the prairie points, take (1) 3" Fabric C square and fold it in half across one diagonal, wrong sides together (Fig. 1). Press. Fold the Fabric C in half again and press to make (1) Unit 1 prairie point (Fig. 2). Repeat to make (6) Unit 1 points.
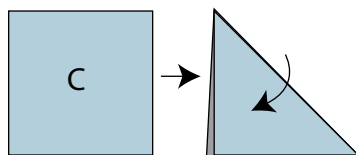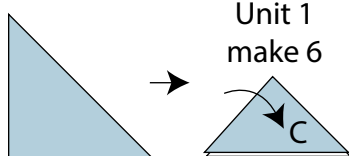
C

Fig. 1

Unit 1
make 6

C

Fig. 2

2. Repeat Step 1 with (4) 3" Fabric B squares while referring to Figure 3 to make (4) Unit 2 points.
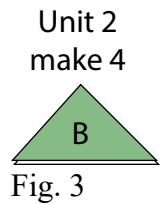
Unit 2
make 4

B

Fig. 3

3. Measure and mark the center of (1) 3 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric A strip, on the right side of the fabric. Position and pin in place (3) Fabric C points and (2) Fabric B points as shown, aligning the raw edges of the point with the top edge of the strip. The units should overlap slightly, making sure they stop 1 ¾" from the side edges of the strip. Using an ⅛" seam allowance stitch the units to the strip to make (1) Unit 3 (Fig. 4). Repeat to make a second Unit 3 strip.
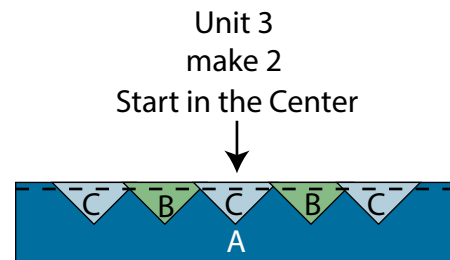
Unit 3
make 2
Start in the Center

C   B   C   B   C
A

Fig. 4

4. Sew (1) Unit 3 to the bottom of (1) 9 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric D strip. Sew (1) 2 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric A strip to the top of the Fabric D strip to make the Bag Front (Fig. 5). Repeat to make the Bag back.
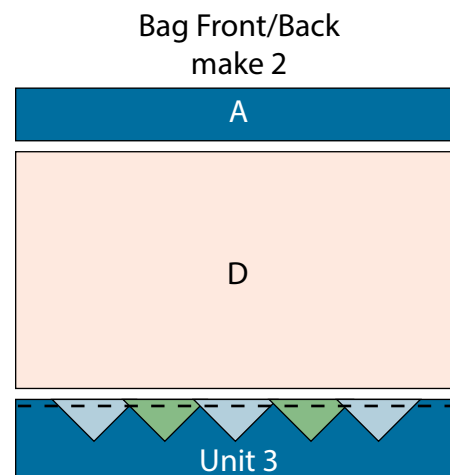
Bag Front/Back
make 2

A

D

Unit 3

Fig. 5

5. Press one 14 ½" x 16 ½" fusible fleece onto the back side of the bag front and quilt as desired. Repeat to with the bag back.

6. Place the bag front and bag back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom to make the outer bag.

7. Measure in from the side edge 1 ½" and up from the bottom edge, 1 ½" at each bottom corner. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 6). 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 outer bag.
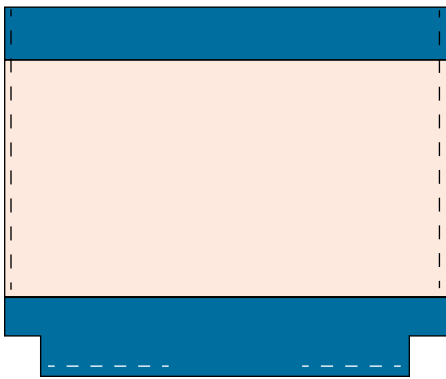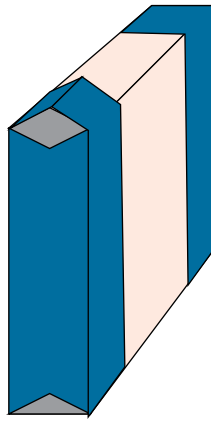
Fig. 6

Fig. 7

8. Place the two 14 ½" x 16 ½" Fabric F pieces right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning to create the lining.

9. Repeat Step 7 to create a box corner on each bottom corner of the lining.

10. Fold (1) 4" x WOF Fabric E strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 8). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 9).

11. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make one 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 10). Slide one 1" strip of fusible fleece into the handle and press. Top stitch down both long sides ⅛" in from the edge (Fig. 11).

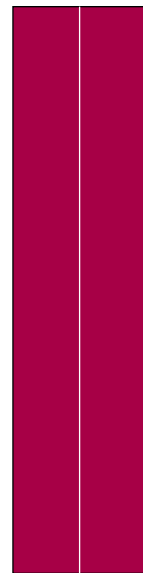12. Repeat Steps 10-11 to make a second strap.
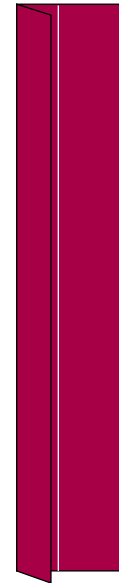
Fig. 8   Fig. 9   Fig. 10   Fig. 11

13. Trim each strap to the desired length. Pin one strap to the front of the bag, aligning the raw edge of the strap with the top of the bag front. Repeat to add the second strap to the back of the bag.

14. Place the outer bag, right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag, straps and lining, pin together. Sew the lining and bag together around the top edge, catching the straps in the seam. 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 to complete the bag (Fig. 12).
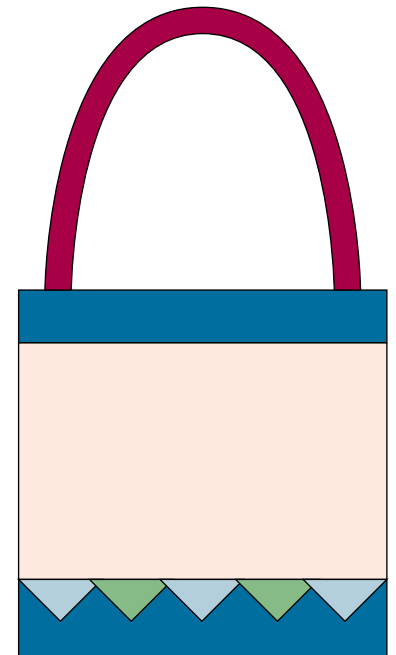
Fig. 12