Squeeze the Day

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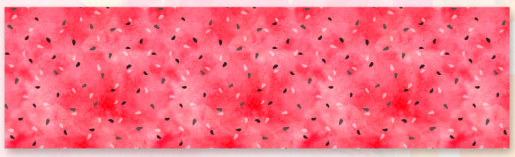
Prints as shown may not be to exact scale.

Base measures 14” wide x 8” deep, 10” tall without handles.

A 1810-42462-435
1 yd.
Front, Outside Pockets & Lining Pockets



B 1810-42468-319
1 5/8 yds.
Accent/Lining & Handles

Also requires 1-1/8 yards Fussible Fleece

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Please read all instructions carefully AND identify all fabrics before beginning.
All instructions include a 1/2" seam allowance. *Strips are cut selvage to selvage, unless stated otherwise.*

1. Cut the following:

Fabric A - *PLEASE NOTE: Cutting directions are for non-directional or directional prints. For cutting vertical border stripes, see Cutting Diagram for on Page 5.*
- Cut (1) 12" strip, subcut (2) 12" x 15" pieces (lining pockets)
- Cut (1) 9-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 9-1/2" x 15" pieces (front)
- Cut (1) 6-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 6-1/2" x 21" pieces (outer pockets)

Fabric B - Cut (1) 15" strip, subcut (2) 15" x 16" pieces (lining) and (1) 9" x 12" piece (lining side)
- Cut (1) 9" strip, subcut (1) 9" x 12" piece (lining side) and (2) 9" x 11" pieces (outer sides)
- Cut (1) 7-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 7-1/2" x 21" pieces (outer pocket lining)
- Cut (1) 6-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 6-1/2" x 15" strips (front bottom)
- Cut (2) 6" strips, subcut (2) 6" x 36" strips (handles)

Fusible Fleece - Cut (1) 9" strip, subcut (2) 9" x 14" pieces (front)
- Cut (1) 8" strip, subcut (2) 8" x 10-1/2" pieces (outer sides)
- Cut (1) 6" strip, subcut (2) 6" x 20" strips (outer pockets)
- Cut (1) 5-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 5-1/2" x 14" pieces (front bottom)
- Cut (2) 1-3/8" strips, subcut (2) 1-3/8" x 35" strips (handles)

Wide arrows indicate orientation of directional prints when used.
Narrow arrows indicate pressing direction.

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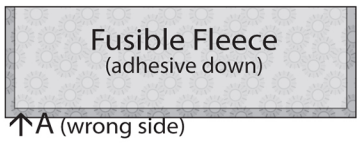
RST: Right Sides Together
RSO: Right Sides Out

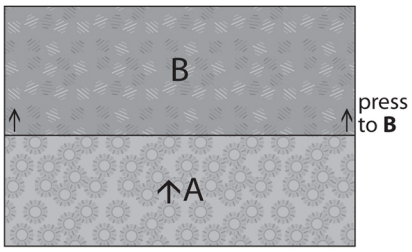
2. Outer Pocket Sections:

1. Arrange 6" x 20" fusible fleece adhesive side to wrong side of **Fabric A** 6-1/2" x 21" piece, aliging top edges. Fusible fleece will not cover 1/2" on sides and bottom edge.



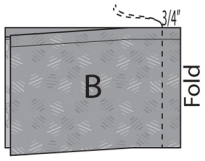
Once fleece is fused to fabric pieces, they can be quilted if desired.

2. Sew **Fabric A** 6-1/2" x 21" piece with fusible fleece RST lengthwise to **Fabric B** 7-1/2" x 21" piece. Press seam to **Fabric B**.

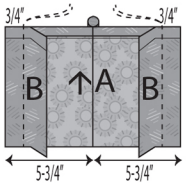


3. Fold **Fabrics A** and **B** pieces together RSO, aligning all raw edges. Press the folded edge. The **Fabric B** piece should show about 1/2" on the **Fabric A** side. Top stitch layers together on **Fabric A** side of the seam.

4. Fold the pocket in half, with **Fabric A** on the inside, aligning short edges. Sew a 3/4" wide pleat with a long basting stitch. DO NOT BACKSTICH. Leave several inches of thread attached to the top of pocket. TIP: For ease of removing the basting stitches later, use a heavy-weight thread in the bobbin.



5. Fold each end of the pocket 5-3/4" from the center seam, with **Fabric A** on the inside. Sew a 3/4" pleat on each end. Pleats should be 5" apart. Press all three pleats open.



6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to prepare a second outer pocket section. Trim to 6-1/2" x 15" (unfinished) if needed.

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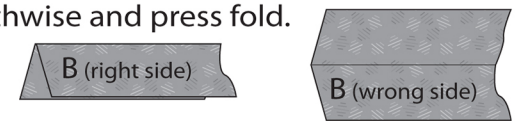
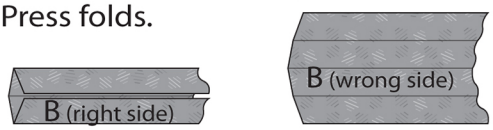
3. Handles:

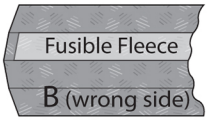
1. Fold a **Fabric B** 6" x 36" strip in half lengthwise and press fold.



2. Open and fold each long edge to the center fold. Press folds.



3. Open and arrange a 1-3/8" x 35" piece of fusible fleece centered along 1 side of the center crease, adhesive side on wrong side of fabric. Fuse fleece to fabric.

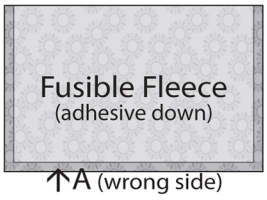


4. Refold sides in, then in half. Top stitch along both long edges of handle 1/8" from edge.

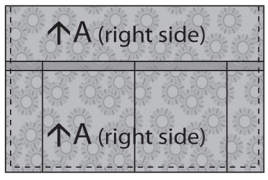
5. Repeat Steps 1-4 to prepare a second handle (1-1/2" x 36" unfinished).

4. Assembling Front Sections:

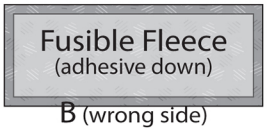
1. Arrange 9" x 14" fusible fleece adhesive side to wrong side of **Fabric A** 9-1/2" x 15" piece, aligning top edges. Fusible fleece will not cover 1/2" on sides and bottom edge. Fuse.



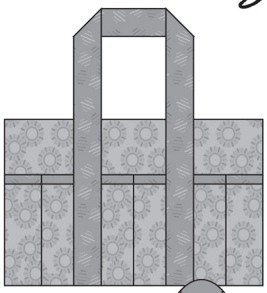
2. Arrange an outer pocket section on the fused **Fabric A** 9-1/2" x 15" piece, right sides up, so bottom and side edges are aligned. Baste all layers 1/4" from bottom and side edges.



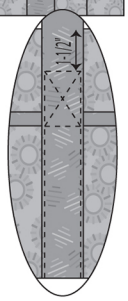
3. Center 5-1/2" x 14" fusible fleece adhesive side to wrong side of **Fabric B** 6-1/2" x 15" piece. Fusible fleece will not cover 1/2" on all edges. Fuse.



4. Arrange a handle on the front section as shown, with raw edges aligned and centered between the pleats in the front pocket. Make sure the handle is not twisted.

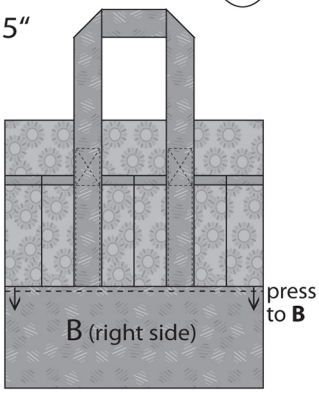


5. Stitch handle to front bag section, through all layers, from bottom edge to 1-1/2" below the top edge. DO NOT SEW ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP EDGE. Sew an enclosed "X" as shown to secure the handle.



6. Sew **Fabric B** 6-1/2" x 15" strip with fleece to the bottom of the front section, RST. Press seam down. Top stitch 1/8" below the seam.

7. Repeat Steps 1-6 to prepare a second Front Section (15" x 15" unfinished).



5. Assembling Outer Bag:

1. Arrange 8" x 10-1/2" fusible fleece adhesive side to wrong side of **Fabric B** 9" x 11" piece, aligning top edges. Fusible fleece will not cover 1/2" on sides and bottom edge. Fuse. Make 2 side pieces.

2. Referring to diagram on next page, sew a side RST to right and left sides of a Front Section, aligning top edges. Press seams to sides.

3. Sew the Front Sections RST, bottom edge to bottom edge. Press seam open. Top stitch 1/4" on each side of bottom seam.

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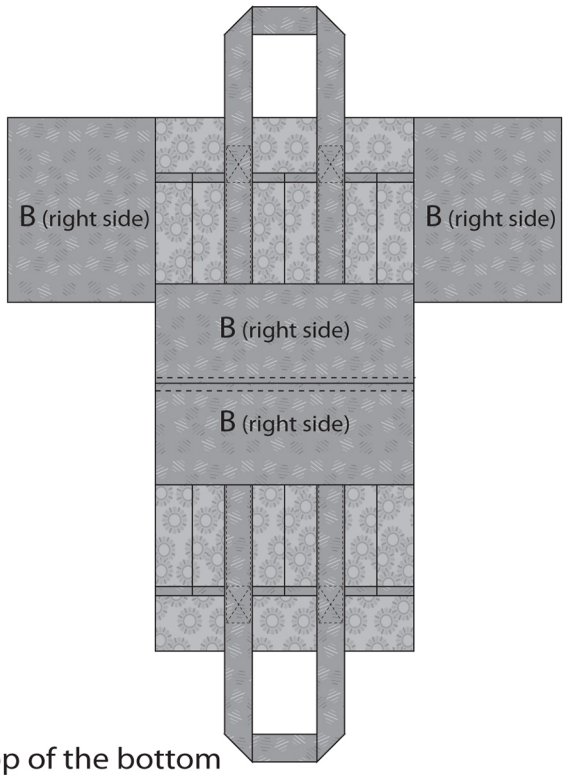
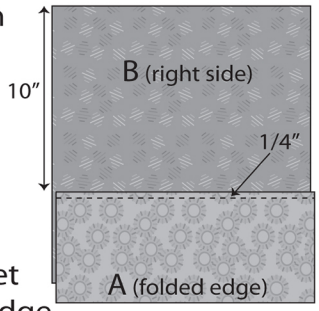
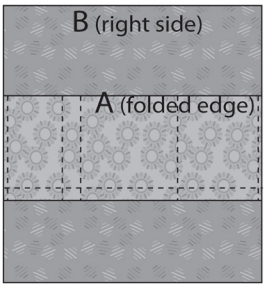


2. Arrange the pocket on the **Fabric B** 15" x 16" lining piece as shown, with folded edge of pocket down and with the raw edges 10" down from top of the lining piece. Stitch pocket to lining 1/4" from raw edge.

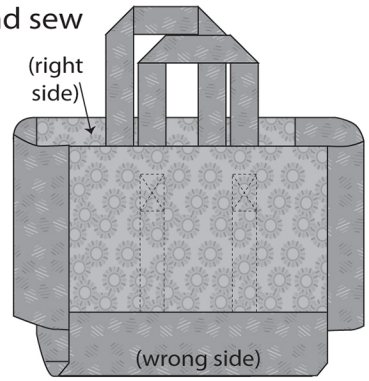


3. Fold the pocket up. Stitch 1/2" from the bottom of the pocket. Baste edges of pocket to lining. Stitch pocket dividers as desired.

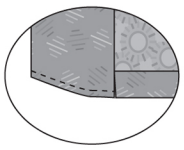


4. Repeat Steps 1-3 to prepare a second Lining Section (15" x 16" unfinished).

4. Fold top of the bottom Front Section up and sew RST to the sides, aligning top edges.

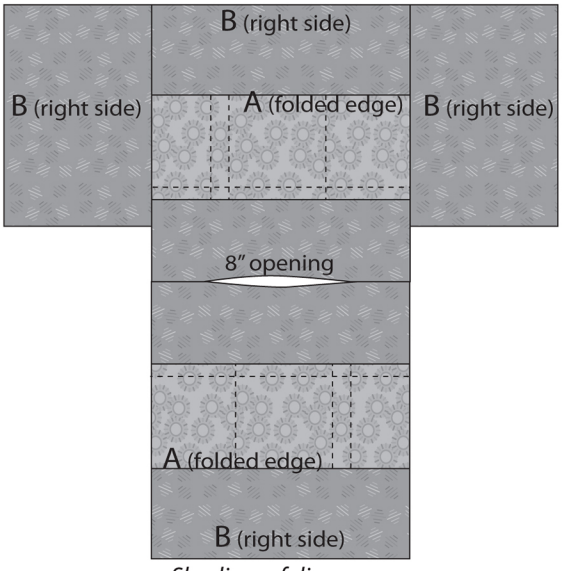


5. Sew the bottom of side pieces RST to the bottom of bag. This seam may require a little stretching or fitting, but this will not affect the finished look. It may help to pick out the bottom 1/2" of each side seam, but do not pick out too much! Turn RSO.



5. Referring to diagram below sew a **Fabric B** 9" x 12" lining side piece RST to right and left sides of a Lining Section, aligning top edges. Press seams to sides.

6. Sew the Lining Sections RST, bottom edge to bottom edge. Leave an 8" opening for turning. Press seam open.



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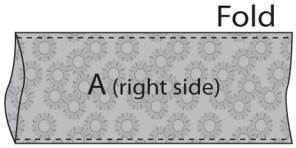
6. Assembling the Lining:

1. Fold the 12" x 15" **Fabric A** piece in half lengthwise, RSO. Top stitch 1/8" along both long edges. Make 2 lining pockets (6" x 15" unfinished).



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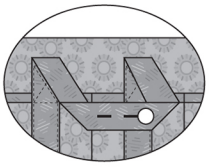
7. Referring to diagram for Step 4 from Assembling Outer Bag, fold top of the bottom Lining Section up. Sew RST to the lining sides, aligning top edges.

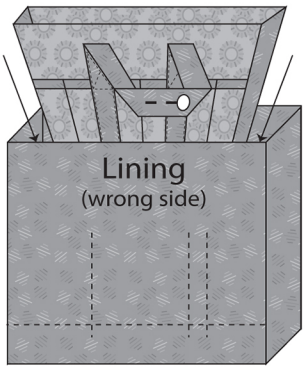
8. Referring to diagram for Step 5 from Assembling Outer Bag, sew the bottom of lining side pieces RST to the bottom of Lining Sections. This seam may require a little stretching or fitting, but this will not affect the finished look. It may help to pick out the bottom 1/2" of each side seam, but do not pick out too much! Leave wrong side out.

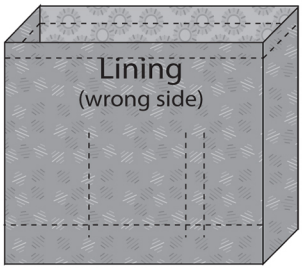
7. Finishing:

1. On Outer Bag , pin the handles down, at least 1" from the top of the bag.



2. With lining inside out, slide the Outer Bag into the lining. Align along top edges, matching side seams. Sew around top, 1/2" down from top edge.





3. Pull Outer Bag through opening in bottom of lining. Press top seam allowance toward lining.

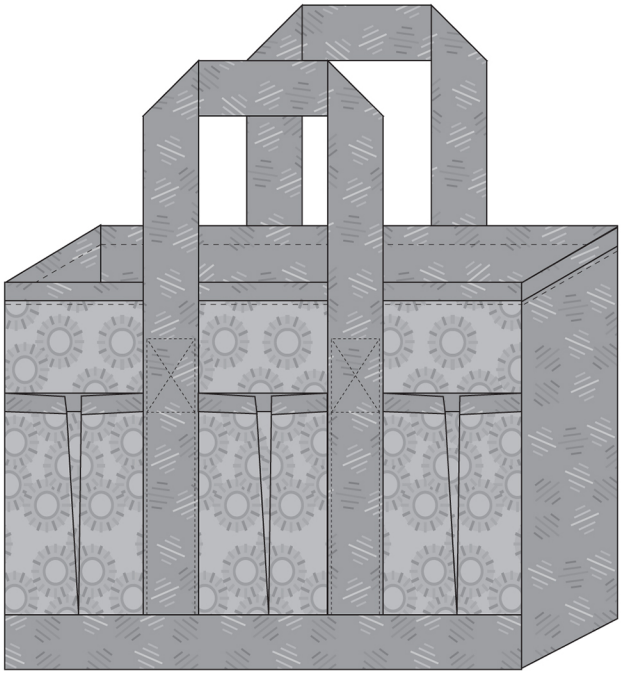
4. Hand or machine stitch the opening in bottom of lining closed.

5. Fit the lining into the bag. The lining will create a 1/2" accent strip along the top of the Outer Bag. Top stitch all layers together just below the accent strip.

6. Hand tack the corners of the lining to the corners of the bag so the lining stays in place.

7. Pull the bobbin threads holding the pocket pleats in place, then remove the other thread. If the threads don't pull out, they can be carefully picked out.

8. Enjoy your garden tote bag!



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Fabric A Cutting Chart for Border Stripes

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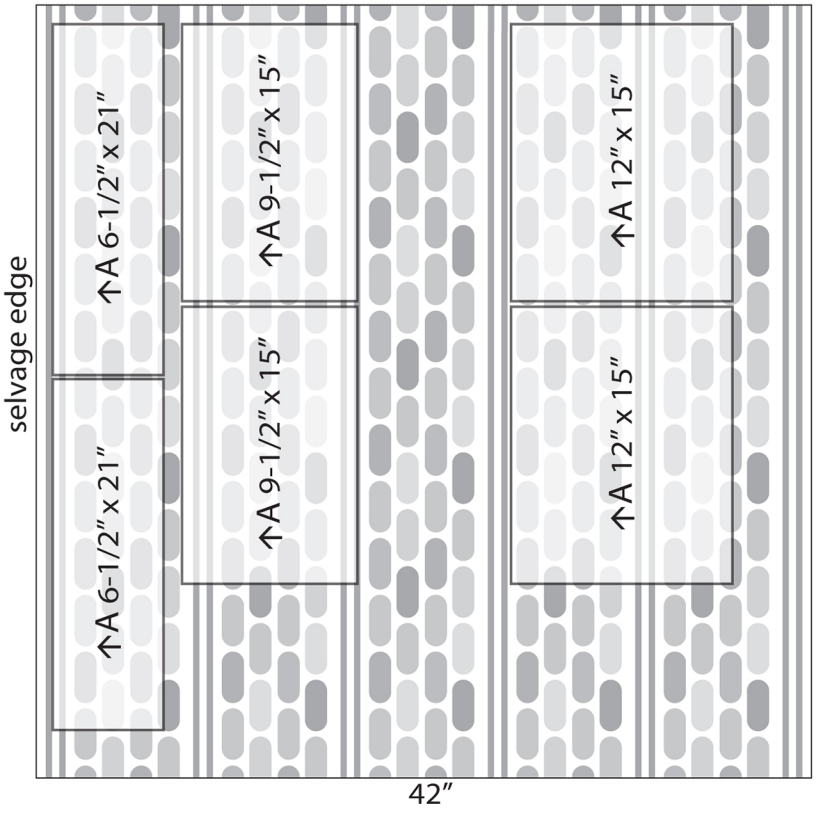
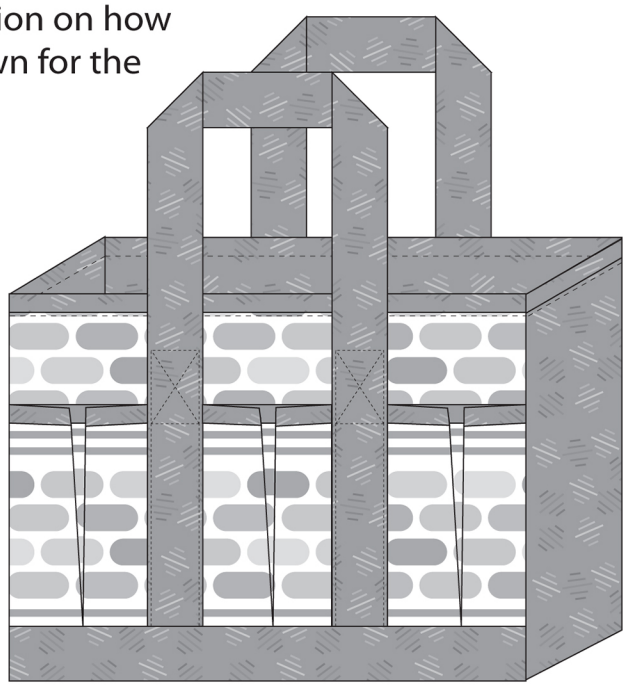


Refer to color image of tote for suggestion on how to cut stripes for the same effect shown for the fabric you are using.



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