

Sail Away



Make a tote to match your quilt to hold summer beach or picnic items.

INSTRUCTIONS

Completing the Tote

Step 1. Join the D rectangles on the 14" sides to make a 14" x 28" D rectangle; press seam open.

Step 2. Sandwich batting between the D and G pieces as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1

Step 3. Draw a line 2" from each side of the center seam line and machine-quilt

along the marked lines.

Step 4. Draw two diagonal lines on one end of the bag and quilt on the lines as shown in Figure 2.

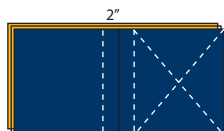


Figure 2

Step 5. Mark lines 1/2" from each diagonal line; machine-quilt on marked lines referring to Figure 3.

Step 6. Mark a line 2" from the unquilted end of the bag as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 3

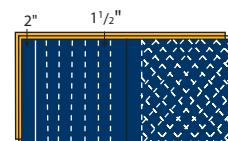


Figure 4

Mark lines 1/2" apart to the previously quilted line, again referring to Figure 4; machine-quilt on 1/2" marked lines to complete quilting. *Note: Do not machine-quilt on the line marked 2" from the end.*

Step 7. Fold each A and B square in half on one diagonal; press. Fold in half again as shown in Figure 5 to make prairie points.

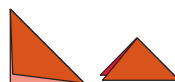


Figure 5

Step 8. Center and place the raw edge of the A prairie point on the unstitched, marked 2" line as shown in Figure 6; machine-baste to hold in place.



Figure 6

SPECIFICATIONS

Skill Level: Beginner

Tote Size:

Approximately

9 1/2" x 11 3/4" x 4"

Step 9. Place the raw edges of B prairie points 2" from each long side edge of D along the marked 2" line, again referring to Figure 6; machine-baste to hold in place.

Step 10. Pin one edge of the C strip along the marked 2" line with raw edge even with raw edges of A and B pieces as shown in Figure 7; stitch in place. Press C to the right side. *Note: C will extend beyond the end of D.*

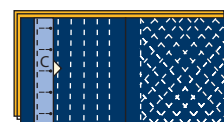


Figure 7







Step 11. Pin the remaining long raw edge of C to the raw end of D as shown in Figure 8; stitch. Press with excess folded along the A-B edge to form a pleat, again referring to Figure 8.



Figure 8

Step 12. Fold the bag panel with right sides together; stitch side seams.

Step 13. Fold the E strips in half with wrong sides together along the length to complete two binding strips; press.

FABRIC	#STRIPS & PIECES	CUT	#PIECES	SUBCUT
Measurements based on 42" usable fabric width.				
 1— 7" A square cream/gold print*				
 1/8 yard medium blue print*	1	3" x 14" C		
 1/4 yard red/gold print*	2	5" B squares		
 1/4 yard red print*	2	2 1/4" x 42" E binding		
 1/2 yard flag print*	1	14" x 28" G		
 1/2 yard navy tonal*	1	14" x 42"	2	14 1/4" D rectangles

SUPPLIES

- Batting 14" x 28" and (2) 1" x 17 1/2"
- 1 yard 1"-wide red webbing
- Neutral color all-purpose thread
- Basic sewing tools and supplies
- Quilting thread

*Sail Away fabric collection by Exclusively Quilters used to make sample.

Step 14. Pin one binding strip to one stitched side seam, matching raw edges; stitch. Turn the strip over the seam and machine-stitch in place to finish seam; trim excess at ends even with bag ends. Repeat on remaining side seam.

Step 15. Cut a 2" x 2" square out of each bottom corner as shown in Figure 9. Place cut edges together and stitch to form square corners as shown in Figure 10. Bind side seam with trimmed-off binding-strip pieces.

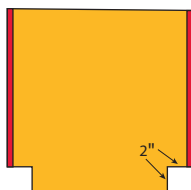


Figure 9

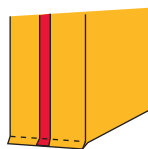


Figure 10

Step 16. Matching raw edges of the remaining long binding strip to the top of the wrong side of the bag, stitch all around, overlapping the binding ends 1/2"; trim excess and fold raw edge under. Fold strip to the right side of the bag and machine-stitch in place to hold.

Step 17. Cut the 1"-wide red webbing into two equal lengths for handles.

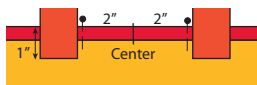
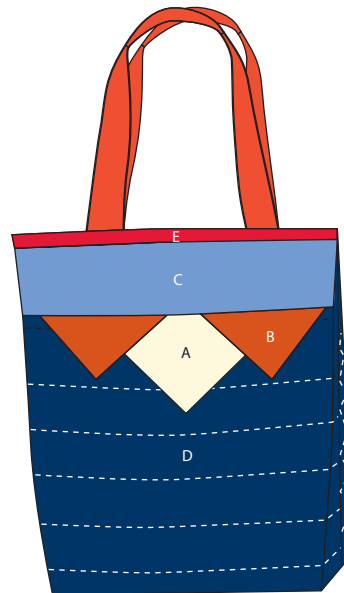


Figure 11



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Placement Diagram Approximately 9 1/2" x 11 3/4" x 4"

Step 18. Measure 2" from the inside of each side of the bag and place a pin as shown in Figure 11. Place the end of each webbing handle on the inside of the bag, with 1" on

the inside of the bag and inner edge of the webbing aligned with the pin; stitch in place at the top and bottom edge of the binding strip at the top of the bag to finish. **QW**