

Tasty Totes

This fun tote design is so addicting that you'll want to make more than one!

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Tote Size: 10" high x 8" wide by 6" deep

Fabric: Weekends by Erin McMorris

YOU'LL NEED

Large Bag

- 1/4 yard each of an outlined floral, a mini mosaic, a medium floral and an orange large floral
- 5/8 yard of a brown abstract floral
- 1/2 yard of fusible fleece

Medium Bag

- 1/3 yard of a medium floral
- 1/3 yard of a mini mosaic print
- 3/8 yard of fusible fleece

CUTTING ✂

LARGE BAG
FROM EACH OF
THE 1/4 YARD CUTS
(2) 4-1/2" x 7" pieces

**BROWN ABSTRACT
FLORAL**
(2) 13-1/2" x 15" pieces
(2) 4-1/2" x 13-1/2" pieces
(2) 2" x 35" strips

FUSIBLE FLEECE
(2) 12" x 13-1/2" pieces

MEDIUM BAG
MEDIUM FLORAL
(1) 5-1/2" x 42" strip;
recut into (2) 5-1/2" x 10" pieces
(1) 2" x 42" strip;
recut into (2) 2" x 21" pieces

MINI MOSAIC
(1) 10" x 42" strip;
recut into (2) 10" x 11" pieces
and (2) 3-1/2" x 10" pieces

FUSIBLE FLEECE
(2) 9" x 10" pieces

Kit

To order a kit for this project, contact Canton Village Quilt Works at 860-693-0661 or online at cvquiltworks.com. The kit (fabric and fusible fleece to make the complete bag) is \$18.50 + s&h for the large bag and \$10 + s&h for the medium bag. CT residents add 6% sales tax.



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MAKING THE LARGE BAG

1 Make an elongated four-patch using (4) different 4-1/2" x 7" pieces. Make a second four-patch unit.

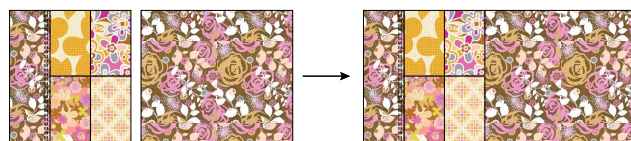
2 Fuse a four-patch unit to the 12" x 13-1/2" piece of fusible fleece and quilt as desired. Stitch a 4-1/2" x 13-1/2" brown abstract floral piece to the bottom edge, fuse down, and topstitch (2) lines 1/4" apart. Repeat with the second four-patch unit.

MAKING THE OUTER BAG



3 Sew a 13-1/2" x 15" brown abstract floral lining piece, right sides together to the long edge of the four-patch of each outer bag unit from Step 2. Note: You may need to trim the lining slightly depending on the density of the outer bag quilting.

JOINING THE OUTER BAG AND LINING



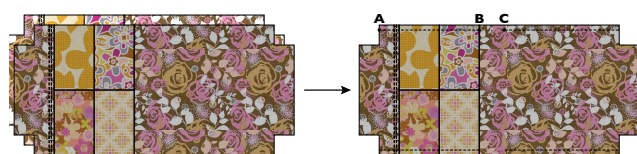
4 Use a pencil to draw a 2-1/4" square in each of the (4) corners of each unit from Step 3. Cut out these corner squares with a scissors.

REMOVING THE CORNER SQUARES



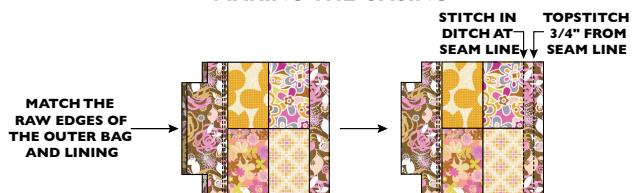
5 Layer the units right sides together, matching seams. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew from point A to B and back tack at point B. Start again at point C, 3/4" above the seam line; back tack to secure and continue the seam to the end of the lining. Repeat on the opposite side. Press seams open.

SEWING THE SIDE SEAMS



6 Turn the bag right side out and place lining inside the outer bag. Align the bottom of the lining and outer bag and press a crease along the top so that you see a strip of the lining fabric. Stitch around the top of the bag on the seam line as shown. Stitch around the top of the bag 3/4" up from the first line to create a casing for the drawstrings.

MAKING THE CASING



7 Pull the lining away from the outer bag to expose the wrong sides of the lining and outer bag. Sew outer bottom seam together. Fold each side seam to match raw edges with the bottom seam and sew the boxed openings closed. Repeat for the lining, leaving a 3" opening along the bottom seam for turning. Turn the bag right side out and slip stitch lining opening closed.

STITCHING THE BOTTOM



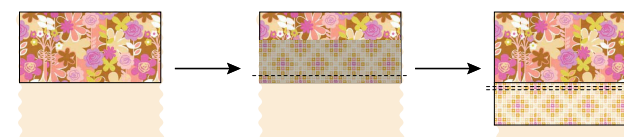
8 Fold each 2" x 35" brown abstract floral strip in half lengthwise and press. Open and fold raw edges in toward the centerline and press again. Topstitch together. Attach the drawstring to a safety pin and feed it through the casing, beginning and ending at one side seam. Knot the ends. Repeat with the second drawstring, beginning and ending at the opposite side seam.



MAKING THE MEDIUM BAG

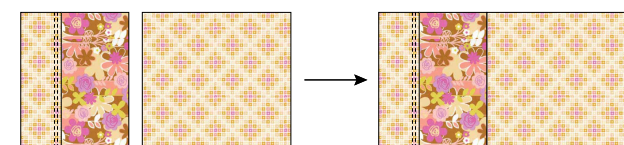
1 Fuse a 5-1/2" x 10" medium floral piece on a 10" x 11" piece of fusible fleece as shown and quilt as desired. With right sides together, place the 3-1/2" x 10" mini mosaic piece on top and sew together through all layers. Press the mini mosaic piece down, fuse in place, and topstitch (2) lines 1/4" apart. Repeat to make a second outer bag unit.

MAKING THE OUTER BAG



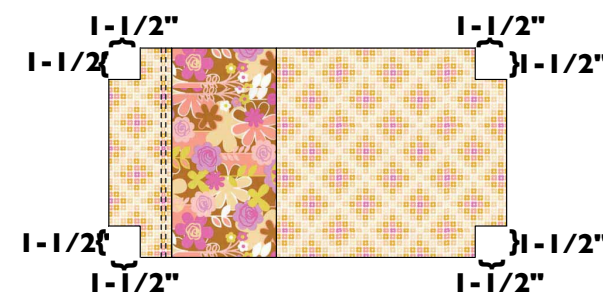
2 Sew a 10" x 11" mini mosaic lining piece right sides together to the long floral edge of each outer bag unit from Step 1. Note: You may need to trim the lining slightly depending on the density of the outer bag quilting.

JOINING THE OUTER BAG AND LINING



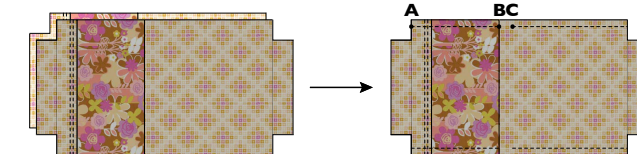
3 Use a pencil to draw a 1-1/2" square in each of the (4) corners of each unit from Step 2. Cut out these corner squares with a scissors.

REMOVING THE CORNER SQUARES



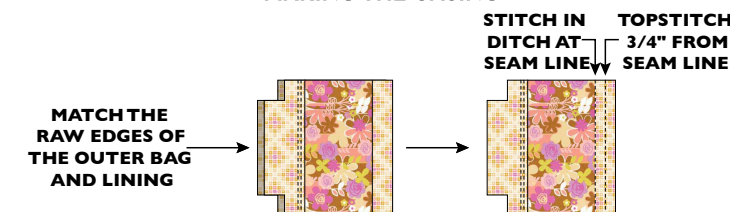
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STITCHING THE BOTTOM



7 Fold each 2" x 21" medium floral strip in half lengthwise and press. Open and fold raw edges in toward the centerline and press again. Topstitch together. Attach the drawstring to a safety pin and feed it through the casing, beginning and ending at one side seam. Knot the ends. Repeat with the second drawstring, beginning and ending at the opposite side seam.

Tasty Totes Small Bag

Materials:

1/4 yard each of an outlined floral
and a lilac circle print
1/4 yard of fusible fleece

Cutting:

OUTLINED FLORAL
(2) 6" squares

LILAC CIRCLES
(2) 6" x 8" pieces
(2) 2" x 15" strips

INTERFACING
(2) 6" squares



Sewing Directions:

Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise stated.

1 Fuse the 6" interfacing squares to the wrong sides of the (2) 6" outlined floral outer bag squares.

2 Sew a 6" x 8" lilac circles lining piece right sides together to a fused outer bag square along a short edge. Topstitch (2) lines 1/4" apart as shown. Repeat with the remaining set.

3 Continue following steps 3-7 for the medium bag, cutting a 1" square in each corner and using the 2" x 15" lilac circle strips for drawstrings.