

Country Cardinals

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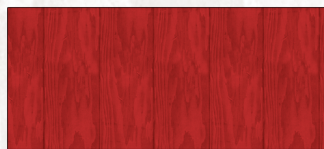


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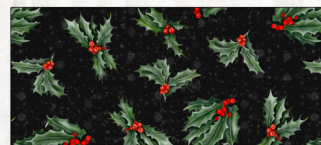
Approx. 16" x 16" x 4"



A 3059-20052-319
Main Fabric
2/3 yd.



B 3059-20058-333
Trim, Handles &
Main Lining
1 1/8 yds.



C 3059-20056-973
Inside Pockets
1/2 yd.



D 3059-20057-393
Lining Bottom
1/3 yd.

ALSO Requires:
One button
1/4 yd. Interfacing
2/3 yd. Fusible
Fleece

Fussy Cutting May Be Required



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BASIC Tote Bag #2 - Version 2

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Please read all instructions carefully AND identify all fabrics before beginning.

All instructions include a 1/4" seam allowance and strips are cut selvage to selvage, unless stated otherwise.

1. Cut the following:

Fabric A:

For Horizontal Stripe Tote: Cut (1) 20" strip,
subcut (2) 10" x 20" pieces

For Vertical Stripe Tote: Cut (1) 10" strip,
subcut (2) 10" x 20" pieces

For Panel Tote: Fussy cut (2) 10" x 20" pieces

Fabric B - Cut (1) 12-1/2" strip, subcut

(2) 12-1/2" x 20" bag lining pieces

Cut (1) 7-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 7-1/2" x 20"
pieces and (1) 2" x 6" strip

Cut (2) 5" strips, subcut (2) 5" x 40" strips

Cut (1) 3-1/2" strip, subcut (2) 3-1/2" x 20"
pieces

Fabric C - Cut (1) 12" strip, subcut (2) 12" x 20"
pocket pieces

Fabric D - Cut (1) 7-1/2" strip, subcut
(2) 7-1/2" x 20" lining bottom pieces

Interfacing - Cut (2) 2-1/2" x 40" strips

Fusible Fleece - Cut (2) 20" x 21" pieces

2. Piecing Order:

1. Sew 3-1/2" x 20"

Fabric B strip to
top of a 10" x 20"

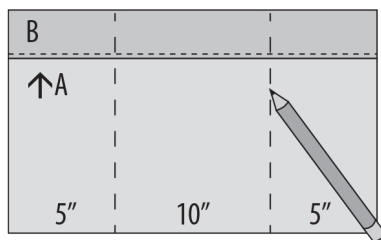
Fabric A piece
with 1/2" seam.

Press seam up.

Topstitch 1/4" above

seam. Mark right side of fabrics as shown.

The handles will cover the marks. Make a total
of 2 tote fronts (12-1/2" x 20" unfinished).



2. Center a 2-1/2" x 40"

interfacing piece

on a **Fabric B** 5" x 40"

piece. Fold long sides into center, wrong sides
together. Fold in half lengthwise to make a
1-1/4" x 40" handle. Baste layers together
down center of handle. Make a total of 2
handles. Quilt, if desired.



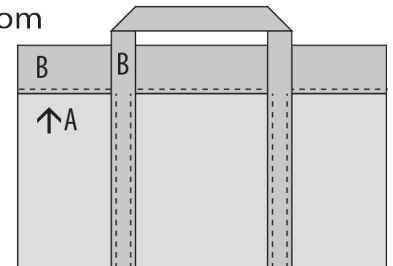
3. Fold **Fabric B** 2" x 6" strip wrong sides
together in half lengthwise and press to
crease. Fold long edges to center crease on
wrong side. Fold in half lengthwise right sides
together and press. Topstitch close to open
edge for button loop.



4. Center a handle from

Step 2 over the
marks on the right
side of a tote front
as shown, bottom
edges even. Make
sure the handle is
not twisted.

Topstitch in place 1/4" on both long sides from
A/B seam to bottom edge. Repeat with
second handle and tote front.



5. Add 7-1/2" x 20"

Fabric B piece to
bottom of tote front
with 1/2" seam.

Press seam to

Fabric B piece.

Topstitch 1/4"

below seam. Fuse

fleece onto entire

wrong side. Quilt

as desired working

around the handle. Trim fleece even with

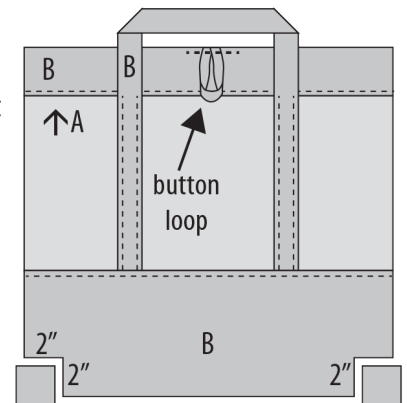
edges of tote front. Baste button loop centered

on top edge on one tote front. Cut 2"

squares from bottom corners of tote front.

Repeat to make second tote front.

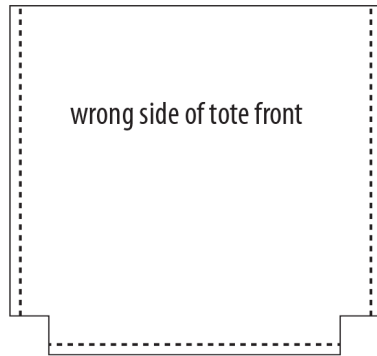
6. Pin handles down, away from top edge.



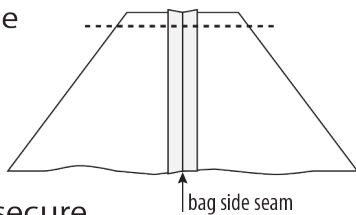
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7. Place tote fronts right sides together aligning all raw edges. Sew across the bottom and both sides with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press seams open.



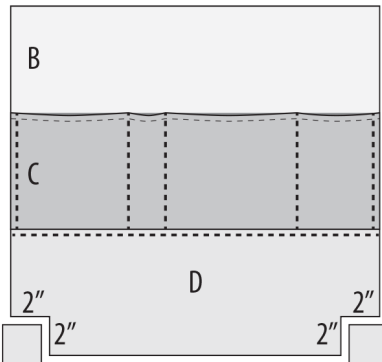
8. Leaving the tote fronts right sides together, fold a corner so the side and bottom seams are aligned. Sew opening closed with a 1/2" seam. Sew again, backstitching ends to secure.



9. Fold 12" x 20" **Fabric C** piece in half lengthwise (wrong sides together) so it is 6" x 20". Press flat. Topstitch 1/4" from folded edge. Make a total of 2 pockets.



10. Place a pocket on bottom edge of 12-1/2" x 20" **Fabric B** piece. Baste sides of pockets to **Fabric B** piece 1/4" from edge. Stitch pocket divisions as desired.



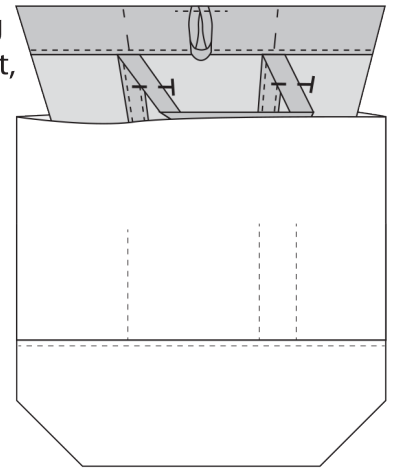
Sew **Fabric D** 7-1/2" x 20" piece to bottom of pocket with a 1/2" seam.

Press seam to **Fabric D** piece and topstitch 1/4" from seam on **Fabric D** piece. Cut 2" squares from bottom corners of bag lining. Make a total of 2 linings.

11. Place bag linings right sides together and sew together on bottom and sides as in Step 7, with a 1/2" seam, but leaving a 5" opening on bottom seam for turning bag.

12. Sew bottom corners of bag lining referring to Step 8.

13. With bag lining still wrong side out, slide the bag front into the lining. Align top edges and side seams. Pin together. Sew around top edge with a 1/2" seam allowance.



14. Turn bag right side out through opening in the lining. Stitch opening closed. Push lining down into bag and press top edge flat. Topstitch around top edge 1/4" from top. Finish topstitching the handles to bag fronts, continue along the edges of the handle loops. Remove all basting.

15. Close bag and fold button loop to front. Mark button placement. Stitch button in place. Enjoy your bag!