

# BASIC Tote Bag #1

## With Wrap-Around Pockets



Prints as shown may not  
be to exact scale.

**A**  
Main Exterior  
5/8 yard

**B**  
Pocket Exterior  
1/3 yd. Allover Print  
or  
2/3 yd. Vertical Striped  
Fabric

**C**  
Lining & Faux binding  
for Bag & Pocket  
7/8 yard

**D**  
Handles  
1/2 yard

**C & D Combined - 1 1/3 yards**

**ALSO Requires:**  
7/8 yd. Flannel or  
Fusible Fleece  
1/4 yd. Fusible  
Interfacing



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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** - Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip, subcut  
(2) 15-1/2" x 19" tote pieces

**Fabric B (all-over print)** - Cut (1) 6-1/2" strip,  
subcut (2) 6-1/2" x 19" pocket pieces  
-OR-

**Fabric B (stripe print)** - Cut 2 identical stripes  
the length of fabric, 6-1/2" to 9" wide by 19"  
long pocket pieces

**Fabric C** - Cut (1) 16-3/4" strip, subcut  
(2) 16-3/4" x 19" pieces tote lining  
Cut (1) 10-1/4" strip, subcut  
(2) 10-1/4" x 19" pieces pocket lining

**Fabric D** - Cut (2) 6" handle strips

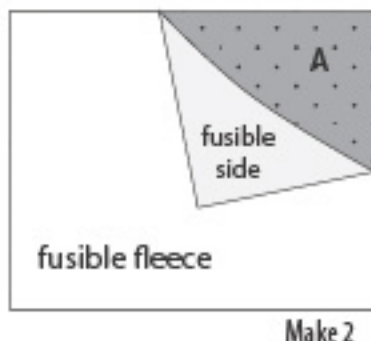
**Fusible Fleece** - Cut (1) 15-1/2" strip,  
subcut (2) 15-1/2" x 19" pieces  
Cut (1) 9" strip, subcut (2) 9" x 19"  
pieces

**Interfacing** - Cut (4) 1-3/4" strips

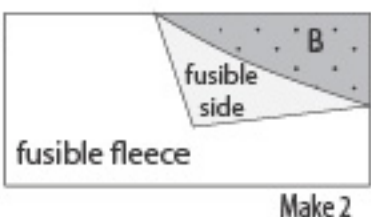
*NOTES: Backstitch to secure ends of stitching lines.  
Seam allowances are 1/2" unless stated otherwise.  
Shading of diagrams may vary depending on fabrics used.  
Arrows indicate orientation of directional prints when used.  
Dotted diagrams indicate wrong side of fabric.*

## 2. Piecing Order:

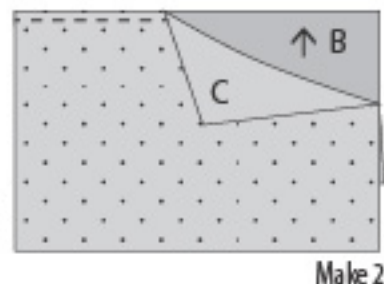
1. Fuse 15-1/2" x 19"  
fusible fleece to  
wrong side of  
each **Fabric A**  
15-1/2" x 19" piece.



2. Trim 9" x 19"  
fusible fleece pieces  
to same size of  
**Fabric B** pieces  
(if needed). Fuse  
to wrong side of  
**Fabric B** pieces.



3. Align long edge  
of a **Fabric C**  
10-1/4" x 19" piece  
with top of a  
**Fabric B** piece,  
right sides together.  
Stitch together with  
1/2" seam. Make 2.



4. Press seam allowance to **Fabric C**. Wrap  
**Fabric C** over the  
seam allowance so  
it is wrong sides  
together with the  
**Fabric B** piece.  
About 1/2" **Fabric C**  
will show above  
**Fabric B** side. Trim extra **Fabric C** as needed  
on bottom. "Stitch in the ditch" under seam  
line. Finish bottom edge by serging or sewing  
with a zigzag stitch. On **Fabric C**, draw a line  
1/2" from the bottom. Repeat to make a  
second Pocket Section.



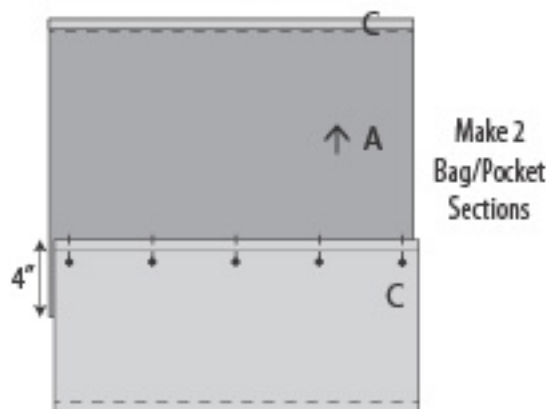
5. In the same manner as Step 3, align long  
edge of a **Fabric C** 15-1/2" x 19" piece with  
top of a **Fabric A** piece. Stitch together with  
1/2" seam.

6. Press seam allowance to **Fabric C**. Wrap  
**Fabric C** over the  
seam allowance so  
it is wrong sides  
together with the  
**Fabric A** piece. About 1/2" **Fabric C** will show  
above **Fabric A**. "Stitch in the ditch" along  
seam line. Trim extra Fabric C as needed on  
bottom. Repeat to make a second Bag  
Section.



7. Place a Bag Section with **Fabric A** side up  
on a flat work surface. Align a Pocket Section  
**Fabric B** side down on **Fabric A** with top of  
Pocket Section towards the bottom of Bag  
Section as shown in diagram on next page.  
The sections should overlap by 4". Pin all  
layers together along the marked line 1/2"  
from bottom of **Fabric C**. Repeat to make a  
second Bag/Pocket Section.

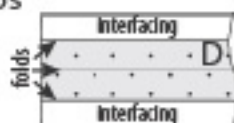
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8. Fold a **Fabric D** 6" strip in half lengthwise so it is 3" wide. Open then fold raw long raw edges to center fold and press again for a total of 3 equally spaced fold lines.



9. Fuse 1-1/4" interfacing strips centered on the wrong side of **Fabric D** strip as shown.



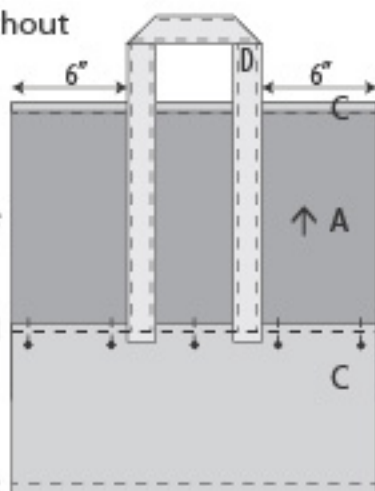
10. Refold so **Fabric D** strip is 1-1/2" wide. Topstitch 1/16" to 1/8" from each long edge to finish handle.



11. Repeat Steps 8-10 to make a second handle.

12. Pin a handle (without twisting) to a Bag/Pocket Section 6" from right and left edges and overlapping the line marked on **Fabric C** by 1/2" as shown.

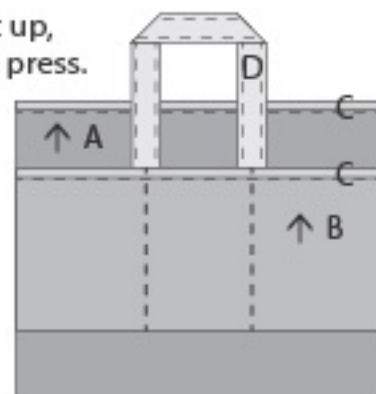
Stitch along marked line through all layers. Stitch 1/4" from handle edge, along outside of the handle from seam line to top of Bag Section around the loose handle and back down the Bag Section. Repeat on inside edge of handle. Add second handle to remaining Bag/Pocket Section.



13. Press each pocket up, over the handles and press.

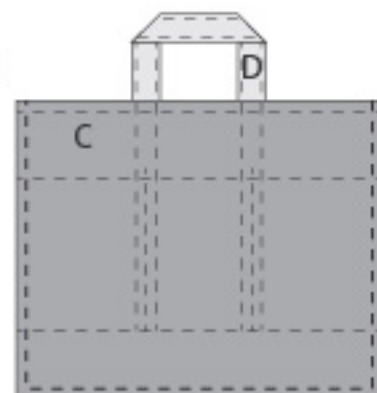
Sew center pocket divisions by sewing through all layers centered over handles. Stitching lines can be moved to make the center pockets narrower or wider as desired.

Repeat on the other Bag/Pocket Section.

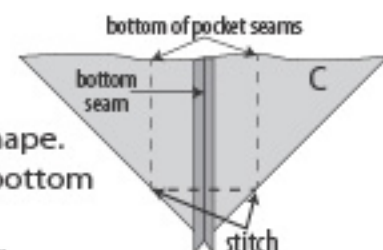


14. Serge, or stitch with zigzag, over all side and bottom raw edges of both sections.

15. Align Bag/Pocket Sections, pocket sides in, with top and side edges aligned. Sew together on both sides and bottom with 1/2" seam. Press seams open.



16. Align side and bottom seams on 1 bottom corner of bag to create a "V" shape. Viewing it from the bottom seam, sew across the corner just under the seams for pocket bottoms to form gusset. Repeat on other bottom corner.



17. Turn bag right side out. Lay gusset corners on bottom of bag and tack in place. Tack edges of side seam allowances to sides of bag. Finished bag is approximately 12" wide x 12" tall x 6" deep. Enjoy!

