

A Day at School

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Tote



Featuring fabrics from the **A Day at School** collection by **Lilac Bee Designs** for **STUDIO · e · fabrics**

Fabric Requirements

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| (A) 7174-81 | 5/8 yard |
| (B) 1351-Royal*..... | 1/4 yard |
| (C) 7177-09 | 1/8 yard |
| (D) 7181-99 | 1/2 yard |
| (E) 7178-88 | 1/4 yard |
| (F) 7179-86 | 5/8 yard |
| Fusible Fleece | 5/8 yard |

Additional Supplies Needed

Piecing and sewing thread
Quilting and sewing supplies
Fusible Fleece

* Just Color! Collection

Project Information

Tote designed by Heidi Pridemore
Finished Tote Size 15" x 15" x 3"
Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fabrics in the Collection



Patch Work
Multi - 7173-81



Stripe
Multi - 7174-81



Animal Toss
Light Blue - 7175-11



Rainbow Toss
Light Blue - 7176-11



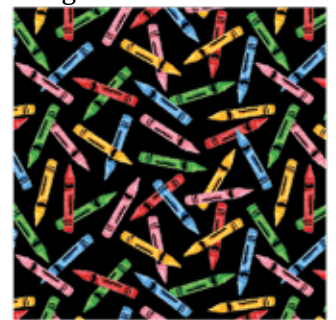
Maze Allover
White - 7177-09



Clock Toss
Red - 7178-88



Number Toss
Multi - 7179-86



Crayon Toss
Black - 7180-99



Chalkboard
Black - 7181-99



36 Inch Book Panel
Multi - 7182P-81

Select Fabrics from
Just Color!



Pigment White
1351-Pigment White



Royal
1351-Royal



Sunshine
1351-Sunshine

Cutting

Cutting Instructions

Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

WOF= Width of Fabric • LOF = Length of Fabric

Fabric A (7174-81 Stripe – Multi):

- Fussy cut (2) 6 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

Fabric B (1351-Royal Just Color! – Royal), cut:

- (2) 1 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut (4) 1 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

Fabric C (7177-09 Maze Allover – White), cut:

- (1) 2 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 2 ½" x 18 ½" strips.

Fabric D (7181-99 Chalkboard – Black), cut:

- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (4) 3 ½" x 7" strips.
- (2) 4" x WOF strips.

Fabric E (7178-88 Clock Toss – Red), cut:

- (1) 7" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3 ½" x 7" strips and (4) 5" x 7" strips.

Fabric F (7179-86 Number Toss – Multi), cut:

- (1) 17" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 17" x 18 ½" strips.

Fusible Fleece, cut:

- (1) 18 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 17" x 18 ½" strips.
- (2) 1" x WOF strips.

Sewing

Sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise indicated. Always press towards the darker fabric while assembling, unless otherwise noted by the arrows.

Tote Assembly

Note: *Pay attention to the unit orientations when assembling the various components.*

1. Sew (1) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric B strip to the top and bottom of (1) $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric A strip. Sew (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric C strip to the top of the newly sewn strip to make (1) Unit 1 strip (Fig. 1). Repeat to make a second Unit 1 strip.

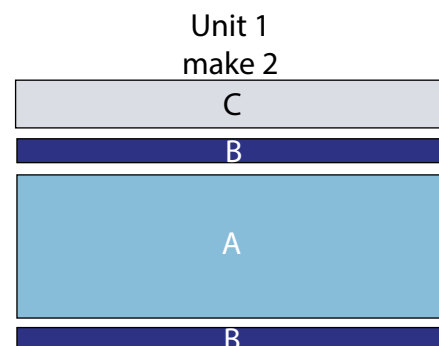


Fig. 1

2. Sew together (1) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" Fabric D strip to each side of (1) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" Fabric E strip lengthwise. Sew (1) 5" x 7" Fabric E strip to each end of the newly sewn strip to make (1) Unit 2 strip (Fig. 2). Repeat to make a second Unit 2 strip.

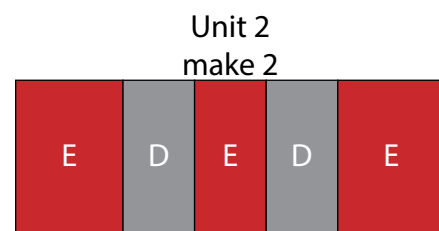


Fig. 2

3. Sew (1) Unit 1 strip to the top of (1) Unit 2 strip lengthwise to make the Tote Front (Fig. 3). Repeat to make the Tote Back.

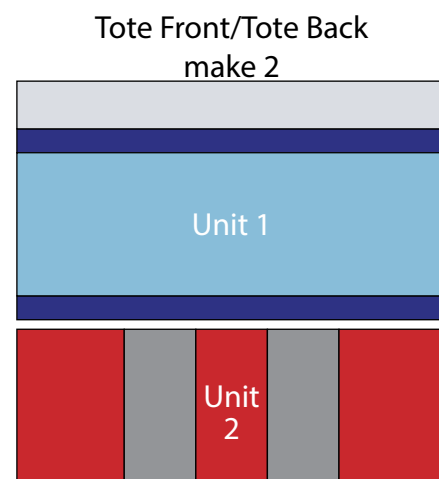


Fig. 3

4. Press (1) 17" x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Fusible Fleece strip onto the back side of the Tote Front and quilt as desired. Repeat to with the remaining 17" x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " Fusible Fleece strip and the Tote Back.

5. Place the (2) 17" x 18 ½" Fabric F strips right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning to create the lining.

6. Measure in from the side edge 1 ½" and up from the bottom edge, 1 ½" at each bottom corner. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 4). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 5). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom on the Lining.

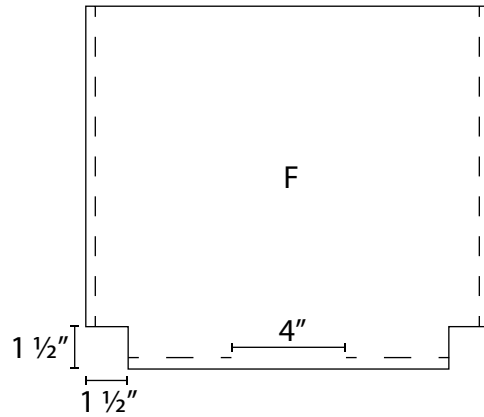


Fig. 4

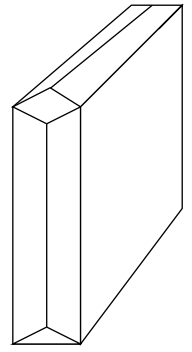


Fig. 5

7. Place the Tote Front and Tote Back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom to make the Tote Body.

8. Repeat Step 6 to create a box corner on each bottom corner of the Tote Body.

9. Fold (1) 4" x WOF strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 6). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased center line and press (Fig. 7).

10. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make one 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 8). Slide one 1" strip of fusible fleece into the handle and press. Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge (Fig. 9).

11. Repeat Steps 9-10 to make a second Strap.

12. Trim the straps to the desired length.

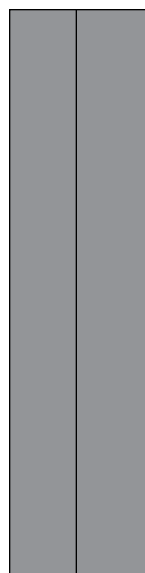


Fig. 6

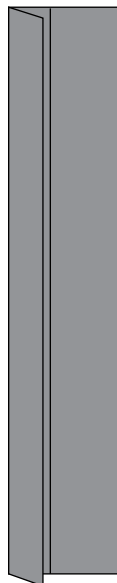


Fig. 7

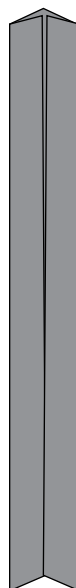


Fig. 8

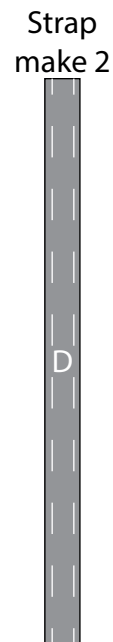


Fig. 9

Strap
make 2

13. Position and pin one end of (1) Strap to the Tote Front 2 ½" from the left side seam, aligning the raw edge of the strap with the top of the bag. Pin and sew in place using 1/8" seam allowance. Repeat with the other end of the strap and the right side of the Tote Front (Fig. 10).

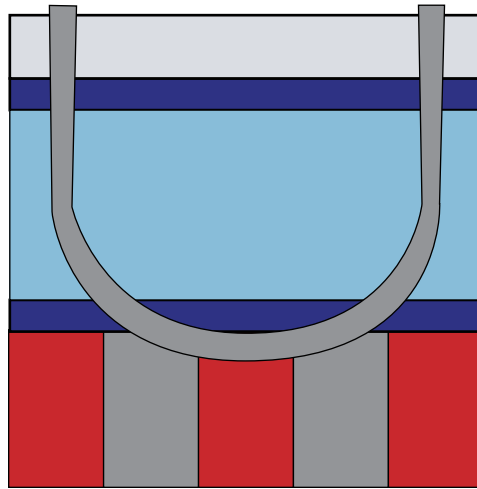


Fig. 10

14. Place the Tote Body right sides together with the Lining, aligning the top raw edges of the Tote and Lining with the strap between the layers and pin together. Sew the Lining and Tote together. Turn the Tote and Lining right side out through the opening in the Lining. Press as needed and top stitch the opening closed. Put the Lining into the Tote, aligning the sides and bottom, to complete.