

REVERSIBLE TIKI TOTE BAG

Midnight Quilt Show Challenge Episode



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TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1. PATTERN:** Be sure to read through your entire pattern before you begin cutting your fabrics! If for any reason a newer version of your pattern becomes available, we'll send you an email with instructions about how to access it.
- 2. BLADE:** Is your rotary blade sharp and ready? A sharp blade will require you to use less energy when cutting! If you see small threads still intact when you cut through your fabric, that's a good indication it's time to change your blade.
- 3. MACHINE:** Prepare for sewing success by ensuring that your sewing machine needle is sharp. Are you experiencing breakage of your top thread, or skipped stitches? Do you hear a quiet popping sound when your needles move through the fabric? These are all signs that your needle is dull and it's time for a change.

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MATERIALS

Dimensions	Bag Top & Lining	Fusible Interfacing	Batting
15" x 20"	1 Jelly Roll Or (31) 2½" x WOF strips	1 yd	1¼ yds of 22" wide fusible fleece OR 22" x 36" piece of quilt batting

Recommended Materials

- Rotary cutter with sharp blade
- 5½" wide quilting ruler
- Cutting mat
- 50wt cotton thread
- Scissors

General Guidelines

Please read the entire pattern once through before starting. Use a ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise directed. To ensure accurate cutting and yardage use, do not pre-wash fabric. WOF = width of fabric.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Cutting Instructions

From (15) jelly roll strips for exterior:

Cut (104) 2.5" x 5" rectangles total
(you can cut 8 rectangles per strip)

Cut (2) strips 2.5" x 20.5" (with careful cutting
you can get these 2 pieces from one strip)

From (12) jelly roll strips for lining:

Cut (10) strips into (2) 2.5" x 15" rectangles
for a total of (20) rectangles

Cut (2) 2.5" x 20.5" rectangles (with careful
cutting you can get these 2 pieces from one strip)

From (4) jelly roll strips for handles:

Trim each strip to 2.5" x 27"

From fusible fleece or batting:

Cut (2) 17" x 20.5" rectangles

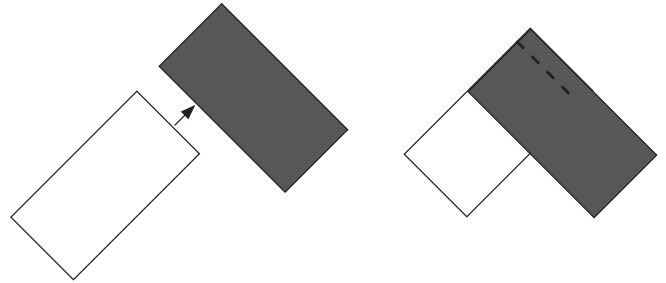
From fusible interfacing:

Cut (2) 2" x 27" strips

Bag Exterior Assembly

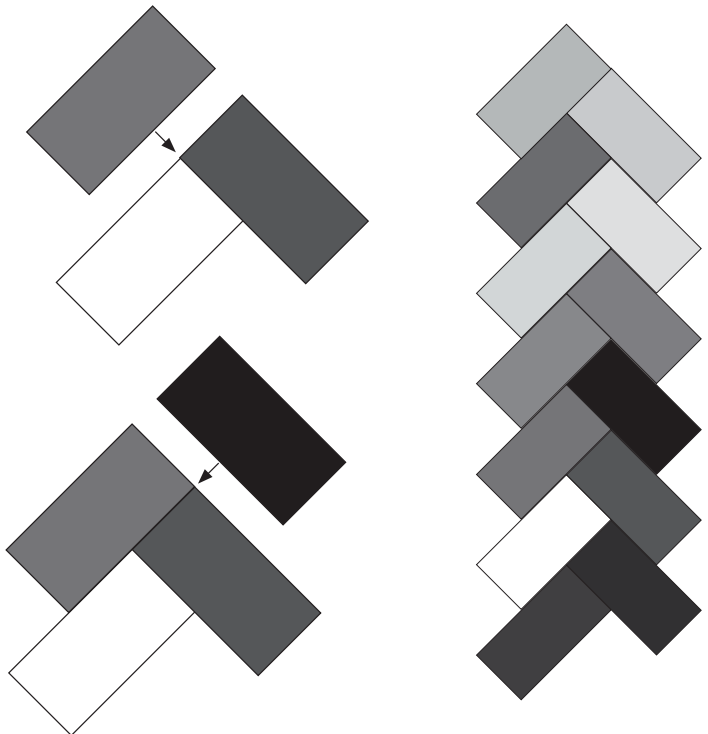
STEP 1

Arrange the 2.5" x 5" rectangles into (8) piles of (13) rectangles. Select (2) rectangles from one pile. Sew one rectangle right sides together with the second rectangle at a perpendicular angle as shown in the diagrams. Press open.



STEP 2

Now comes the fun part! Grab another 2.5" x 5" rectangle from the pile, and add it to the assembled unit as shown below. Press open. Then grab another 2.5" x 5" rectangle from the pile and add it to the other side of the assembled unit as shown. (Isn't this fun?) Keep adding rectangles as shown until you have used all (13) rectangles in the current pile.

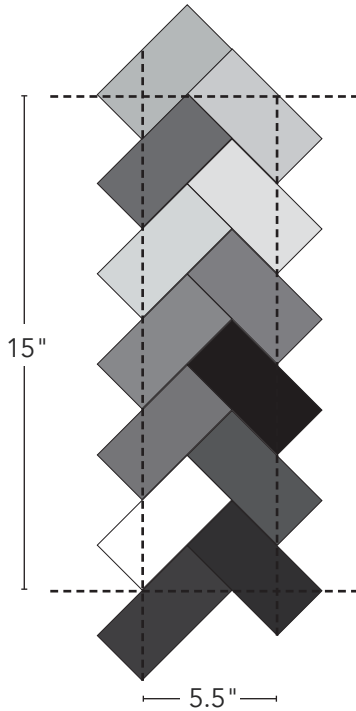


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STEP 3

Once you have sewn all (13) rectangles together, it is time to trim. Trim the assembled "braid" unit to 5.5" wide and 15" tall as shown.

(A 5.5" quilting ruler is very helpful!)



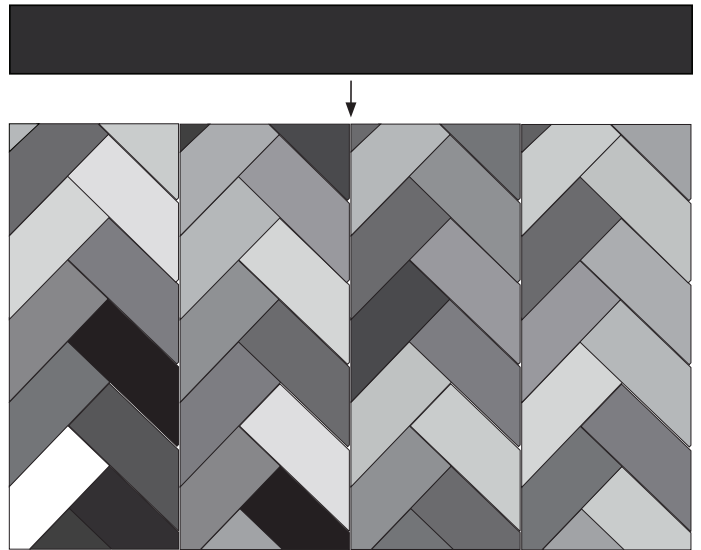
STEP 4

Repeat steps 1-3 with all remaining piles of 2.5" x 5" rectangles to make a total of (8) braided units. Sew (4) braided units together to make (1) exterior bag panel. Repeat with the remaining (4) braided units to make a total of (2) exterior bag panels.



STEP 5

Complete the exterior bag panels by sewing the 2.5" x 20.5" strips to the tops of both exterior bag panels. Press seams towards the top border strip. Exterior panel measures 17" x 20.5".



STEP 6

Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse (1) 17" x 20.5" rectangle of fusible fleece to the wrong side of (1) exterior bag panel. Repeat with remaining rectangle of fusible fleece and remaining exterior bag panel. You may quilt these pieces if desired.

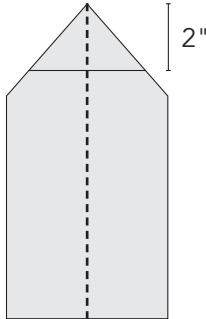
STEP 7

Sew the (2) exterior bag panels together, right sides together, along 3 sides. Reinforce the seams if desired by zigzag stitching over the seam allowance. Keep the bag wrong sides out. (Note: The side of the bag with the top border strip is the top of the bag. Sew the sides and the bottom).

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STEP 8

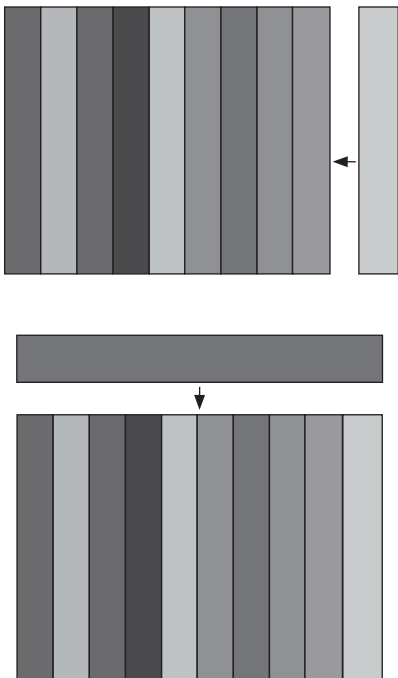
To box the corners, keep the bag wrong sides out and match the side seam and the bottom seam, flattening out the corner to create a triangle. Mark a line 2" down from the triangle point as shown. Sew directly on this marked line. (To reinforce, stitch seam twice). Then trim seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Repeat on the other side of the bag.



Lining Assembly

STEP 1

Sew (10) 2.5" x 15" strips together along the long edges and press seams. If necessary, trim to 20.5" wide. Sew (1) 2.5" x 20.5" strip to the top of the assembled unit and press seam towards the top strip. Repeat with remaining (10) 2.5" x 15" strips and (1) 2.5" x 20.5" strip to make a total of (2) panels measuring 17" x 20.5".



STEP 2

Right sides together, sew the lining panels together along the sides and bottom, but leave a 4-5" gap in the bottom seam so that you can turn the bag out later. Keep the lining wrong sides out.

STEP 3

Box corners of lining following the same method as described in Step 8 of exterior assembly.

Handles Assembly & Application

STEP 1

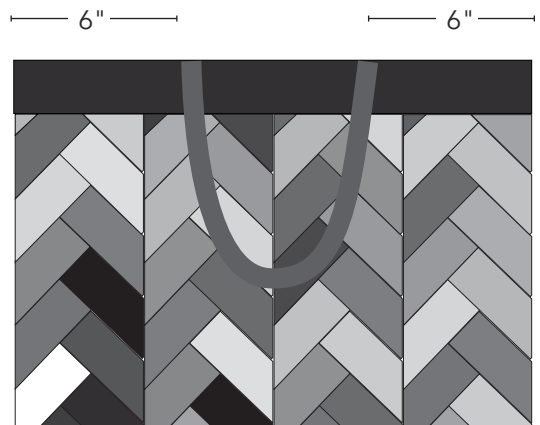
Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse (1) 2" x 27" strip of fusible interfacing to the center of (1) 2.5" x 27" handle strip. Repeat with remaining fusible interfacing strip and (1) more 2.5" x 27" handle strip. (Two handle strips will be interfaced, two handle strips will not have interfacing).

STEP 2

Sew (1) interfaced handle strip right sides together with (1) non-interfaced handle strip using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams down each long side. Turn handle inside out, press carefully, and edgestitch both long edges. Repeat with remaining handle strips to make (2) handles.

STEP 3

Place handles right sides together on the bag exterior panels, aligning the ends of the handles with the top edge of the bag. Place the outside edges of each handle 6" from the side seam of the bag. Make sure the handle isn't twisted. Pin in place and tack in place with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance. Repeat on other side with remaining



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handle.

Final Bag Assembly

STEP 1

Keeping the bag exterior right sides out, slip the bag exterior inside the lining (lining is wrong sides out), matching side seams and aligning the top raw edges. (Be careful to make sure that the handles are inside, between the two layers). Pin to secure. Sew around the top edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. If desired, reinforce the seam with a zigzag stitch on the seam allowances. Pull the exterior of the bag through the bottom opening in the lining, and tuck the lining inside the bag. Press the top edge of the bag so that the lining isn't visible from the outside of the bag, and topstitch around the top edge of the bag. Slipstitch the opening in lining closed.