

Reflection Tote Bag

Basic Supply List

Fabric for Your Project:

- Four continuous repeats of focus fabric (minimum repeat size 10")
- 1/2 yd. of 48" wide gridded fusible web (the size of the grid does not matter)
- 1/3 yd. of tote outside fabric
- 1/2 yd. of tote lining and handle.
- 1/8 yd. of fabric for accent (optional)

Basic Supplies:

- Reflection Pattern (DLQ-3 by Dragon Lady Quilts)
- Sewing Machine
- Rotary Cutter with a very sharp blade
- Flat Head (Flower Head) Pins
- 150 pins (any type of head will do as long as they are sharp)
- 24" Quilt Ruler
- Scissors - for cutting threads
- Seam Ripper
- Matching Thread
- Applique Pressing Sheet
- 24" x 18" cutting mat (minimum size)
- Iron and pressing board (optional but will allow you to work faster).

About Fabric

Fabric Quality. When fabrics are manufactured they are printed using large plates that are used to stamp the pattern on the fabric. These plates can range from about 8" up to 24" in size. A fabric repeat is printed on each half of the 22" width of fabric and may be offset. It is the near perfect repeat of the design and the bold pattern and colors that allow us to create the beautiful Reflection quilt. By taking advantage of the repeat of the fabric and cutting exact size squares, we can create some exciting looks.

Picking a Good Fabric. Any fabric with a distinct difference between the foreground and background may be used with this technique. Selecting a fabric that will yield good results in the finished quilt takes a little practice but is a lot of fun. Fabrics that have a good balance between the foreground images and the background give excellent results. For this reason fabrics with strong repeats are a good choice. Try to choose a fabric that has a good balance between the foreground objects and the background. Too much background can cause the quilt to have little interest and no place for the eye to rest. Too much foreground can cause the quilt to appear busy or overwhelming.

Words of Caution

Do **NOT** wash your focus fabric. Washing the fabric will remove the sizing and will skew the threads, rendering the fabric unusable for this technique. If you have concerns about the color bleeding, test a small part of the fabric that will not be used.