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Tuscany Tote

Short Description: The perfect bag to carry!!! A great tote bag on the smaller size....Grab it and go anywhere!!! This bag is perfect for all levels of experience!!!!

Long Description: The Tuscany Tote is a double handled tote bag with lots of pockets inside for lots of organization. Use dramatic focus fabric and you will grab the attention wherever you go. The bag features easy to sew box corners, interior pockets, no zippers, no hardware (well, maybe an optional magnetic snap closure). Instructions include color photos in each step.

Skill Level: Beginner

Finished size: 16 ½" wide at the top x 12" tall x 4" deep

Date & Time: March 13 9:30am – 3:30pm

Pattern—Tuscany Tote by Pink Sand Beach Designs
Pattern & materials available at Gigi's Fabric Shop.

Materials Needed (as written on the pattern & plus additional if you make the suggested changes)

Fabric 1 - Bag Top, small pocket	1/3 yard or 2 FQ
Fabric 2 – Small accent band, lining, pocket lining	½ yard or 2 FQ
Fabric 3 – Medium accent band, large pockets	1/3 yard or 2 FQ
Fabric 4 – Bag bottom, straps, pocket accent	1/3 yard or 2 FQ
*longer straps: add	¼ yard
Fusible Fleece Pellon 987	½ yard
Decorbond 809 fusible	¾ yard
Peltex 71F single sided fusible	1/8 yard

Other Materials:

Optional: Magnetic Snap (to use as top closure).

Suggested Modifications:

1. Deeper pockets----I have indicated in the cutting section below where the old and new size is. **One dimension (the width) increases by 2". It is your choice whether you wish to have larger pockets. If you are very careful cutting, additional fabric is not needed. I did not add to the fabric requirements.**

2. Longer and wider straps cut at 4 ¼ x WOF...cut to 26". The wider strap is a minor adjustment from 4" to 4 ¼". Your choice. The length of the straps in the pattern is 20". I

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found them too short and increased them to 26". You can always cut them longer and trim them to the desired length later. An additional ¼ yard will cover it.

Supplies Needed for Day of Class:

- Sewing machine with appropriate thread, zipper foot, walking foot
- Size 90/14
- Pins, rotary cutter, rulers (6 ½ x 12 is a useful size), cutting mat for personal use
- Pencil, chalk, water soluble pen or thin marker to mark with
- Wonder clips

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This is an all-day class. Feel free to bring something to eat and drink while you work on your project.

HOMEWORK...It is recommended to complete this before the day of the class to help ensure your finish the Tuscany tote the day of the class.

You will be cutting out all the pieces and interfacings needed before class begins. As you cut each piece, pin a label to the fabric. Do not fuse anything!!! We will fuse as we progress through the pattern.

You will be learning how to measure and cut fabrics, to use interfacings in bags to provide stability, how to modify a pattern & install a magnetic snap and continue to develop your skills of reading patterns.

Read through the directions on the pattern to familiarize yourself with the information.

The table below will assist in the cutting the various fabrics. Be sure to label the parts.

Cutting Instructions—Fabric & Interfacings:

From Fabric 1:	Number of pieces (#) & Size to cut:
Bag Top band – piece A	(2) 8" x 18"
Small pocket	(2) 3" x 18" or deeper (2) 5" x 18"
From Fabric 2:	
Small front accent- piece B	(2) 1" x 18"
Small pocket lining	(2) 3" x 18" or deeper (2) 5" x 18"
Lining	(2) 14" long x 17" wide
From Fabric 3:	
Medium front accent – piece C	(2) 1 ½" x 18"
Large Pockets	(2) 9 ½" x 17" or deeper (2) 11 ½" x 17"

From Fabric 4:	
Bag bottom – piece D	(2) 5 ½” x 18”
Small pocket accent	(2) 2 ½” x 18”
Straps (use the extra ¼ yard)	(2) 4 ¼” x WOF
From Interfacing:	Size to cut:
Fusible Fleece 987:	
Strap interfacing	(1) 1 ¼ strip; subcut depends on strap length (bring extra)
Bag outside interfacing	(2) 14 ½” long x 18” wide
Décor Bond 809	
Bag bottom/side interfacing	(2) 6” x 17”
Bag lining interfacing	(2) 14” long x 17” wide
** I skipped the decor bond in the straps	Bring extra....you may want to add it in
Peltex 71F	
Bag bottom	(1) 12” x 4”

We will begin with: Step 2 Prepare the bag front and back.

If you have any questions about the directions in the pattern or my instructions, do not hesitate to contact me at maryquilts913@gmail.com . I will be happy to give you a call and assist you over the phone or by email.

Enjoy, Mary

- * Doors open 15 minutes prior to class.
- * Do you need to rent a machine? Please call the shop and let us know at least 24 hours prior.