



# Posie Pop Tote

Finished Size: 11" x 12" x 3"

## Supplies Needed

- Land of Whimzie® Sweet Chic Bundle
- ½ yd Land of Whimzie® Sweet Chic By-the-Yard: Brown Multi Dot
- ½ yd Land of Whimzie® Sweet Chic By-the-Yard: Pink Fixed Floral
- ⅝ yd Pellon® fusible fleece (45" width)
- Coordinating threads: brown and white
- Removable fabric marker
- Cardboard or template plastic
- Rotary cutter, mat, and acrylic ruler
- Pinking shears or pinking rotary cutter
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron, pressing surface, pressing cloth



## Instructions

*Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not prewash fabrics. Before cutting, press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting. Use ½" seam allowance, sew with right sides together (RST) and press seams open unless otherwise noted. Use a pressing cloth when pressing fusible fleece.*

1. Print and cut out templates on page 5.

2. Cut the following and label:

<b>Fabric</b>		<b>Fusible Fleece</b> (see cutting chart)
<i>Brown Multi Dot</i>	2 - 15" x 15" (bag) 1 - 2 ½" x 28 ½" (strap lining)	2 - 15" x 15" 1 - 2 ½" x 28 ½"
<i>Pink Fixed Floral</i>	2 - 15" x 15" (bag lining)	
<i>Blue Geo</i>	1 - 6" x 12" (flower center)	1 - 6" x 6"
<i>White Multi Owls</i>	1 - 4 ½" x 18" (3 petals)	1 - 4 ½" x 9"
<i>Pink Tossed Animals</i>	1 - 4 ½" x 18" (3 petals)	1 - 4 ½" x 9"
<i>Lime Leafy Stripe</i>	1 - 4 ½" x 9" (leaves) 1 - 2" x 9" bias cut (stem)	1 - 4 ½" x 4 ½"
<i>Brown Paisley</i>	1 - 10" x 20" (pocket)	
<i>Each print</i>	2 - 2 ½" x 2 ½" - 14 squares total (pieced strap)	

**Care instructions:** Hand wash in cold water; line dry.  
Press gently if needed.

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### Fusible Fleece Cutting Chart

15" x 15" Bag Front	15" x 15" Bag Back	4 1/2" x 9" Petal 1	4 1/2" x 4 1/2" Leaves
		4 1/2" x 9" Petal 2	
		6" x 6" Flower Center	
Bag Strap		2 1/2" x 28 1/2"	

Fusible Fleece (22 1/2" x 45")

3. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the 15" fleece squares to the wrong side of each 15" Brown Multi Dot square (bag).

4. Using flower center, petal, and leaf patterns make templates from cardboard or template plastic

### 5. Flower Appliqué Construction:

#### Flower Center

- Place a fusible fleece square on the wrong side of the Blue Geo 6" x 12" strip at one end. Fuse then fold the opposite end over to enclose the fleece; press with the pressing cloth to make a "sandwich" for the flower center; pin.
- Following the pattern in the Blue Geo fabric, stitch a diamond pattern through all layers with brown thread to quilt the square (Dia. A). Trace around flower center template then cut 1/8" outside the marked line with the pinking tool.

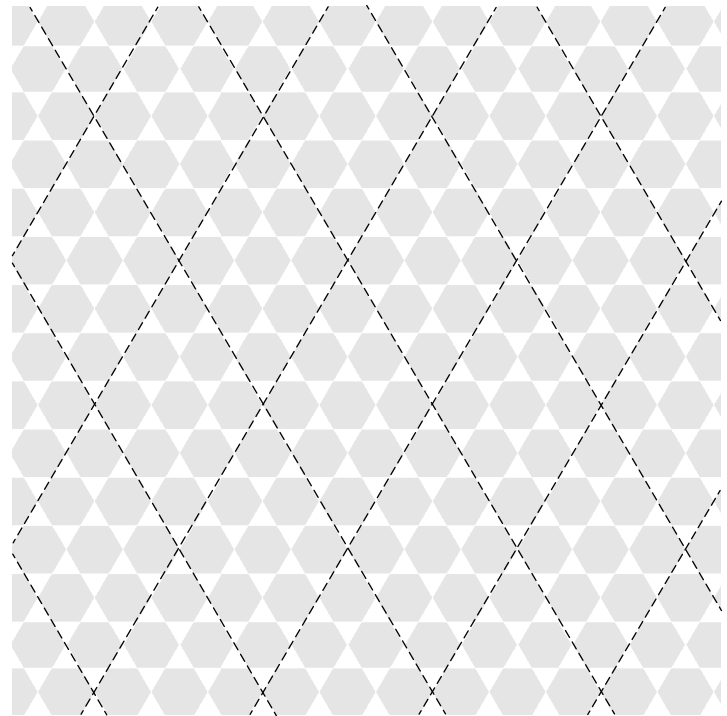
#### Flower Petals

- Following the fusible fleece directions for Flower Center, make a sandwich with each petal fabric using the White Multi Owls and Pink Tossed Animals 4 1/2" x 18" strips and 4 1/2" x 9" fusible fleece strips. Trace around the petal template three times as shown leaving 1/4" to 1/2" between the outside edges and petals (Dia. B).
- Pin layers together and sew along marked lines with white thread. Cut out all six petals 1/8" outside the stitching with the pinking tool.

#### Flower Leaves and Stem

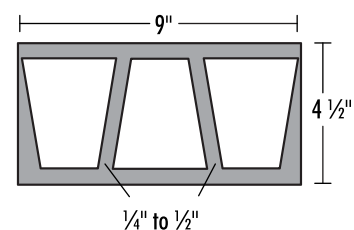
- Repeat to make two leaves with the Lime Leafy Striped fabric.  
*Note: Line up dashed center line of template along stripe in fabric.*
- Fold the 2" x 9" bias cut strip (stem) in half with the wrong sides together. Sew 1/4" from raw edges. Press seam open and center it on the back; press stem flat.

Dia. A



Stitching Pattern for Flower Center

Dia. B

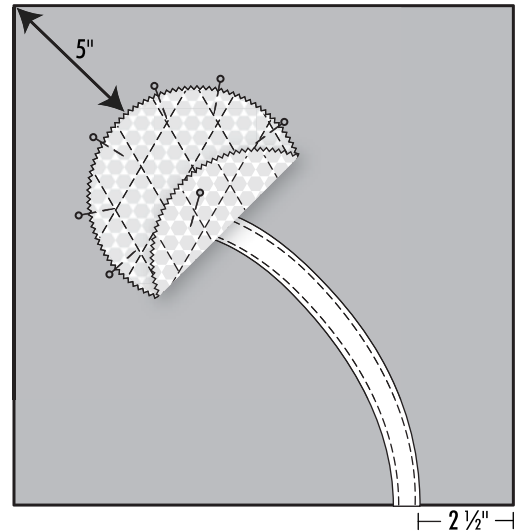


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### Flower Placement

- Place the edge of the flower center about 5" from the upper left corner of one Brown Multi Dot 15"x 15" square (bag); pin in place. With the front side up, place the stem diagonally at the opposite corner with one end about ½" under the flower center and the right edge about 2 ½" from the bottom right corner to make a gentle curve; pin in place (Dia. C). Fold back edge of center covering stem end and pin out of the way. Edgestitch stem in place with white thread. **Note:** *Trim stem length if needed.* Unpin the edge of flower center to cover stem end.
- Alternating the two petal prints, place the short ends about ⅜" under the flower center. **Tip:** *Audition both sides of the petals and pick the most attractive one for the front.* Check that your petals are evenly spaced then pin in place. Place the leaves along the stem; pin. Sew through the center of each with white thread to attach. With brown thread, sew the flower center in place along the marked circle. **Note:** *Pin the petals that extend over the outside edges of the bag to the flower center to avoid catching them in the seams when stitching the bag together*

Dia. C



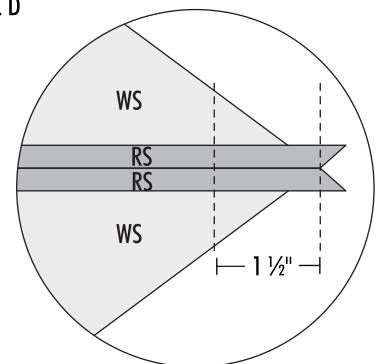
### 6. Tote:

- Pin the Brown Multi Dot 15"x 15" square (bag) with the appliquéd Brown Multi Dot square RST and sew along the bottom and sides.

#### Lining:

- Fold Brown Paisley 10" x 20" rectangle (pocket) in half matching short sides with RST and sew around edges leaving a 2" opening opposite the folded edge for turning. Clip corners diagonally and turn pocket right side out; press. Center the pocket on a Pink Fixed Floral 15" x 15" square (bag lining), placing the top (folded) edge 1 ½" from the top; pin. Sew around sides and bottom ¼" from the edges. **Note:** *This will be the back of bag lining.*
- Pin the Pink Fixed Floral squares RST and sew the bottom and sides leaving a 4" opening on one side for turning. **Note:** *Make sure the pocket is open toward the lining top.*
- To give the bag and lining bottoms a boxed shape, match the side and bottom seams on each side; pin. Draw a line at right angles to the seam 1 ½" from the corner (Dia. D). Sew along the line and turn the tote right side out.

Dia. D



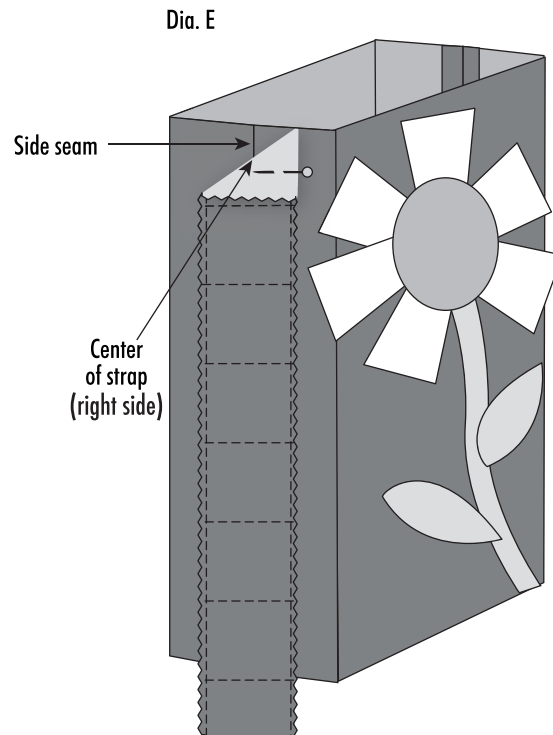
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### Strap:

- Fuse the fleece 2 ½" x 28" rectangle to the **wrong** side of the Brown Dot 2 ½" x 28" (strap lining). Lay out the 14-2 ½" squares in a single row as desired. With edges matching, place the first square right side up at one end of fleece side of strap; pin. Pin next square wrong side up to the first square, matching one edge. Sew with a ¼" seam through all layers. Flip open the top square and press using a pressing cloth. Continue sewing and flipping the remaining squares.
- Stitch in the ditch at each seam with brown thread and sew ¼" from each long edge. Trim edges with the pinking tool.  
*Note: The pieced side is the right side.*
- Center the strap ends on the side seams of the tote with edges matching and RST; pin (Dia. E). Sew and add several rows of stitching in the seam allowance to secure.

### Finish:

- Place bag inside of lining RST. Check that lining pocket is in the back of bag and handles are between bag and lining. Pin top edges together with side seams matching; sew. Turn bag right side out through opening in lining and sew opening closed. Push lining into bag. Topstitch ½" around top edge. Remove pins from petals. Tack petals to tote front.



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