Medium Size Bag with Seminole Pieced Band 18" (w) x 21" (h)

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This bag is a great size for a small cutting matt and still has loads of room for all your tools and fabric. Larger than the average tote bag, it would make a great gift, a beach bag, shopping bag, library bag, or a pretty gift bag for a large holiday item.

Supplies:

- 1. A half yard of a focus fabric for the body of the bag
- 2. 4 coordinating fat quarters for the band and handles
- 3. 3/4 yard of lining fabric (or piece the FQ's together)
- 4. ½ yard of batting or fusible fleece
- 5. Thread to match the focus fabric for top stitching

Make the Seminole Band

1. Label your 4 FQ colors A, B, C, D.



2. From A cut (2) strips $1-\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" for the center of the pieced band.

From **B** and **C** cut (2) strips $1-\frac{1}{2}$ " x 22" each for the top and bottom

From $\, D \, \text{cut}$ (4) strips 1-1/2" x 22" for background around the pieced band.

From A cut (2) 3" x 22" strips for handles

From A cut (4) 1-1/2" x 22" strips. Join 2 strips together to make (2) long strips for the top and bottom of the band.

- 3. <u>Strip Set 1</u>: Sew a "B" strip to both sides and an "A" strip. Sew a "D" background strip to both sides of this strip set. Press in one direction.
- 4. <u>Strip Set 2</u>: Sew a "C" strip to both sides of the other "A" strip. Sew a "D" background strip to both sides of this strip set. Press in one direction.

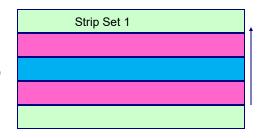


A: Darkest Accent

B: Medium Accent 1

C: Medium Accent 2

D: Background light



Strip Set 2