

HOMEGROWN HAPPINESS

Large Tote Bag



Fabric:

- (1) Homegrown Linen Panel (Outer & Inner Pockets)
- 1/3 yd Solid Linen (Bag Center)
- 1/3 yd Linen Dot (Bag Sides)
- 1/4 yd Linen Check (Lower Bag)
- 5/8 yd Bag Lining
- 1/3 yd (Outer & Inner Pocket Lining)

- 2 3/4 yd 1" Cotton Webbing for Handles
- (2) 18" squares of Soft & Stable
- 5/8 yd Fusible Fleece

Also: Fabric Pen

505 Basting Spray

Cutting:

From Panel— (4) 10" squares

Solid Linen—(2) 10" x 13" strips

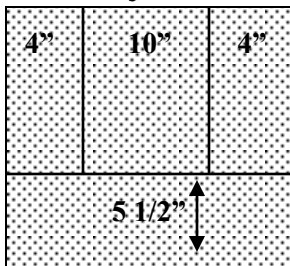
Linen Dot—(4) 4 1/2" x 13" strips

Linen Check—(2) 6 1/2" x 19" strips

Bag Lining—(2) 18" squares

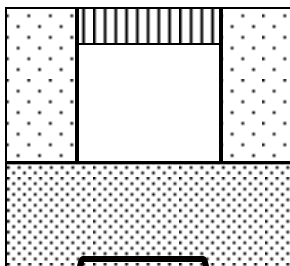
Pocket Lining—(4) 10" squares

Outer Bag:

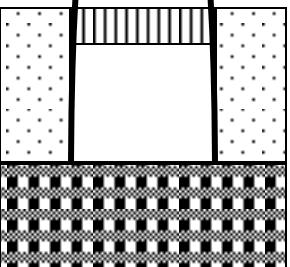


Lay an 18" square of Soft & Stable on work surface. With fabric pen, draw a line 5 1/2" from lower edge. Draw another line 4" in from left and right side, leaving 10" in between.

Place a Solid Linen Strip in the 10" center section and Baste in place with 505. A bit of this strip will hang past the horizontal line. With fabric pen, draw a simple quilting pattern on this center fabric and quilt.

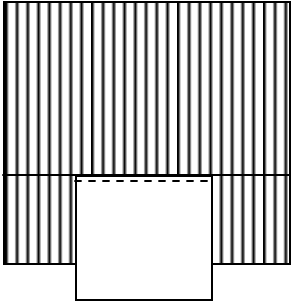


Layer a 10" Outer Pocket with a 10" pocket lining, right sides together. Stitch with 1/4" seam along top edge of pocket. Turn lining to wrong side of pocket and press well. Place pocket over Solid Linen center, having lower edge of pocket even with the horizontal line. Pin in place through all thicknesses. Place a Linen Dot strip right sides together with the Center/Pocket, having long edge of Dot strip even with edge of Center/Pocket. Stitch through all thickness 1/4" from raw edge of Dot/Center/Pocket. Press Dot strip in place on side of bag, Repeat with another Dot strip on the opposite side of Center/Pocket.

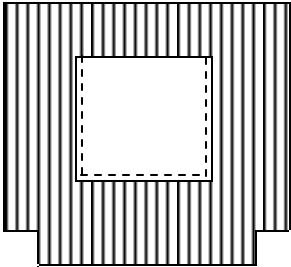


Cut the webbing in half into (2) long handles. Place a webbing strip covering seams of bag, having raw edge of webbing extending 1/2" below the horizontal line. Stitch ends of webbing down to Soft & Stable reinforcing to secure. Place a Linen Check strip right side down, above horizontal line, having raw edge of Linen Check even with horizontal line. Stitch through all thickness 1/4" from long raw edge of Check Linen and horizontal line. Press in place. Topstitch 1/4" below seam. Trim around Soft & Stable. Repeat these steps for second Outer Bag section.

Lining:

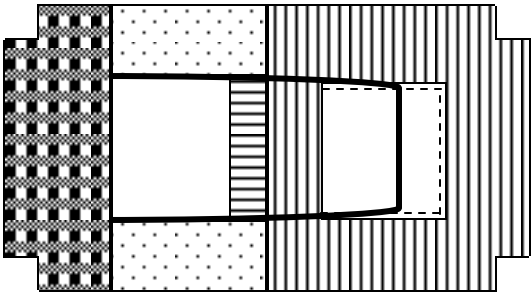


Fuse 18" square lining to 18" square fusible fleece. With fabric pen, draw quilting lines on lining fabric. Quilt lining. Place 10" pocket lining right sides together with 10" inner pocket. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on sides and top of pocket, leaving lower edge of pocket free. Draw a line $5\frac{1}{2}$ " up from lower edge of lining. Place pocket right sides together with lining, having raw edge of pocket even with line. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from raw edge of pocket through all thicknesses. Lift pocket in place on lining and press. Topstitch sides and bottom of pocket in place. Repeat for remaining lining section.



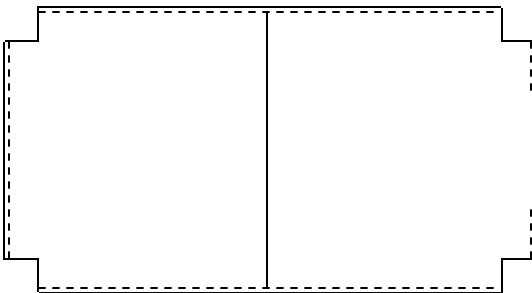
Mark a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square on both lower corners of both lining pieces and both outer bag pieces. Cut out $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, through all thicknesses.

Layer (1) lining section and (1) outer bag panel right sides together, having top raw edge of both pieces even. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " along top raw edge. Repeat for remaining outer bag & lining sections.

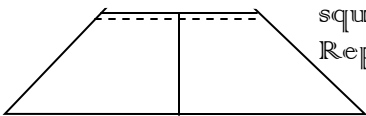


Open and lay outer bag right side up. Topstitch webbing handle in place along seam lines. Do not cross top seam of bag when stitching handle in place. Repeat for opposite side of bag.

Place bag sections right sides together, having outer bag sections facing each other and lining sections facing each other, and matching seams.



Stitch both long sides, outer bag bottom, and lining bottom using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, and leaving an opening in lining bottom as shown in diagram.



Flatten bag side seam along bag bottom seam having raw edge of $2\frac{1}{2}$ " cutout squares even, matching diagram below. Stitch with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along raw edge. Repeat for all four bag corners.

Turn bag right sides out through opening in lining. Tuck lining gown inside of outer bag. Press around top edge of bag. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from top edge if desired.

Stitch opening in lining closed.

Enjoy!

