

# Cultivate Kindness

## Large Tote Bag



### Fabric:

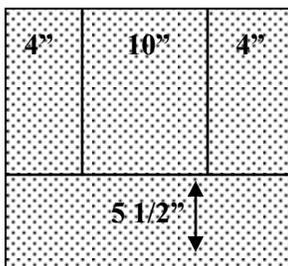
- (1) Cultivate Kindness Panel (Outer & Inner Pockets) **A**
- 1/3 yd for Bag Center **B**
- 1/3 yd for Bag Sides **C**
- 1/4 yd large Gingham print for Lower Bag **D**
- 5/8 yd Bag Lining **E**
- 1/3 yd for Outer & Inner Pocket Lining **F**
- 1/2 yd for Bag Handles **G**

### Also Needed:

- (2) 18" squares of Bosal In R Foam
- 1 1/8 yd Fusible Fleece
- 1/3yd Décor Bond
- Fabric Pen

### Cutting:

- From Panel— (4) 10" squares **A**
  - Bag Center—(2) 10" x 13" strips **B**
  - Bag Sides—(4) 4 1/2" x 13" strips **C**
  - Lower Bag—(2) 6 1/2" x 19" strips **D**
  - Bag Lining—(2) 18" squares **E**
  - Pocket Lining—(4) 10" squares **F**
  - Bag Handles —(3) 5" strips **G**
- Fusible Fleece —(3) 5" x 40" strips
  - (2) 18" squares
  - Décor Bond —(4) 10" squares

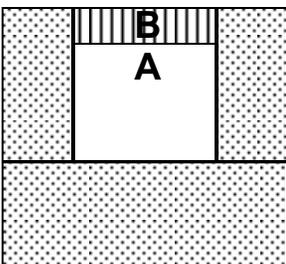


### Outer Bag:

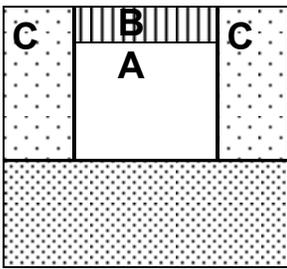
1. Lay an 18" square of Soft & Stable on work surface. With fabric pen, draw a line 5 1/2" from lower edge. Draw another line 4" in from left and right side, leaving 10" in between.

2. Place a **Bag Center B** in the 10" center section. Press in place. 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.

3. Layer a 10" **Outer Pocket A** with a 10" square of Décor Bond against wrong side of fabric. Fuse in place. Place **Pocket Lining F**, right sides together with **Outer Pocket A**. Stitch with 1/4" seam along top edge of pocket. Turn lining to wrong side of pocket and press well.



4. Place **Outer Pocket A** over **Bag Center B**, having lower edge of pocket even with the horizontal line. Pin in place through all thicknesses.



5. Place a **Strip C** right sides together with the Center/Pocket, having long edge of **Strip C** even with edge of Center/Pocket. Stitch through all thickness 1/4" from raw edge of Side/Center/Pocket. Press **Strip C** in place on side of bag, Repeat with another **Strip C** on the opposite side of Center/Pocket.

6. Repeat Steps 1-5 to make (2) Outer Bag Panels.

7. Cut (1) 5" **Handle Strip G** in half, approximately 20". Stitch a half strip to each full **Handle Strip G**, making (2) long strips. Place and fuse Fusible Fleece against the wrong side of Handle strip.



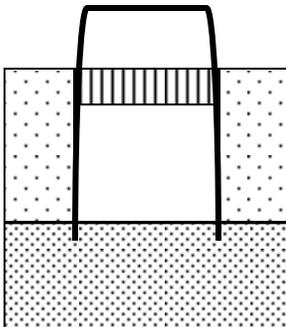
8. Press 5" handle in half lengthwise to form center crease.



9. Bring both long raw edges in to meet center crease. Press.



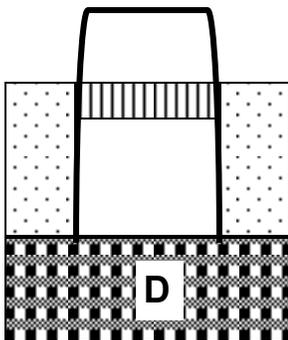
10. Fold handle once again on center crease. Topstitch close to both long sides and through center. Make 2.



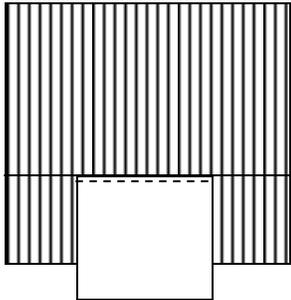
11. Determine desired handle length, (we cut ours 48"). Place a handle strip covering seams of bag, having raw edge of handle extending 1/2" below the horizontal line. Stitch ends of handle down to In R Foam reinforcing to secure.

12. Place a **Lower Bag Strip D** right side down, above horizontal line, having raw edge of **Strip D** even with horizontal line. Stitch through all thicknesses 1/4" from long raw edge of **Strip D** and horizontal line.

13. Press in place. Topstitch 1/4" below seam. Repeat these steps for second Outer Bag section. Trim both Outer Bag sections to the exact same size.

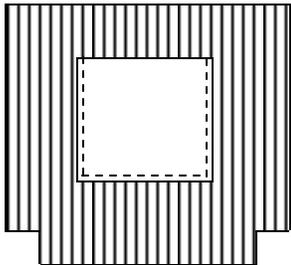


## Lining:



1. Fuse 18" square **Bag Lining E** to 18" square fusible fleece. With fabric pen, draw quilting lines on lining fabric. Quilt lining.

2. Layer a 10" **Inner Pocket A** with a 10" square of Décor Bond against wrong side of fabric. Fuse in place. Place **Inner Pocket Lining F**, right sides together with **Inner Pocket A**. Stitch 1/4" seam on sides and top of pocket, leaving lower edge of pocket free. Trim corners, turn pocket and press.

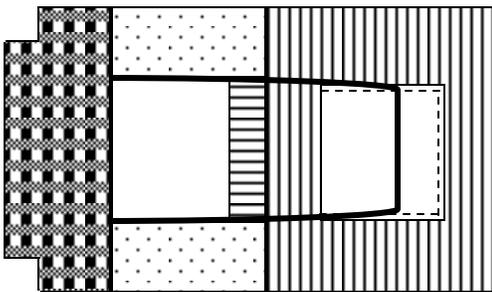


3. Draw a line 5 1/2" up from lower edge of lining. Place pocket right sides together with lining, having raw edge of pocket even with line. Stitch 1/4" from raw edge of pocket through all thicknesses.

4. Lift pocket in place on lining and press. Topstitch sides and bottom of pocket in place. Repeat for remaining lining section.

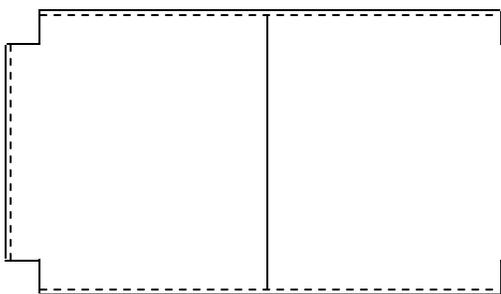
5. Mark a 2 1/2" square on both lower corners of both lining pieces and both outer bag pieces. Cut out 2 1/2" square, through all thicknesses.

## Bag Assembly:



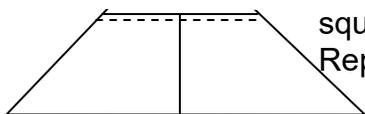
1. Layer (1) lining section and (1) outer bag panel right sides together, having top raw edge of both pieces even. Stitch 1/4" along top raw edge through all thicknesses. Repeat for remaining outer bag & lining sections.

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



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

4. Stitch both long sides, outer bag bottom, and lining bottom using 1/4" seams, and leaving an opening in lining as shown in diagram.



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

6. Turn bag right sides out through opening in lining. Tuck lining down inside of outer bag. Press around top edge of bag. Topstitch 1/4" from top edge.

Stitch opening in lining closed.

Enjoy!

