

CHARM TOTE

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Featuring *Wishwell*

Tinsel Town

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Charm Square
Friendly



Finished Size: 12" x 8" x 17"




Difficulty Rating: **Beginner**

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Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
		CHS-1026-42 TINSEL TOWN	One Charm Pack		B	WELD-21015-85 VANILLA (for the lining)	2/3 yard
	A	WELD-21018-374 SPRUCE (for the base and handles)	5/8 yard	<p>You will also need: Woven fusible interfacing (such as Shape Flex) Fusible Fleece</p>			
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Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 42" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

Cutting Instructions

From the Charm Squares, cut:

one hundred twenty 2-1/2" squares

From Fabric A, cut:

one 10" x WOF strip. Subcut:

two 10" x 20-1/2" rectangles for the base

two 4" x WOF strips for the bag handles

From Fabric B, cut:

one 22" x WOF strip. Subcut:

two 20-1/2" x 22" rectangles for the lining

From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

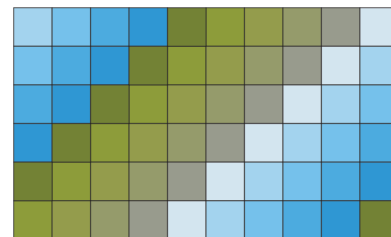
two 20-1/2" x 22" rectangles for the lining

From the Woven Interfacing, cut:

four 4" x WOF strips for the bag handles

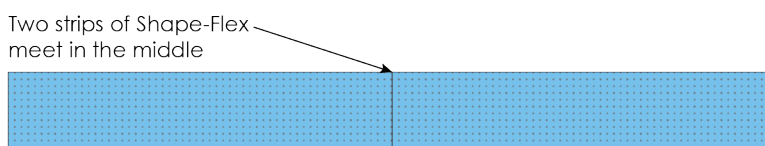
Assemble the Pieced Bag Exterior

Sew the 2-1/2" squares together to form a rectangle unit with six rows of ten squares each. Sew the squares together to form the rows, pressing the seams in opposite directions every other row. Sew the rows together to form the unit. Press. Repeat to make a second unit like this. Each unit should measure 20-1/2" wide x 12-1/2" tall.

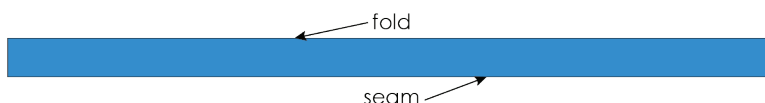


Assemble the Bag

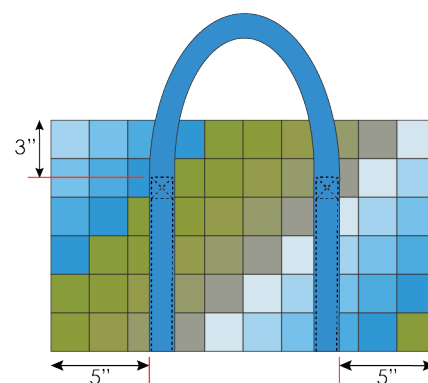
Step 1: Prepare the straps by fusing two strips of Shape-Flex end-to-end along one Fabric B strap. Trim each strap to 40" long.



Step 2: Fold the straps in half along the length, RST, and sew along the long raw edge to create a tube. Turn right side out and press, pressing so that the seam ends up along one long edge of the strap.



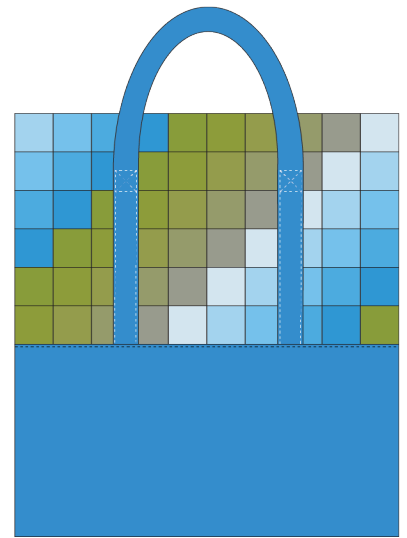
Step 3: Make a mark on the bottom edge of the Fabric A exterior piece, 5" from the lower left and right corners. Place a strap on top of the main fabric, pinning in place, and stitch it down as shown, ending the stitching 3" from the top edge of the Fabric A piece. Reinforce the stitches by sewing a square with an "X" as shown. Ensure that the strap is not twisted. Repeat for remaining end of the strap.



Step 4: Repeat Step 3 for the remaining Fabric A piece and Fabric B strap.

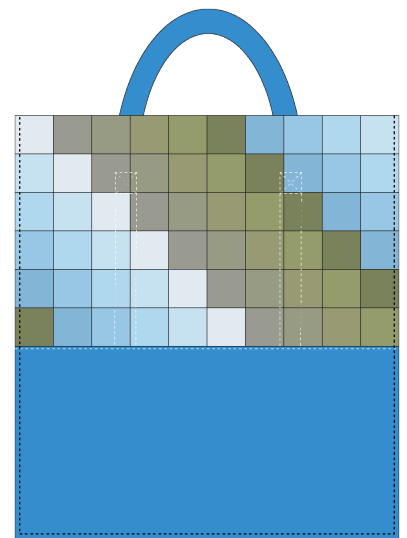
Step 5: Place a Fabric B rectangle RST with a completed Step 3 main panel unit. Pin along the bottom edge. Sew the accent piece to the main panel. Press the seam toward the accent fabric and topstitch along the seam on the accent fabric.

Step 6: Repeat Step 5 for the second set of bag pieces.

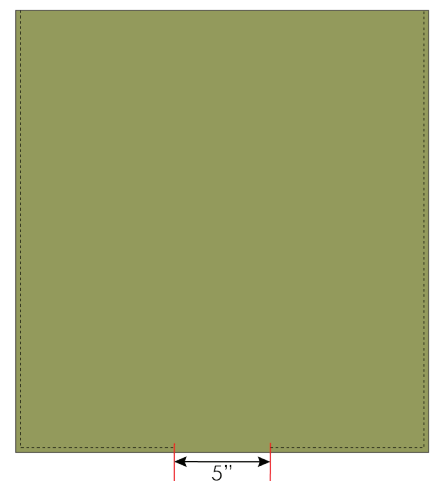


Step 7: Fuse the fleece on the wrong side of the exterior panel units.

Step 8: Sew the two exterior panel units together, RST, sewing along both sides and the bottom edge.

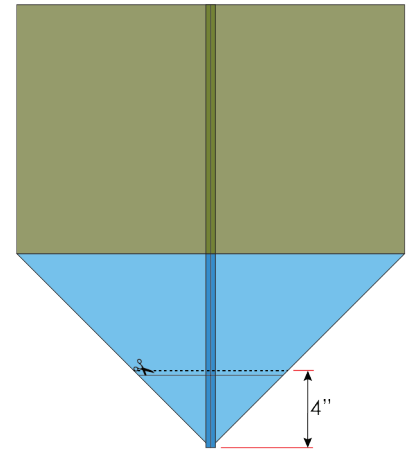


Step 9: Sew the two lining panel units together, RST, sewing along both sides and the bottom edge, leaving a 5" opening in the bottom center seam.



Step 10: Leaving the bag exterior wrong side out, box the bottom corners of the bag by flattening the corners, bringing one bottom and one side seam together. Measure 4" in from the corner and make a mark perpendicular to the seam. Sew along the marked line, then trim the excess corner fabric, leaving a 1/4" seam.

Step 11: Repeat Step 10 for the remaining exterior corner and both corners of the lining unit.



Step 12: With the bag exterior wrong side out and the lining right side out, place the lining inside the bag exterior so that the right sides of the fabrics are facing. Make sure that the straps are tucked inside the bag, between the lining and the exterior fabrics. Sew around the top edge of the bag.

Step 13: Turn the bag right side out, using the opening in the lining. Tuck in the raw edges of the opening and stitch the opening closed.

Step 14: Press the top edge of the bag and top stitch around the top edge.

Your bag is complete! Fill with groceries and enjoy!