



## BIG Bucket Tote

Skill Level: Beginner

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Sometimes you just need a really BIG bag! This colorful tote has room for everything you need for the beach, the flea market, a sewing class, or a trip to Grandma's. Pack it full of stuff, toss it in the car and off you go!

### Fabrics Needed

Jelly roll fabric strips (6.35cm (2½") x width of fabric)	13 strips
Lining fabric	1m
Handle fabric	50cm

### Materials Needed

Legacy L-809 Fuse-N-Shade®	1.5m
Legacy L-987 Fusible Fleece White	25cm
Legacy L-SF101 Cotton Woven Fusible	2m
Legacy L-FB-96 100% Natural Cotton Batting w/Scrim	1.5m
Thread	

### Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and relate supplies  
Basting spray (optional)

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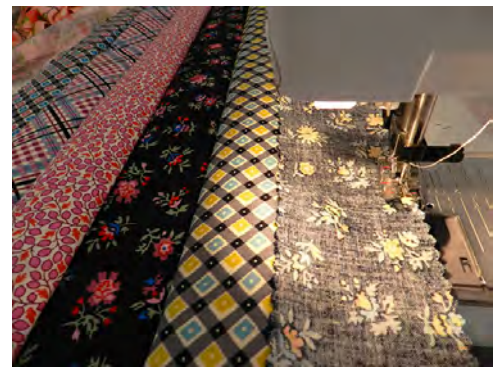
## Step 1. Cutting Instructions.

Lining	Cut two 19½" x 25½" rectangles.
Handle	Cut two 30" x 5½" strips.
Fuse-N-Shade™	Cut two 19" x 24" rectangles.
Fusible Fleece White	Cut two 29" x 1¼" strips.
Cotton Woven Fusible	Cut two 19" x 24" rectangles.
Batting	Cut one 44" x 30" rectangle.

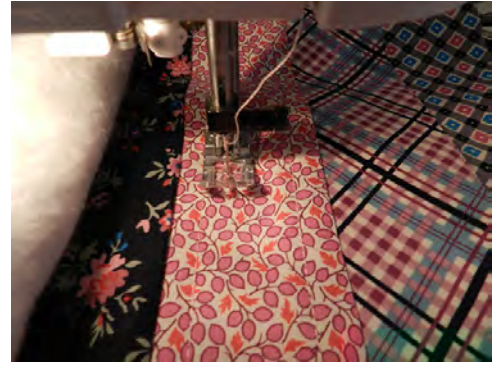
## Step 2. Place fabric strips together lengthwise in desired layout.



## Step 3. Sew each strip right sides together using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams in one direction.



Step 4. Lightly spray baste or pin the outer fabric and batting together. Quilt along the seams using the presser foot as a guide. Quilt four lines per strip.



Step 5. After quilting, trim the fabric/batting unit to measure 40" x 26". Then cut into two 20" x 26" pieces.



Step 6. Center the Fuse-N-Shade™ on the batting side of the fabric/batting unit. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions. Repeat with other fabric/batting unit.

Step 7. Place the fabric/batting units right sides together, matching seams and pin. Sew across the bottom and up the sides using a 1/2" seam allowance. Leave the top open.

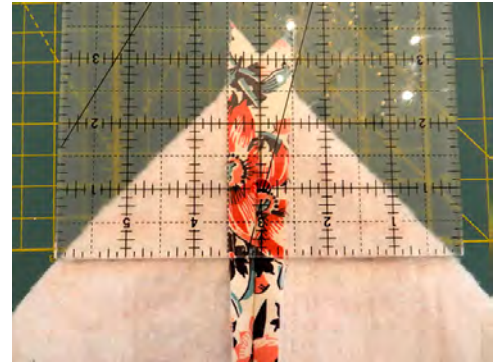


Step 8. Press the seams open.





Step 9. To make the gussets, pinch the corners together. Line up the side and bottom seams and place a ruler 3" down from the center corner point. Draw a 6" line across the batting.



Step 10. Sew along that line, backstitching at the beginning and the end.

Step 11. Trim seam to ¼". Repeat for the other side.

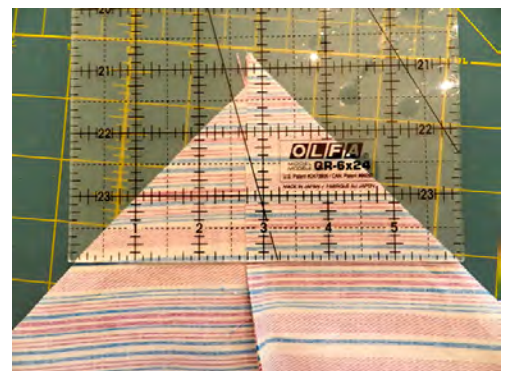


Step 12. Center the Cotton Woven Fusible onto the wrong side of each 19½" x 25½" rectangle of lining fabric. Fuse in place following manufacturer's instructions.

Step 13. Place lining fabric right sides together and sew using a ¼" seam allowance along both sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening in the bottom center. Backstitch at the beginning and the end of the opening for turning.



Step 14. Make the gussets in the lining in the same manner as for the exterior bag.



Step 15. Turn the outer bag with right side facing out. Insert outer bag piece into the lining piece with right sides together. Match side seams and pin along the top.



Step 16. Sew all the way around the top with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Backstitch at the beginning and the end. Layer the seams and trim the outer seam to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Step 17. Reach into the bag through the opening in the lining and turn the bag right side out. Pin, then stitch the gap closed in the lining by machine or hand.



Step 18. Push the lining into place inside the outer bag. Press first if necessary.



Step 19. Press each 30" x 5½" handle fabric strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Open and press each side to the center crease.



Step 20. Open the fabric strips. Fuse one 29" x 1¼" piece of Fusible Fleece White to the wrong side of the handle fabric in the middle of the fabric strip as shown.

Repeat for other handle.



Step 21. Fold in the raw ends ¼" and pin.



Step 22. Refold the handles lengthwise as shown.

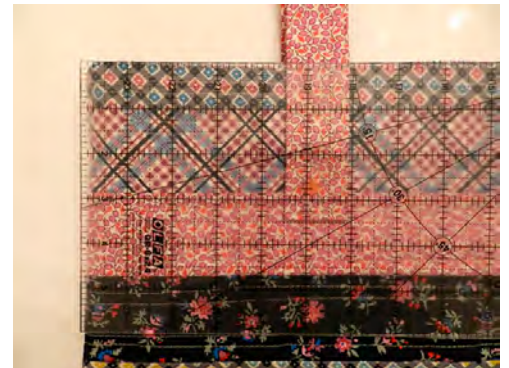




Step 23. Topstitch all the way around the handles, then stitch three lines in the center along the length of the strap using the presser foot as a guide.



Step 24. To place the straps on the bag, position and pin the straps  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the top of the bag and  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each side.



Step 25. Starting at the side seam, backstitch and topstitch along the top of the bag. When the handles are reached, reinforce them with an X box, then stitch along the edge of the strap until back at the top of the bag.

Continue topstitching the bag, reinforcing each handle. Backstitch at the end.

