

Row By Row<sup>™</sup> Home Sweet Home One Size Fits All Tote Bag Designed by Linda Turner Griepentrog



# LEFT:

Bag Body (front and back): Row-C4497 Stone Bag Lining/Inside Pocket: Row-C4492 Multi Outside Pocket: Row-C4491 Multi Handles: Studio-C3096 Charcoal

# **RIGHT:**

Bag Body (front and back): Studio-C3096 Black Bag Lining/Inside Pocket: Row-C4721 White Outside Pocket: Row-C4496 Multi Outside Pocket Lining/Accent: Row-C4494 Brick Outside Pocket Lining/Accent Row-C4497 Stone Handles : Studio-C3096 Red

Row by Row<sup>™</sup> Home Sweet Home fabrics designed by Debra Gabel of Zebra Patterns

#### **Fabric Requirements**

3/4 yard bag body (front and back) 3/4 yard bag lining/inside pocket 1/2 yard for outside pocket 1/2 yard for outside pocket lining/accent 5/8 yard for handles **Other Supplies** 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> yards fusible fleece Pattern tracing paper Walking foot (optional) Quilting guide (optional) Removable fabric marker

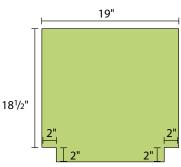


fig. 1-Bag Body

Cut 2 from fabric. Cut 2 from fleece. Cut 2 from lining fabric, trimming 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" from upper edge.

#### Cutting

Using figure 1 as a guide, draw the tote pattern pieces on pattern 143/4" tracing paper and cut out. From the bag-body fabric:

# • Cut two bag-body pieces.

#### From the outside pocket fabric:

 Cut one outside pocket with fig. 1-Outside Pocket Lining the fabric right side up. If you have Cut 1 from lining fabric, wrong a one-way print, take note of the side up.

pocket direction. If the fabric is a stripe, cut with the stripes going crosswise.

# From the outside pocket lining fabric:

• Cut one outside pocket lining piece with the fabric wrong side up.

# *From the bag lining fabric:*

• Trim 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" from the bag-body pattern upper edge and cut two bag-body lining pieces.

• Cut one 6" x 7" rectangle for the inside pocket.

# From the handle fabric:

• Cut four 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 30<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" strips.

# From the fusible fleece:

• With the adhesive side up, cut two bag-body pieces, and one outside-pocket piece.

• Cut four 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 30" strips for handles.

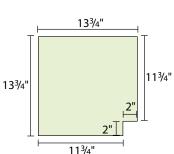
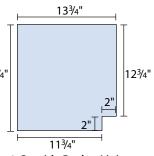


fig. 1-Outside Pocket Cut 1 from fabric, right side up. Cut 1 from fleece, adhesive side up. *Bag Body* 



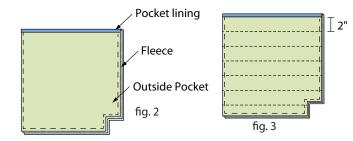
Construction

Note: All seams are 1/2" unless otherwise noted. **Outside** Pocket

1. Fuse the fleece to the outside pocket wrong side, following the manufacturer's instructions.

2. With right sides together, stitch the outside pocket to the outside pocket lining upper edge. Trim the seam to 1/4". Note: The lining is longer than the outside pocket.

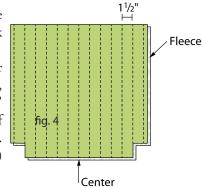
3. Press the lining to the pocket inside, allowing 1/4" of the lining to show at the pocket upper edge as an accent. Baste the cut edges together, trimming the lining if needed at the lower edges. (figure 2)



4. Use the fabric print as a guideline for quilting, or draw lines 2" apart across the outside pocket. Quilt the outside pocket on the lines. (figure 3) Set the pocket aside.

5. Fuse the fleece to the bag body front and back pieces.

6. Starting at the center and working outward, draw vertical lines 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" apart across the width of the bag front and back. Quilt on the lines. (figure 4) Handles



7. Sew two handle pieces

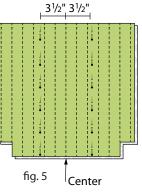
together end to end and press the seam allowances open. Repeat for the second handle.

8. Fuse the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 30" fleece strips to the wrong side of the

pieced handle strips, 1/4" from one long edge and abutting the ends together at the handle seam. Wrap the fabric tautly around the fleece and turn under both long fabric edges. Pin in place. Edgestitch both handle edges.

9. Mark the bag-body front and back centers and pin-mark a line  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " on each side of the center along the length of the bag. (figure 5) 10. Pin the handle in place on the

bag body back with the inside edge along the marked line, matching the lower cut edges to the bag bottom edge. Be careful not to twist the handle. Mark a horizontal line 2" from the bag upper edge on each handle section. Edgestitch the handle in



place over the previous stitching line and across the horizontal marked line. Stitch twice across the handle width for reinforcement. (figure 6) Do NOT stitch the handle from the 2" mark to the top of the bag-body back.

11. Pin the right half of the second handle in place on the bag-body front panel and edgestitch in place as in step 10. Do not sew the left portion yet.

12. Place the quilted outside pocket over fig. 6 the right side of the bag body front, matching the side and lower edges. The pocket lining should be against the bag body front. Baste the edges in place. (figure 7) Pinmark a line down the bag center on the outside pocket.

13. Position the remaining handle portion on the bag-body front, overlapping the left outsidepocket edge, and keeping the inside handle edge  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from the marked center line. Edgestitch the handle in place as in step 10, but position the horizontal stitching even with the upper outside-pocket edge. Do NOT stitch the handle to the bag from the top of the outside pocket to the top of the bag. (figure 8)

#### Bag Assembly

14. With right sides together, sew the bagbody front to the bag-body back at the sides and bottom. Press seams open.

15. To box the lower corners, fold one side seam exactly on top of the bottom seam and stitch across the edges. (figure 9) Repeat with the second side seam to create the second corner. Leave the bag wrong side out.

#### Bag Lining

16. To make the inside pocket, press under a double 1/2" hem at the long upper edge and 1/2" on each of the remaining three sides. Stitch the upper hem in place close to the lower fold.

17. Position the pocket on one lining section centered across the width and  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " below the upper edge. Edgestitch the pocket in place, leaving the upper hemmed edge open. (figure 10) 18. Sew the bag lining seams as in steps 14 and 15, leaving a 6" opening in the bottom seam for turning. Turn the lining right side out.

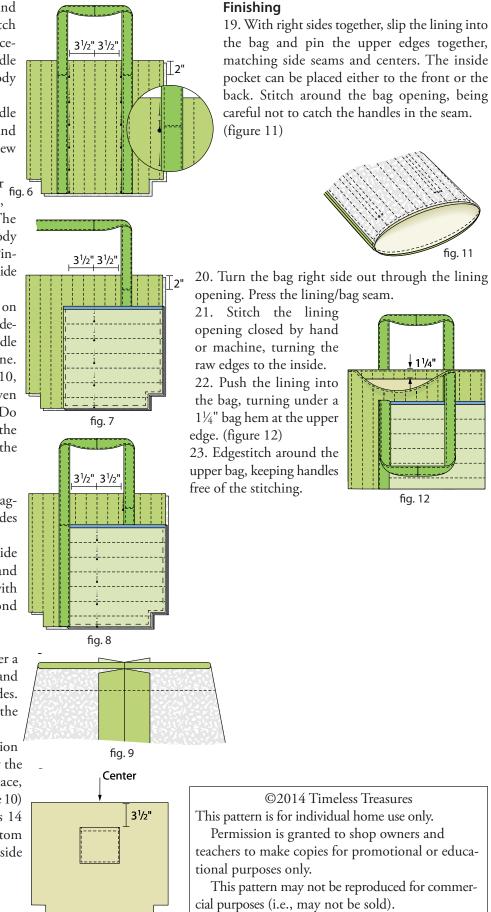


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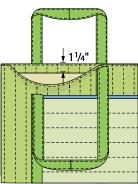


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