Placemat Tote

by Heather Seth & Elise Lea for White Owl Textiles

Finished size: 16” x 5½” x 12"

Featuring:

Dark Academia

White Owl TEXTILES

Fabric Guide

Outer Main
$^{2}/_{3}$ yard

Main Accent
⅝ yard

Side Accent
¼ yard

Lining
$^{2}/_{3}$ yard

Interfacing
See notes below
for yardage

Additional Supplies:
⅝ yard Pellon Decor Bond or Fusible Fleece
1⅞ yards Pellon SF101 or other medium weight fusible interfacing
Chalk , hera marker or water-soluable pen

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All seam allowances are ¼" unless otherwise stated.
Press seams open unless otherwise stated.
WOF = Width of Fabric (selvage to selvage)

RST = Right Sides Together
WST = Wrong Sides Together

Cutting Instructions

Placemat Panel	Fussy cut 2 panels 16½" x 11"
Main Accent	Cut 2 strips 4" x WOF for handles - trim each strip to 4" x 40" Cut 2 strip 5¼" x WOF - Subcut 2 strips 5¼" x 22"
Side Accent	Cut 2 strips 3¼" x WOF - subcut four strips 3¼" x 11"
Lining	Cut 2 rectangles 15½" x 22" for lining
Decor Bond/ Fusible Fleece	Cut 2 rectangles 15½" x 22" for bag front & bag back
Pellon SF-101/ Meduim Weight Interfacing	Cut 4 strips 4" x WOF for handles Cut 2 rectangles 15½" x 22" for bag lining

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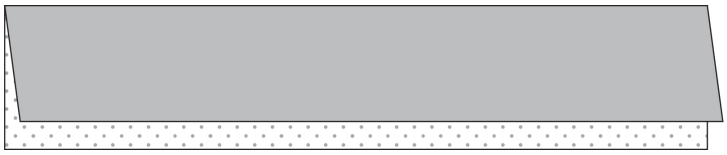
Assembly Instructions

Step 1: To make the bag front, sew the 3¼" x 11" bag side accents to both sides of one of the 16½" x 11" placemat panels. Press towards side accent. Repeat for second placemat to make the bag back.

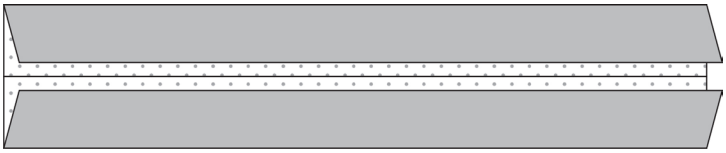
Step 2: Sew a 5¼" x 22" main accent to the bottom of the bag front from Step 1. Press towards main accent. Repeat for bag back.

Step 3: Fuse all the interfacing to the wrong side of the corresponding pieces. *Note on the handles: you will need to use 2 interfacing pieces per handle overlapping the interfacing strips slightly where they meet.*

Step 4: To make the handles, fold a 4" x WOF interfaced handle in half the long way wrong sides together and press.



Open the handle up and fold the edges of the handle in to the middle creased line and press.

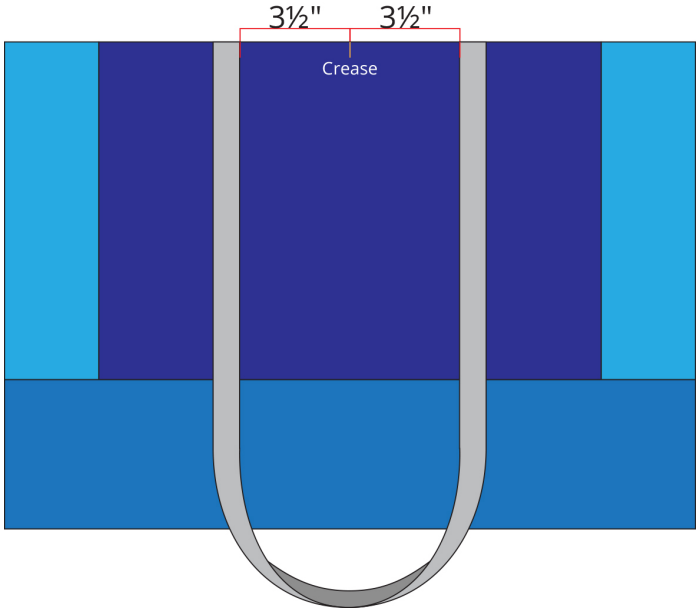


Fold the strap in half again along the original fold line. Press. The handle should be about 1" wide.

Topstitch along both edges of the handle about an ⅛" away from the edge.

Repeat to make a second handle

Step 5: Fold bag front in half and gently crease the top to find the middle. Measure 3½" away from either side of the creased line and make a small mark. Take a handle from Step 4 and lay it on top of the tote front, lining up inside edges of straps with the marks, and the raw edges of the strap with the top edge of the tote front *(making sure that your handle is not twisted)*. Baste in place ⅛" from the edge.



Repeat with second handle on bag back.

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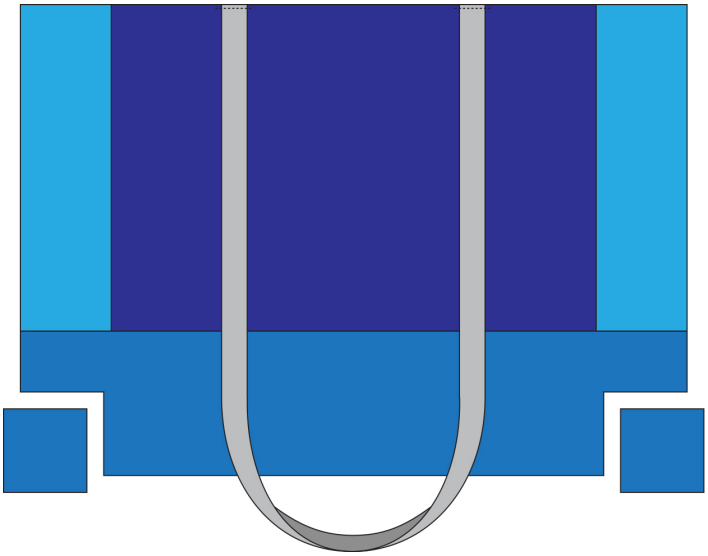
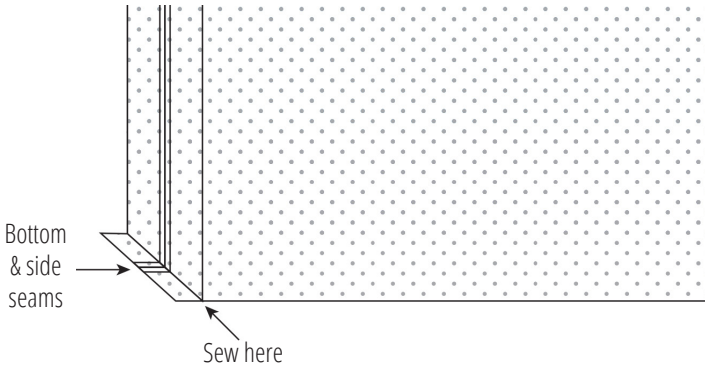
Step 6: On the tote front, measure and cut a 2¾" x 2¾" square out of both corners on the bag bottom. Repeat for tote back.



Step 7: To create the outer tote, lay the bag front and back RST. Stitch down both sides and along the bottom of the bag. Press seams open or to one side.

Step 8: Repeat Steps 6 & 7 on the tote lining pieces, but leaving a 6" gap in the bottom seam for turning.

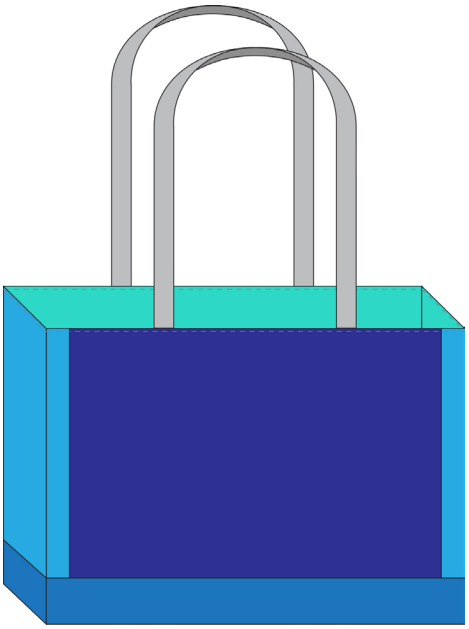
Step 9: On one corner of the Outer tote, bring the bottom seam up to the side seam so the corner of the bag now looks like a straight line. Match seams and sew ¼" away from the edge. Repeat for other side. Turn bag right side out.



Step 10: Repeat step 9 on the lining, but do not turn right side out

Step 11: Place outer tote inside the lining right sides together, making sure that both handles are inside the bag between the lining and the outer tote. Line up side-seams and top raw edges and sew all the way around the top of the tote.

Step 12: Turn bag right side out through the hole in the lining and close the hole in the lining of the tote. Push the lining down into the bag and press all the way around the top. Top-stitch ⅛" away from the top of the tote to secure lining in place.



Woohoo! Your tote is now finished!

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Fabric Guide

Outer Main
W100-013-807
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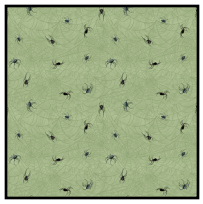
Main Accent
W100-023-790
⅝ yard

Side Accent
W100-016-835
¼ yard



Lining
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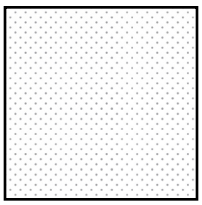

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