

Instructor

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Experience Level

Intermediate

Sewing Machine Required

Yes

Course Overview

Make the houses and handles for this roomy bucket bag in class, and receive all the information you need to complete the easy to assemble tote at home. A little bag with a big punch, you will learn simple foundation paper piecing for the roofs as well as constructing the houses via machine piecing.

This cute little bag is a bit like a Tardis. It looks as though it won't fit much really, but when it's packed it's actually quite square and it holds loads! You can pack everything for your current project - your fabrics, your pattern, threads, templates and notions, and be all ready to stitch on the go - or just store everything next to the couch neatly, like I've been doing.

The requirements for the tote as listed below are for the whole tote. In the day class we will likely get most of the houses and the handles made. If you are a quick worker, feel free to bring everything and be hopeful to finish! There is a kit fee of \$25 for this class. This includes the whole tote pattern, access after class to the instructional video on all techniques as well as how to finish the bag, and enough pre-printed Foundation Paper roof templates to finish the bag.



Fabric Selection

Roofs and windows should have good contrast to house bodies. There is opportunity to fussy cut little motifs into the windows if desired (1" squares).

The most important thing to remember when you are choosing fabric for the houses is that as these are little tiny pieces, a small print, or solid, or marble, is going to be best. A large print cut up this small may end up looking disjointed and unlike a house. It's also very important to make sure that your roof has contrast to your background fabric, and your windows have contrast to your houses. It's a lot of work piecing all those little bits if you can't see them!

* The handles for this bag are quite short, as it's meant for carrying around in your hand like a tote, rather than slung over your shoulder. If you want to make longer handles for your bag you will need two 5" strips of fabric instead of one.

Material and Supply Requirements

One 1" strip and one 1 ½" strip x WOF for each of 7 houses. There are two of each house, so each fabric will be repeated once. Alternatively, 14 different fabrics!

1" x WOF for windows

5" x WOF for roofs

3 ½" x WOF for the fabric above the houses

6 ½" x WOF for the fabric below the houses

18" x WOF for the lining

5" strip of fabric for the bag handles*

A piece of iron on fleece or other soft interfacing measuring at least 16" x 22"

A strip of thin cardboard, such as a post card, the cover of a magazine, or craft card, with nice straight edges

Fine, flexible pins with flat or micro heads are best for foundation piecing, but any pin is essential

A new needle for your sewing machine (yes, really!!!)

Your basic sewing and cutting supplies

Kit Fee

Please bring the \$25 to class with you in cash.

The kit includes the full tote pattern, access to video tutorial after class, and printed foundation papers for roofs.

