

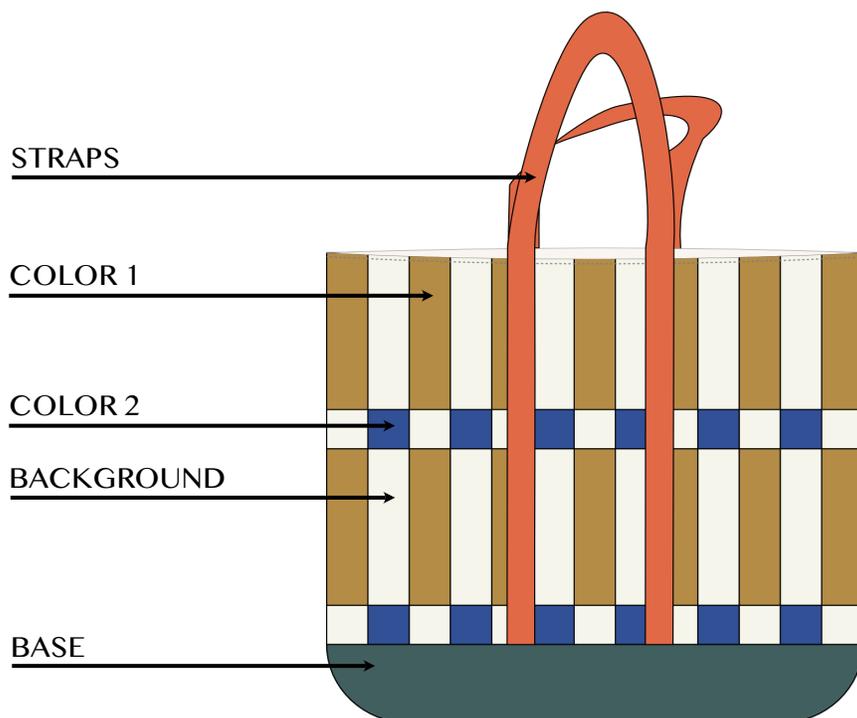
OVERSIZED QUILTED TOTE



A quilted tote pattern by
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INTRODUCTION

Featuring Fableism's gorgeous Watercolor Wovens, the Oversized Quilted Tote is generously sized to hold all your works in progress, big or small. A fun, fast make, it features three simple quilted panels, a fully lined interior, and comfortable fabric shoulder straps. Perfect for taking your projects on the road or sporting at your local quilt guild meeting, it's a practical (and beautiful) companion for makers who like to bring it all along.



FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

OVERSIZED QUILTED TOTE	FINISHED SIZE* 26" x 19"
Color 1	½ yard
Color 2	¼ yard
Background	½ yard
Base	¼ yard
Strap	½ yard
Lining**	1 yard
Fusible Woven Interfacing	¼ yard***
Cotton Batting	1¼ yards****

*If you'd like a slightly smaller bag, increase all your ¼" seam allowances to ⅜". Your finished tote will measure 22" wide x 19" tall. Be sure to adjust your lining piece to 38½" x 19¼" so it matches your exterior dimensions.

**This construction method only works for non-directional prints or solids.

***You will need two 2½" x 40" strips of interfacing.

****You will need two 29" x 21" pieces of batting and one 10" x 29" piece.

PATTERN NOTES

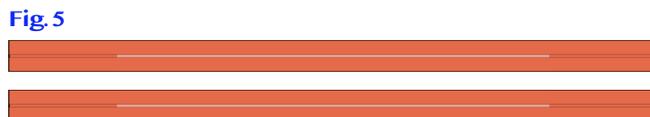
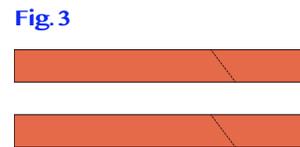
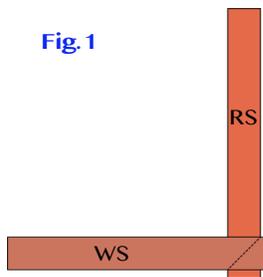
- Read through all instructions before starting.
- Right Side of the fabric is the front; for a printed fabric, it's the side with the print. The Wrong Side is the back. Some fabrics, most solids, do not have a right or wrong side.
- **RS**=right side of fabric
- **RST**=right sides together
- **WS**=wrong side of fabric
- **WST**= wrong sides together
- **WOF**=width of fabric
- **SA**= seam allowance.
- Fabric requirements assume WOF is 44".
- Seam allowance is ¼ inch throughout, except where noted.
- Diagrams are not to scale.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

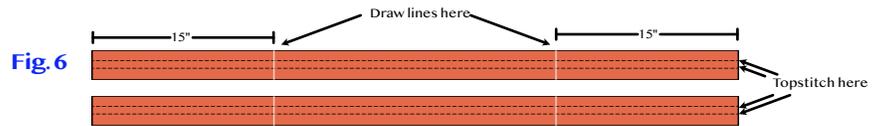
Color 1	(5) 2½" WOF • Sub-cut (14) 13½" strips
Color 2	(2) 2½" WOF • Sub-cut (6) 10½" strips
Background	(6) 2½" WOF • Sub-cut (12) 13½" strips (7) 10½" strips
Base	(1) 8½" x 29" rectangle
Straps	(3) 5" WOF
Lining	(1) 26½" x 39" rectangle
Fusible Woven Interfacing	(2) 2½" x 40" rectangles
Batting	(2) 21" x 29" rectangles (1) 8½" x 29" rectangle

MAKE THE HANDLES

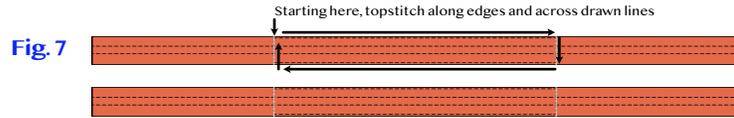
- Sew the strap sections RST, using diagonal seams. **Fig. 1**
- Once all three strips are sewn together **Fig. 2**, trim and press seams open.
- Cut the strip in half. **Fig. 3**
- Following the manufacturer's instructions, adhere fusible interfacing to the center of the WS of each handle strap. **Fig. 4**
- Place the handle WS up and fold in half WST lengthwise; press. Open the strip and press long raw edges toward the center fold. **Fig. 5**



- Pin the folded edges together and topstitch 3/8" in from both long edges. **Fig. 6**

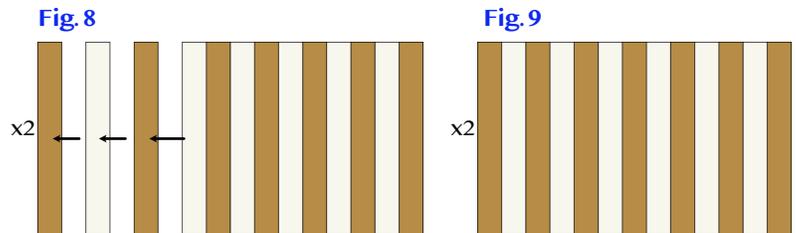


- Mark a line 15" in from both raw ends of the strap. **Fig. 6**
- Starting at one marked line, topstitch, using a 1/8" SA along one long edge until you reach the opposite marked line. Stitch across the line, then continue topstitching along the opposite edge back toward the first line. Stitch across the line to return to your starting point. **Fig. 7** Repeat for the second strap. Do not edge-stitch the remaining portions of the straps yet. Set both straps aside.



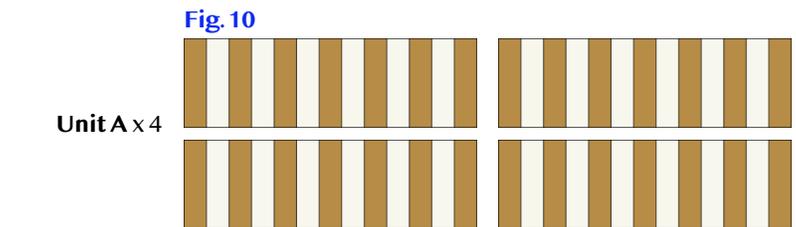
MAKE THE PATCHWORK PANELS

- Gather seven **Color 1** strips and six 13 1/2" **Background** strips. Sew them RST, starting and ending with **Color 1** and alternating **Background** strips between each color 1 strip. **Fig. 8** Press seams toward **Color 1**.



- Repeat Step 1 to make a second identical panel.

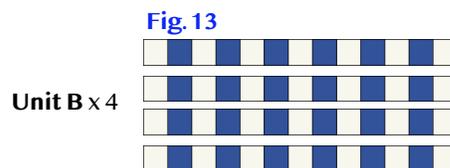
- Trim one long edge of each panel square. Sub-cut each panel into two 6 1/2" x 26 1/2" units. You should have four units total. Label these **Unit A**. **Fig. 10**



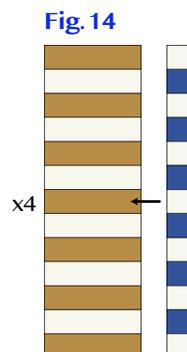
- Gather all your **Color 2** strips and your remaining 10" **Background** strips. Sew them RST, starting and ending with a **Background** strip and alternating **Color 2** strips between each. **Fig. 11** Press seams toward **Color 2**.



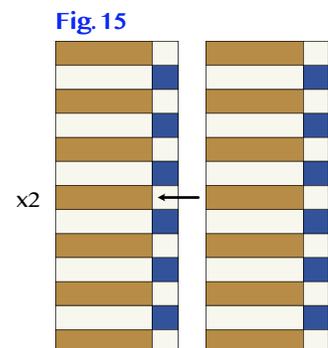
- Trim one long edge square. Sub-cut into four 2 1/2" x 26 1/2" units. Label these **Unit B**. **Fig. 13**



- Sew one **Unit A** to one **Unit B**, RST, nesting seams. Press the seam open. **Fig. 14** Repeat with the remaining units.



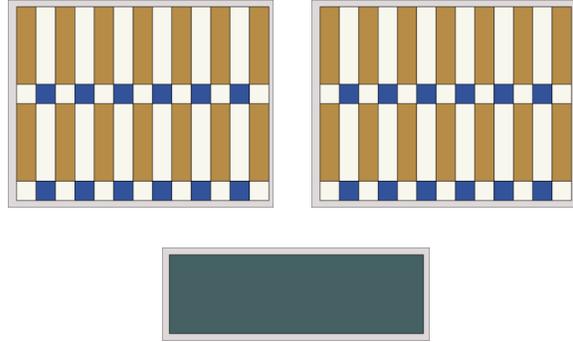
- Sew two **A/B** units RST, nesting seams. **Fig. 15** Press seam open. Repeat with the remaining **A/B** units. These combined units form the **Front and Back Panels**.



QUILT THE PANELS

- Layer the batting and center the **Front Panel** right side up on top. **Fig. 16** Do the same for the **Back Panel** and the Base rectangle.
- Baste and quilt as desired.
- Trim the **Base Panel** to measure 8" tall x 26" wide. Trim and square the **Front and Back Panels**, making sure all three panels are the same width and that the **Front and Back Panels** are the same size.

Fig. 16



ASSEMBLING THE EXTERIOR

1. To attach the handles, first find the middle of your **Front Panel** by folding it in half and pinching the top and bottom edges. Mark, using a disappearing fabric pen, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to each side of the center points. **Fig. 16**
2. Place the inner edge of both ends of one fabric handle RS up from the bottom marked edge of your **Front Panel** to the top marked edge. Make sure the previously sewn seam is even on both sides and positioned $1\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top edge; let excess length hang off the bottom of the panel. Pin securely in place. **Fig. 16**
3. Topstitch each long handle strap $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge, starting at the bottom, sew up to the previous topstitch line, across it, and down the opposite side. You may wish to add a reinforcing X at the top.
4. Repeat Steps 1-3 to attach the second handle to the **Back Panel**.
5. Sew the Base Panel RST to the bottom of the Front Panel. **Fig. 17** Sew the other side of the **Base Panel/Front Panel** RST to the **Back Panel**. Press both seams toward the **Base**.
6. Topstitch along the seams with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA on both sides of the **Base**. **Fig. 18**

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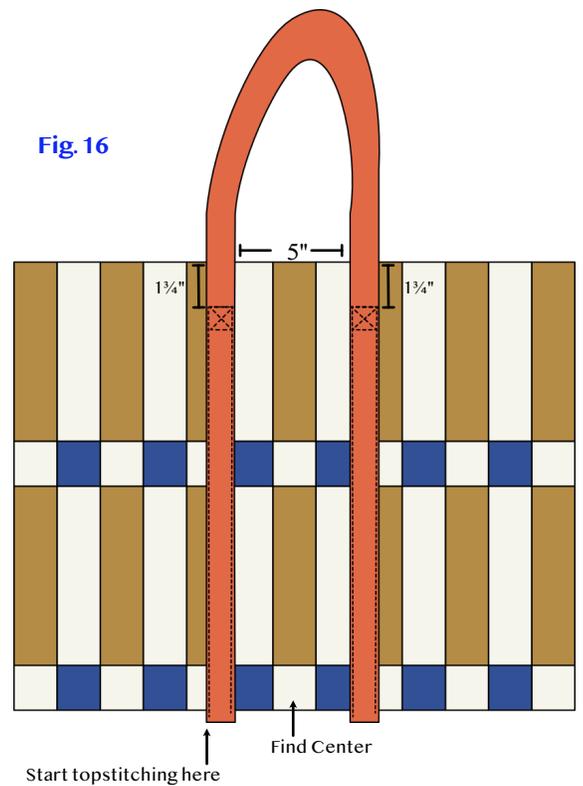


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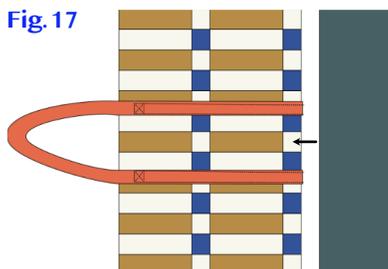
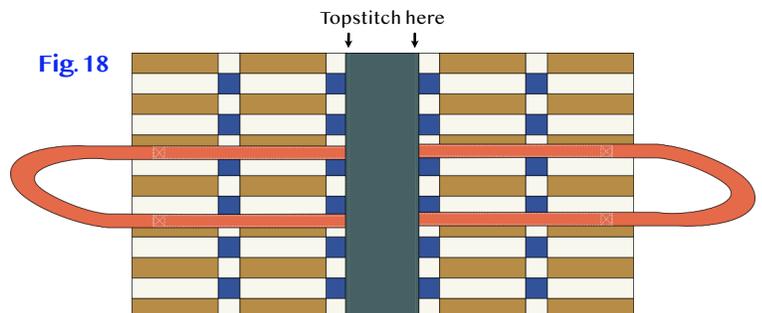


Fig. 18



CUTTING CORNERS

1. Fold your exterior WST, carefully lining up top corners and side seams. Pin in place. Find a circular object around 8" in diameter, such as a plate, to use as a guide to mark a quarter circle on each bottom corner from the seam line to the fold. **Fig. 19**
2. Cut along the marked guidelines.
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 with your lining, making sure the curved lines on both the Exterior and the Lining match up. **Fig 20**
4. Fold the exterior RST and pin, carefully lining up top corners, seam lines, and curved corners. Sew the side seams from the top using a 3/8" SA. Press seams open.
5. Repeat Step 4 with the lining.

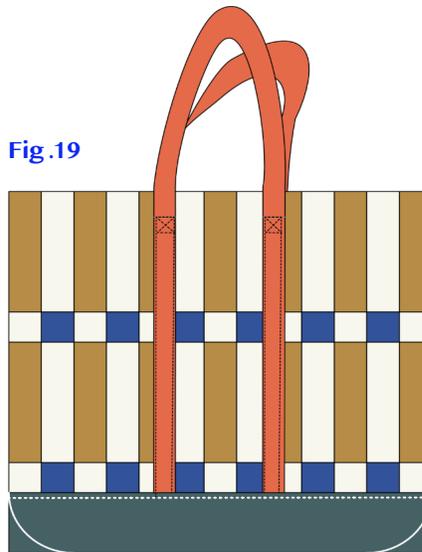
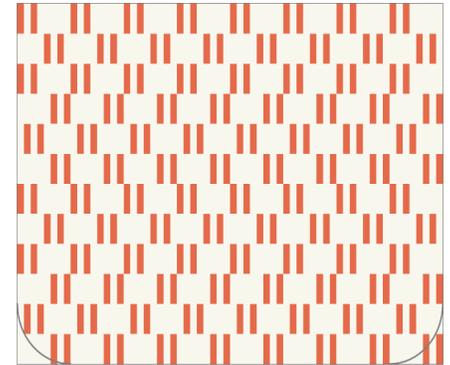


Fig. 20



FINAL ASSEMBLY

1. Place exterior RS out into the lining. They will be RST. Tuck the handles out of the way between the layers. Align side seams and top raw edges of the exterior and lining. Pin around the top edge of the bag.
2. Sew a 3/8" SA around the top edge of the bag, leaving a 6" opening unsewn. **Fig. 21**
3. Turn RS out through opening and push the lining into the tote. Press along the tote's top edge, tucking in the raw edges of the opening and pressing to match the rest of the top seam. **Fig. 22**
4. Topstitch along top edge of tote with a 1/8" seam allowance.
5. Load up your Oversized Quilted Tote and take that craft on the road! Share your make on social media and tag **#oversizedquiltedtote** to inspire fellow makers.

