

Tumbler Tote

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This roomy tote is a great project to use up scraps, and the AccuQuilt GO! Baby Fabric Cutter makes cutting those scraps a breeze! You can tailor the size of the inside pockets to fit your personal needs. Make a tote to carry everything you need for the office, your quilt class, the pool or for Baby.

Project Specifications

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Tote Size: 14" x 12" x 6"

Materials

- ¼ yard floral print
- ⅝ yard white print
- 1¼ yards blue plaid
- 2 yards assorted bright prints (scraps or purchased)
- 1⅞ yard fusible fleece
- ¾" metal snap closure
- Four 2" D-rings
- Water-soluble fabric marker
- Thread to match fabrics
- GO! Baby Fabric Cutter (55600)
- GO! Tumbler-3½" (3" Finished) (55015)
- Basic sewing supplies and tools

Die-Cutting Instructions

If using assorted print scraps:

1. Sort scraps by size. Scraps at least 4½" square can be used to die-cut one Tumbler block. Scraps 4½" x 11½" can be used to die-cut three tumbler shapes. Place scraps on die with fabric on the lengthwise grain as it goes through the cutter. Die cut a total of 138 Tumbler shapes.

2. Stack similar-size scraps up to six layers, right sides up, or cut smaller scraps individually.



If using assorted print fabric width purchased yardage:

1. Cut six 11½" by fabric width strips and fan-fold 4½" wide.

2. Die-cut a total of 138 Tumbler blocks.

Additional Cutting Instructions

1. Cut four 5" by fabric width blue plaid B/C strips; subcut four 17" C straps and two 30" B handles.

2. Cut one 9½" by fabric width blue plaid strip; subcut two 18½" G rectangles.
3. Cut one 8½" by fabric width blue plaid strip; subcut two 9" E rectangles and one 2½" x fabric width binding strip.
4. Cut one 17½" by fabric width white print strip; subcut two 18½" D rectangles for lining.
5. Cut one 7½" by fabric width floral print strip; subcut two 18½" F rectangles.
6. From fusible fleece, cut two 17½" by fabric width strips; subcut four 18½" rectangles for tote body and lining. Cut one 7½" by fabric width strips; subcut two 7½" squares for outside pockets. Cut one 8" by fabric width strip; subcut two 18½" rectangles for inside pockets. Cut six 1¾" x fabric width strips; subcut four 15" and two 28" strips for straps and handles.

Completing Outer Tote Sides

1. Arrange and sew nine A Tumbler blocks into a row. Repeat to make six rows. Sew the rows together to make a pieced tote front as shown in Figure 1. Repeat to make a pieced tote back.

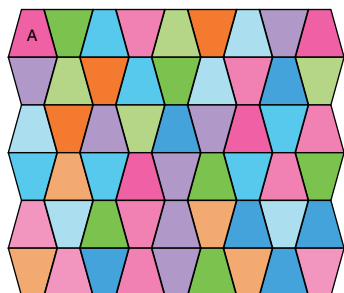


Figure 1

2. Arrange and sew five A tumbler blocks into a row. Repeat to make three rows. Sew the rows together to make an outside pocket as shown in Figure 2. Repeat to make a second outside pocket.



Figure 2

3. Measure 1" from the second vertical row of Tumbler block points on one side of the pieced tote front referring to Figure 3; trim. Repeat on opposite side to make an 18½" x 17½" pieced tote front rectangle.

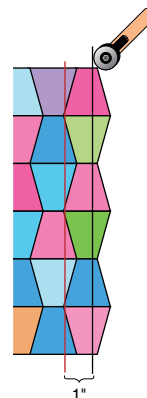


Figure 3

4. Repeat step 3 to trim the pieced tote back, again referring to Figure 3.
5. Fuse front and back pieced tote rectangles to matching-size fusible fleece rectangles, following manufacturer's instructions. Quilt as desired.
6. On pieced outside pocket, measure 4½" from the center of the middle Tumbler block row referring to Figure 4 and trim each side of the pocket to make a 9" x 7½" rectangle. Repeat on second outside pocket.

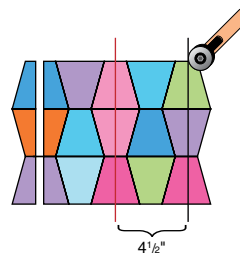


Figure 4

7. To complete one outside pocket, sew 9" edges of one E and one outside pocket right sides together. Press seam toward E. Turn right side out and match raw edges of E and outside pocket; press to make a ½" cuff at pocket top as shown in Figure 5.

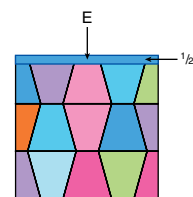


Figure 5



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8. Fuse a fusible fleece $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square between E and pieced outside pocket, following manufacturer's instructions. Quilt as desired to complete outside pocket.

9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 to make second outside pocket.

10. Measure 4" up from the bottom of the pieced tote front and use a washable fabric marker to draw a line across the width (Figure 6). Draw a line on outside pocket lining (E) $\frac{1}{4}$ " up from bottom of pocket.

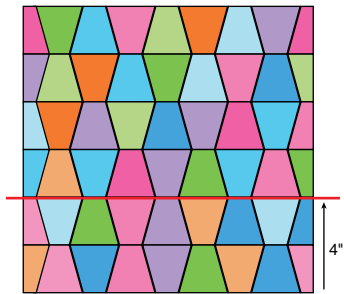


Figure 6

11. With right sides together, center outside pocket on pieced tote front matching drawn lines on pocket and pieced tote front (Figure 7). Sew on the drawn line across pocket. Flip up pocket toward top of tote and press; pin in place as shown in Figure 8.

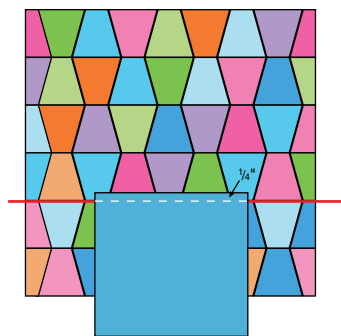


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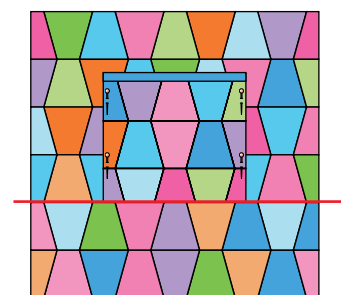


Figure 8

12. Repeat steps 10 and 11 to sew second pocket on pieced tote back.

Completing Tote Straps & Handles

1. To make one tote strap, fold and press one short end and one long side of C $\frac{1}{4}$ " to wrong side. Center and fuse a $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 15" fusible fleece strip to the wrong side of C (Figure 9).

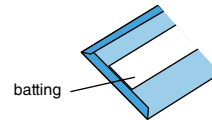


Figure 9

2. Fold and press the long raw edge of C over the fleece. Then, fold and press the long pressed edge of C over the raw edge. Stitch twice along center fold and edgestitch around all edges as shown in Figure 10.

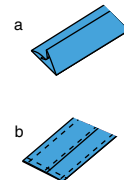


Figure 10

3. Wrap C folded short end around straight side of D-ring about $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", wrong sides together, and sew across strap close to C end (Figure 11).

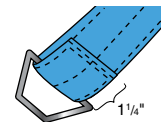


Figure 11

4. Repeat steps 1–3 to make four C straps.

5. Referring to Figure 12, position and pin two C straps, with D-rings at top, $3\frac{3}{4}$ " from each side and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " down from top of pieced tote front, covering pocket raw edges. Edgestitch long edges through all thicknesses. Repeat with remaining C straps on pieced tote back.

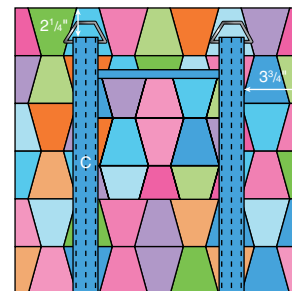


Figure 12

- Using B strips and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x 28" fusible fleece strips to make handles, repeat steps 1 and 2, except fold both short ends of B to the wrong side.
- Thread ends of B through D rings on pieced tote front and stitch referring to step 3 and Figure 11.
- Repeat steps 6 and 7 for pieced tote back handle.

Completing the Outer Tote

- With right sides together and handles pulled up out of the way, sew pieced tote front and back side seams and bottom seams together.
- Box tote bottom by matching side and bottom seams right sides together. Stitch $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from corner and trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Figure 13). Repeat on opposite corner.

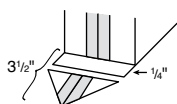


Figure 13

- Turn tote right side out.

Completing the Lining

- Fuse D to matching-size fusible fleece and quilt as desired. Repeat with second D.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions and attach magnetic snap closure centered and 1" down from top edge to each lining piece.
- To make one inside pocket, join G and F along both $18\frac{1}{2}$ " sides. Press seams toward F. Turn right side out and match raw edges of F and G; press to make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " cuff at pocket top as shown in Figure 14.

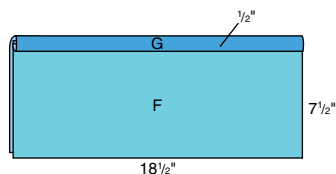


Figure 14

- Fuse an 8" x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " fusible fleece piece between G and F, and quilt as desired. Repeat to make a second inside pocket.
- Referring to steps 10–12 of Completing Outer Tote Sides, attach inside pockets to right side of front and back lining pieces (quilted D).
- Referring to Figure 15, draw a vertical line on the inside pocket $9\frac{1}{4}$ " from one side. Draw two more lines 5" on either side of the first line as shown in Figure 15.

Sew on the drawn lines to make pocket sections. Repeat on the other inside pocket. **Note:** How many pocket sections you make should be determined by the intended use of the tote. This stitching arrangement will make four pocket sections on either side of the tote. Change the section sizes as desired.

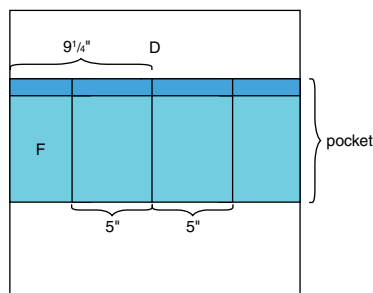


Figure 15

- With right sides together, sew the lining front to the lining back leaving the top open. Box the bottom referring to step 2 of Completing the Outer Tote. Do not turn right side out.

Completing the Tote

- Place the lining inside the outer tote, matching side seams and top edges. Making sure handles are pulled down and away from tote top, baste tote and lining together $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge all around top edge.
- Fold and press the $2\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide blue plaid binding strip wrong sides together. Sew the binding to the outer side of the tote using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam and matching raw edge of binding to raw edge of tote top.
- Turn binding toward lining side and hand-stitch in place to finish. ❖



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Placement Diagram 14" x 12" x 6"