

FreeSpirit

Pocket Tote - Blue

Skill Level:

Advanced Beginner/
Intermediate

Featuring:

Flora by Joel
Dewberry for
FreeSpirit



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Melissa Peda
Brand:	FreeSpirit
Crafting Time:	Afternoon

Finished Size:

10" x 4" x 12" (25.4 cm x 10.2 cm x 30.5 cm)

FreeSpirit Flora Collection by Joel Dewberry

Fabric Requirements:

- (A) PWJD099.EUCAL ½ yd. (.5 m)
- (B) PWJD047.EUCAL ½ yd. (.5 m)
- (C) PWJD100.EUCAL ⅔ yd (.61 cm)

Additional Requirements:

- (1) 15" x 29" (38.1 cm x 73.7 cm) piece fusible fleece
- (2) 1½" x 21" (3.8 cm x 53.3 cm) strip fusible fleece
- (2) 15" x 17" (38.1 cm x 43.2 cm) pieces Décor Bond Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® all-purpose thread
- Disappearing Ink Pen or Hera Marker

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Notes:

Seam allowances are ½" (1.3 cm) unless stated otherwise.
WOF = Width Of Fabric.

Cutting Instructions:

Fabric A, cut:

(2) 15" (38.1 cm) squares, for bag exterior.

Fabric B, cut:

(2) 15" x 17" (38.1 cm x 43.2 cm) pieces, for pockets.

Fabric C, cut:

(1) 6" x WOF (15.24 cm x WOF), for strap.

(2) 15" (38.1 cm) squares, for lining

Sewing Instructions:

Bag Exterior

1. Notch the top edge of each 15" (38.1) Fabric **A** square ¼" (.64cm).
2. Right sides together, sew the squares along the bottom edge only. Press seam. Open and place right side down on work surface. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the 15" x 29" (38.1cm x 73.7cm) piece of fusible fleece to wrong side of fabric.
3. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply a 15" x 17" (38.1cm x 43.2cm) piece of Decor Bond to the wrong side of each Fabric **B** pocket piece.
4. Wrong sides together, fold one pocket piece so that it measures 15" x 8½" (38.1 cm x 21.6 cm). Press. Edgestitch along fold. Repeat for second pocket piece.

5. Place a folded pocket on right side of bag exterior, with raw edge 11¼" (28.6 cm) down from one top edge. Stitch in place along raw edge. **Diagram 1** Flip pocket so that the folded edge is now facing toward the top. Press. Baste sides in place using a ¼" (.64 cm) seam allowance. In the same manner, sew the other pocket on the opposite side of bag exterior.

Straps

6. Cut the 6" x WOF (15.24 cm x WOF) strip into two 6" x 21" (15.24 cm x 53.3 cm) strips. Fold each strip in half lengthwise and gently press a crease. Open the strips and fold each side, wrong sides together, toward the center crease. Press.
7. Open each strip and place a 1½" x 21" (3.8cm x 53.3cm) piece of fusible fleece, adhesive side down, on the wrong side, using the center crease as a guide. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece to the strips. Fold raw edges toward center. **Diagram 2** Bring folded edges together so that each strip measures approximately 1½" (3.81cm) wide. Press. Edgestitch along each folded edge. Topstitch down center.
8. Measure and mark 3½" (8.9 cm) away from each side seam on one side of the bag. Place outside edges of strap on marks with strap ends tucked ½" (1.3 cm) below the top edge of the pocket. Make sure there are no twists in the strap. **Diagram 3** Stitch in place using the edgestitching on the pocket as a guide. Repeat on other side of bag.

9. Using a disappearing ink pen or Hera marker, mark a line from the center of one strap (where there is a stitching line) straight down the pocket. Stitch along this line. Repeat on other side of bag.
10. Right sides together, sew both side seams of bag. Box stitch each of the sides 2" (5 cm) from end.

Diagram 4

Lining

11. Sew lining, right sides together, along sides and bottom, leaving a 5" (12.7 cm) opening at the bottom seam for turning. Box stitch sides 2" (5 cm) from end in the same manner as the bag's exterior.

Finishing:

12. Place bag inside lining, right sides together. Sew around top edge. Turn right side out through the opening in the lining and press. Slipstitch opening in lining closed.
13. Edgestitch along top edge of bag.
14. Topstitch ¼" (.64 cm) away from edgestitching.

Diagram 1

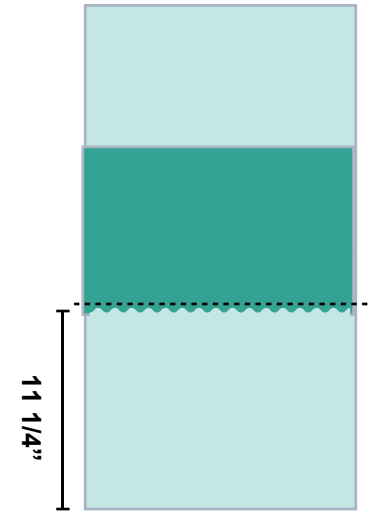


Diagram 2

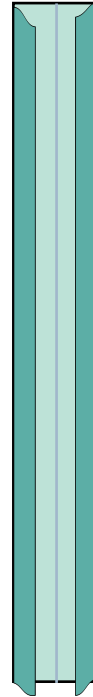


Diagram 3

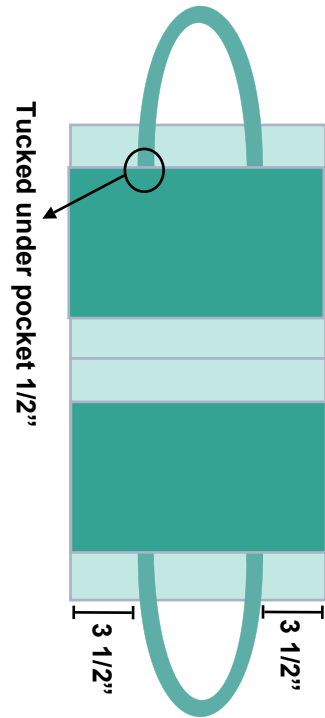


Diagram 4

