

Koala Party

Tote



Featuring fabrics from the **Koala Party** collection by **Swizzle Stick Studio** for **STUDIO·e·fabrics**

Fabric Requirements

- (A) 3326-61 ½ yard
- (B) 3331-41 ½ yard
- (C) 3330-16 ¼ yard
- (D) 3328-16 1 yard
- (E) 3332-11 ½ yard

Additional Supplies Needed

- Piecing and sewing thread
- Quilting and sewing supplies

Optional: Fusible fleece

Pattern Information

- Quilt designed by Heidi Pridemore
- Finished Tote Size 15" x 13" x 5"
- Skill Level: Intermediate

*Includes binding

Cutting

Cutting Instructions

Please note: All strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage edge unless otherwise noted.

WOF= Width of Fabric • LOF = Length of Fabric

Fabric A (3326-61 Kangaroo on Dots – Mint Green), cut:

- (1) 13 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 13 ½" x 20 ½" strips for the outer bag.

Fabric B (3331-41 Stripe – Yellow/Aqua), cut:

- Fussy cut (3) 12 ½" high x 14 ½" wide strips for the pocket fronts.

Fabric C (3330-16 Aussie Words – Aqua/Blue), cut:

- (1) 4 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut into (4) 4 ½" wide x 8 ½" high strips side pocket fronts.

Fabric D (3328-16 Leaves – Aqua/Blue), cut:

- (1) 14 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut the strip into (3) 12 ½" x 14 ½" rectangles pocket backs.
- (1) 13 ½" x WOF strips. Sub-cut into (2) 13 ½" x 20 ½" strips lining.

Fabric E (3332-11 Tiny Dot – Blue), cut:

- (2) 6" x WOF strips for the handles.

Sewing

Sew using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise indicated. Always press towards the darker fabric while assembling, unless otherwise noted by the arrows.

Strap Assembly

1. Fold one 6" x WOF Fabric E strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 1). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 2).
Optional: Add 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF fusible fleece to strap.

2. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make one 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strip (Fig. 3). Top stitch down both long sides $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge (Fig. 4).

3. Repeat Steps 1-2 to make a second strap. Trim to the desired length.

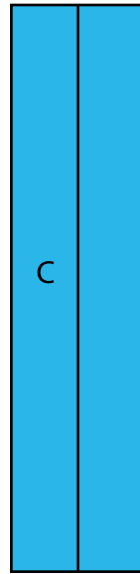


Fig. 1

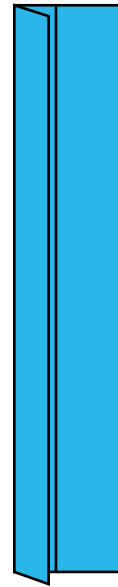


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Pocket Assembly

4. Place (1) 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric B strip right sides together with (1) 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric D strip. Stitch around all four sides, leaving a 4" opening for turning.

5. Turn the pocket right side out and press. Whip stitch the opening closed.

6. Repeat Steps 4-5 to make three large pockets.

7. Repeat Steps 4-5 with (4) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric C rectangles to make two side pockets.

Lining Assembly

8. Position one large pocket on (1) 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric D rectangle centering it from each side and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top edge. Stitch the pocket in place down each side and across the bottom (Fig. 5).

OPTIONAL: You can sew vertical lines through both the pocket and Fabric D rectangle to create smaller pockets.

9. Repeat Step 8 with a second large pocket and the second 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fabric D rectangle.

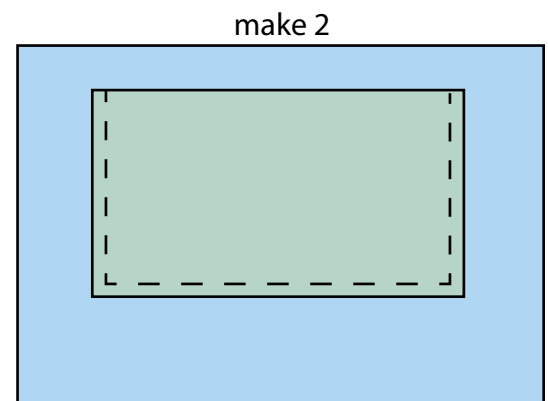


Fig. 5

10. Place the two 13 ½" x 20 ½" strips Fabric D rectangles together, right sides together. Make sure the pockets are both facing up. Stitch down the two sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning to make the lining.

11. Measure in from the side edge 2" and up from the bottom edge 2" at each lining corners. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 6). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 7). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom.

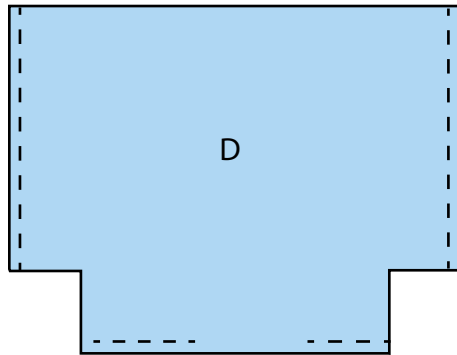


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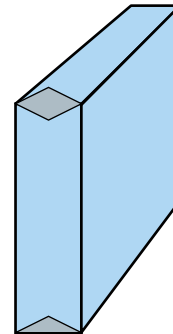


Fig. 7

Outer Bag Assembly

12. *Optional: Add one piece of fusible fleece to the wrong side of each 13 ½" x 20 ½" Fabric A pieces.* Place the two 13 ½" x 20 ½" strips Fabric A rectangles together, aligning the fabrics on each side. Sew down the sides and across the bottom of the bag to make the outer bag.

13. Repeat Step 11 with the outer bag bottom to complete. Turn the outer bag, right side out.

14. Position the last large pocket on the front of the bag, centering it from each side and 1 ½" from the top. Top stitch in place. Repeat to sew one side pocket on each side of the outer bag.

Final Bag Assembly

15. Position one handle on the outer bag front, approximately 4" from each side seam of the bag and pin in place with the handle pointing down. Repeat with the second handle and the bag back

16. Place the bag right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag and lining, pin together. Make sure the handles are between the outer bag and lining. Sew the lining and bag together. Turn the bag and lining right side out through the opening in the lining. Press as needed and top stitch the opening closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.

17. Press the sewn seams and topstitch around the bottom of the bag to add shape to the base of the bag