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Finished Size: 22 in x 15 in x 8 in (55.88 cm x 38.10 cm x 20.32 cm)

Fabric Needed

3 Wishes® Power of the Elements Collection

- 1 1/4 yds Hidden Birds (19184-MLT-CTN-D)
- 1 1/8 yds Elements Goddess (19181-MLT-CTN-D)
- ¼ yd Spring Floral (19187-MLT-CTN-D)
- 1/4 yd Stormy Sky (19186-MLT-CTN-D)

Additional Supplies Needed:

- Two 19 ½ in x 30 ½ in (49.53 cm x 77.47 cm) Fusible Fleece
- 7 ¾ in x 21 ¾ in (19.69 cm x 53.34 cm) Cardboard/card stock
- Coordinating thread
- Sewing supplies

Before You Begin

Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting before cutting Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6.35 mm) seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted. wof = width of fabric

Cutting

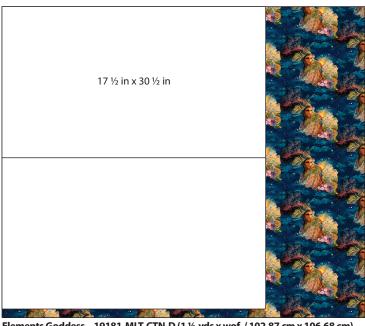
Use a rotary cutter and ruler to cut the size and number of squares and rectangles from each fabric listed below.



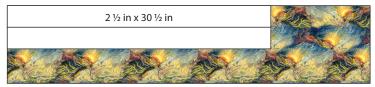
Hidden Birds – 19184-MLT-CTN-D (1 ¼ yds x wof / 114.30 cm x 106.68 cm) Cut 2 – 19 ½ in x 30 ½ in (49.53 cm x 77.47 cm)



Spring Floral – 19187-MLT-CTN-D (1/4 yd x wof / 22.86 cm x 106.68 cm) Cut 1 – 4 in x 42 in (10.16 cm x 57.15 cm)



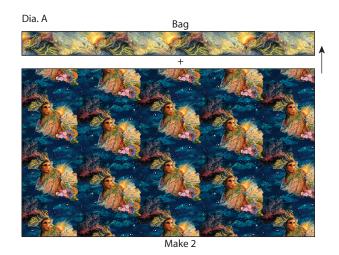
Elements Goddess – 19181-MLT-CTN-D (1 ½ yds x wof / 102.87 cm x 106.68 cm) Cut 2 – 17 ½ in x 30 ½ in (44.45 cm x 77.47 cm)



Stormy Sky – 19186-MLT-CTN-D (1/4 yd x wof / 22.86 cm x 106.68 cm) Cut 2 – 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ in (6.35 cm x 77.47 cm)

Sewing

Refer to Diagram A to pin and sew one Stormy Sky 2 ½ in x 30 ½ in (6.35 cm x 77.47 cm) RST to a long edge of one Elements Goddess 17 ½ in x 30 ½ in (44.45 cm x 77.47 cm) to make one side of the Bag that should measure 19 ½ in x 30 ½ in (49.53 cm x 77.47 cm); press.
 Note: Check orientation of design. Repeat to make the other side of the Bag.

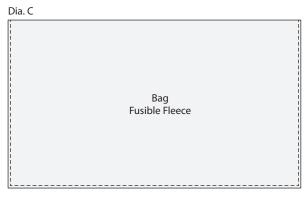


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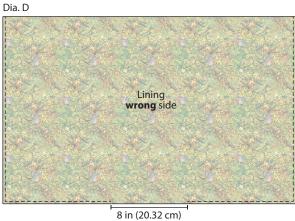
2. Refer to Diagram B and follow the manufacturer's instructions to press one piece of Fusible Fleece 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ in (49.53 cm x 77.47 cm) onto the **wrong** side of each Bag piece; quilt as desired.



3. Refer to Diagram C to place the two Bag pieces RST, aligning the cut edges. Sew the two pieces together down each side edge and across the bottom edge to make the Bag.

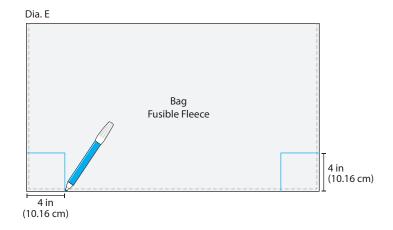


4. Refer to Diagram D to place the two Hidden Birds pieces 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ in (49.53 cm x 77.47 cm) RST, aligning the cut edges. Sew the two pieces together along each short edge and across the bottom edge, leaving an 8 in (20.32 cm) opening for turning to make the Lining.

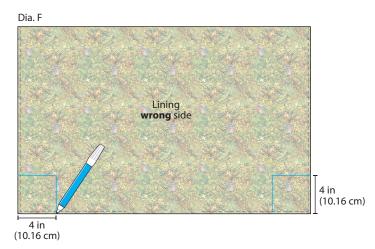


opening

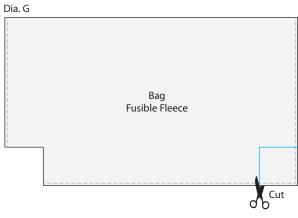
5. Refer to Diagram E to measure from the bottom and left edge of the Bag and draw a 4 in (10.16 cm) square. Repeat with the bottom and right edge to measure and draw a second 4 in (10.16 cm) square.



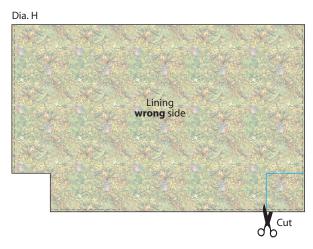
6. Refer to Diagram F to measure from the bottom and left edge of the Lining and draw a 4 in (10.16 cm) square. Repeat with the bottom and right edge to measure and draw a second 4 in (10.16 cm) square.



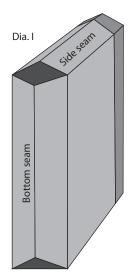
7. Refer to Diagram G to cut out the drawn square through both layers on the Bag. Press seams open.



8. Refer to Diagram H to cut out the drawn square through both layers on the Lining. Press seams open.

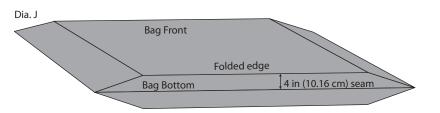


- 9. Refer to Diagram I to open up the cut area from Step 7 on the Bag Bottom. Align the bottom seam with the side seam. Align the cut edges and pin. Using a ¼ in (6.35 mm) seam, sew the opening closed to form a box bottom corner. Repeat with the other corner to create a box bottom on the Bag.
- 10. Repeat Step 9 with the two cut corners of the Lining to make a box bottom.

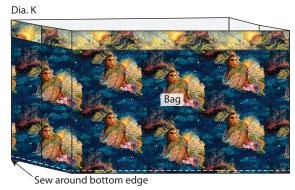


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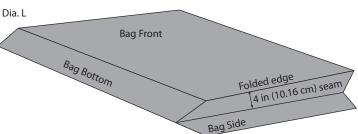
11. To create the boxy look for this bag, turn the Bag right side out and push the Bag Front down on top of the Bag Bottom. Using the box bottom corners as a guide, fold the front panel to create the front/bottom edge (Diagram J). **Note:** This edge should be about 4 in (10.16 cm) from the bottom sewn seam. Continue around the base of the bag to form and press the box bottom.



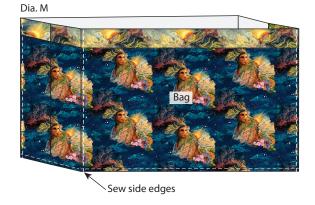
12. Starting at one boxy bottom corner, topstitch through the front/back/sides and bottom layer about a ¼ in (6.35 mm) from the pressed fold to create the boxy bottom edge (Diagram K).



13. Next push the Bag Front against the Bag Side. Form one side corner by using the box bottom corner as a guide and fold the layered fabric flat (Diagram L). **Note:** This fold should be about 4 in (10.16 cm) from the sewn side seam.



- 14. Starting at the boxy bottom corner, top stitch through the front and side layers about a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6.35 mm) from the sewn seam to create the boxy side (Diagram M).
- 15. Repeat Steps 13 14 with each of the remaining vertical corners.



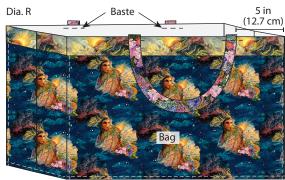
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- 16. Refer to Diagram N to fold the Spring Floral strip 4 in x 42 in (10.16 cm x 106.68 cm) with **wrong** sides together and edges even; press to form a crease.
- 17. Refer to Diagram O to open the folded strip and then fold in each long edge to the center crease; press.
- 18. Refer to Diagram P to fold the strip in half again with folded edges even; press.

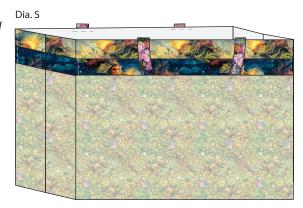
 Note: The cut edges of the strip should be enclosed in the folded fabric and the strip should now be folded into quarters. Topstitch close to each long edge of the folded strip.
- 19. Refer to Diagram Q to cut the Spring Floral strip in half to make two Handles. Each Handle should measure approximately 1 in x 21 in (2.54 cm x 53.34 cm).



20. Refer to Diagram R to turn the Bag right side out. Position one Handle on one side of the Bag. Each end of the Handle should be 5 in (12.70 cm) from each side of the Bag and ¼ in (6.35 mm) in. Pin the Handle in place above the top edge. Repeat to attach the second Handle to the other side. Baste the Handles to the Bag.

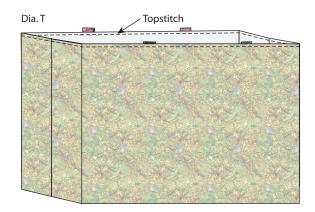


21. Refer to Diagram S to insert the Bag into the Lining RST. Align the side seams and the top edges on the Bag and Lining. *Note:* The Handles should be tucked in between the two layers.

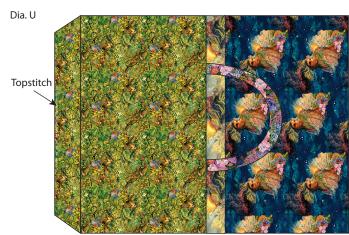


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22. Refer to Diagram T to sew the Bag and Lining together around the top edge. Reinforce the stitching at each Handle end.



23. Refer to Diagram U to turn the Bag right side out through the opening in the Lining. Press the Bag and Lining. Tuck the cut edges into the Lining opening ¼ in (6.35 mm) and press. Topstitch the opening closed.



- 24. Refer to Diagram V to insert the Lining into the Bag and press the top seam. Topstitch around the top edge to complete the Power of the Elements Tote Bag.
- 25. Insert the 7 ¾ in x 21 ¾ in (19.69 cm x 53.34 cm) strip of cardboard/card stock into the bottom of the Bag.



Finished Care Instructions

Machine wash in cold water; gentle cycle. Do not bleach. Hang to dry or tumble dry low.