

# Aussie Friends

A Free Project Sheet  
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Tote



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Skill Level: Advanced Beginner



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Finished Tote Size: 14" x 12" x 5"

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## Fabrics in the Aussie Friends Collection



Tossed Mixed Aussie Animals  
Light Gray – 2093-90



Aussie Animal Blocks  
Black – 2094-99



Tossed Wombats  
Dark Gray – 2095-95



Mixed Aussie Animals  
Ivory – 2096-41



Floating Floral  
Light Gray – 2097-90



Eucalyptus and Flowers  
Black – 2098-99



Kangaroos  
Green – 2099-66



Koala Bears in Trees  
Gray – 2100-90



Mini Koala Bears  
Black – 2101-99



Birds  
Green – 2102-66

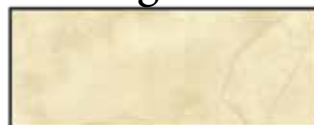
## Select Fabrics from the Urban Legend Collection



Light Brown  
7101-32



Terra  
7101-33



Ivory  
7101-41



Charcoal  
7101-99

### Materials

3/8 yard	Eucalyptus and Flowers - Black (A)	2098-99
3/8 yard	Urban Legends - Light Brown (B)	7101-32
1/4 yard	Mixed Aussie Animals - Ivory (C)	2096-41
5/8 yard	Floating Floral - Light Gray (D)	2097-90

### You will also need:

- Fusible Fleece

### Cutting Instructions

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

#### From the Eucalyptus and Flowers - Black (A), cut:

- (1) 10" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 10" x 17" strips.

#### From the Urban Legends - Light Brown (B), cut:

- (1) 1 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 1 1/2" x 17 1/2" strips.
- (2) 4" x WOF strips.

#### From the Mixed Aussie Animals-Ivory (C), cut:

- (1) 6 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 6 1/2" x 17 1/2" strips.

#### From the Floating Floral-Light Gray (D), cut:

- (1) 17 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 17" x 17 1/2" rectangles.

#### From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

- (2) 17" x 17 1/2" rectangles.
- (2) 1" x 40" strips.

### Tote Assembly

*Note: Use a 1/4" seam allowance with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted.*

1. Sew together (1) 6 1/2" x 17 1/2" Fabric C strip, (1) 1 1/2" x 17 1/2" Fabric B strip and (1) 10" x 17 1/2" Fabric A strip, lengthwise and in that order from top to bottom, to make the Outer Bag Front (Fig. 1). Repeat to make the Outer Bag Back.

Outer Bag Front/Back  
make 2

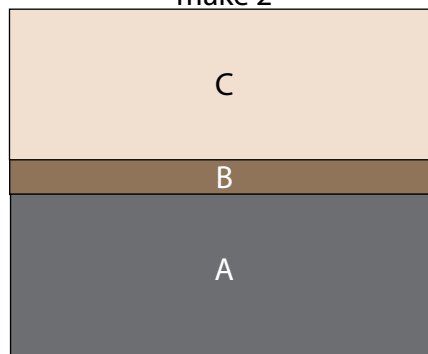


Fig. 1

2. Following the manufacturer's instructions and press (1) 17" x 17 1/2" Fusible Fleece rectangle to the wrong side of both the Outer Bag Front and Outer Bag Back.
3. Place the Outer Bag Front and Outer Bag Back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom.
4. Measure in from the side edge 2 1/2" and up from the bottom edge 2 1/2" at each bottom corner. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 2). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 3). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom.

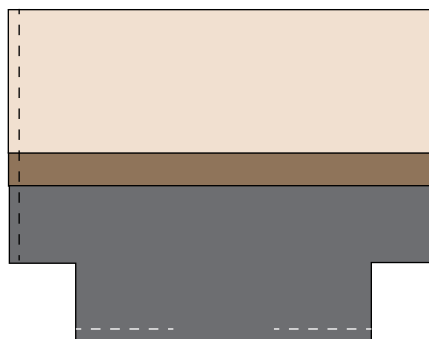


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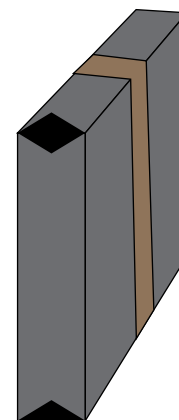


Fig. 3

5. Place together the (2) 17" x 17 1/2" Fabric D rectangles right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning.

6. Repeat Step 4 to the sewn lining unit to make the box bottom in the lining.

7. To make the handles, fold (1) 4" x WOF Fabric B strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 4). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 5). Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make (1) 1" x WOF folded strip (Fig. 6). Insert (1) 1" x 40" fusible fleece strip inside the folded strip.

8. Top stitch down both long sides of the folded strip 1/8" in from the edge to make (1) Handle (Fig. 7).

9. Repeat Steps 7-8 to make a second Handle.

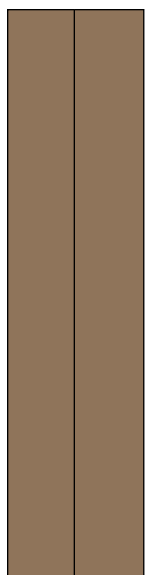


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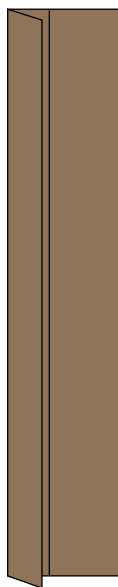


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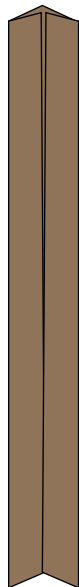


Fig. 6



Fig. 7

10. Cut the handle strips to desired length to make two handles.

11. Position and pin (1) Handle to the front of the bag 5" in from each side seam (Fig. 8). Repeat with the second handle and bag back. Make sure the handles are hanging down the right side of the bag while assembling.

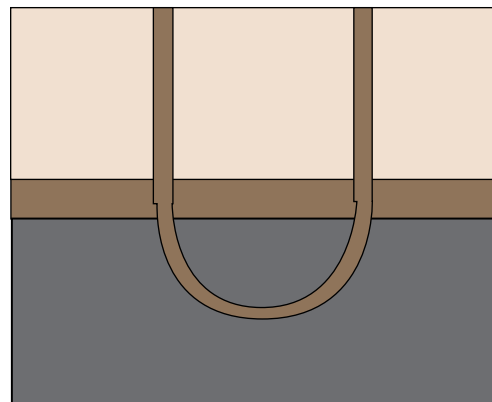


Fig. 8

12. Place the bag with handles, right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag, handles and lining and pin together. Sew the lining and bag together, reinforcing the stitching at each handle end. Turn the bag and lining right side out through the opening in the lining. Press as needed and top stitch the open closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.