

Cat's Meow Tote



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You'll Need

- 1/2 yard teal oval print
- 1/4 yard of tan knit
- 1/4 yard cat face print
- 1/8 yard brown paw print
- 1/2 yard cats at play print (for lining)
- (2) 13" x 16" pieces of batting
- (1) 1-1/2" x 42" strip of batting



Cutting

From the teal oval print:

- (1) 5" x 12-1/2" piece
- (1) 3" x 13" piece
- (1) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" piece
- (2) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" pieces
- (1) 3-1/2" x WOF strip

From the tan knit print:

- (2) 2-1/2" x 13" pieces
- (1) 1-1/2" x WOF strip
- (2) 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" pieces
- (2) 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" pieces
- (1) 1-1/2" x WOF strip

From the cat face print:

- (1) 6-1/2" square
- (2) 2-1/2" x 13" pieces

From the brown paw print:

- (2) 2-1/2" x 13" pieces

From the cats at play print:

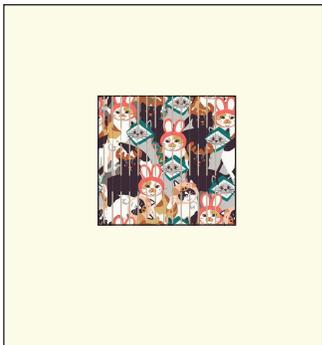
- (2) 12-1/2" x 15" pieces



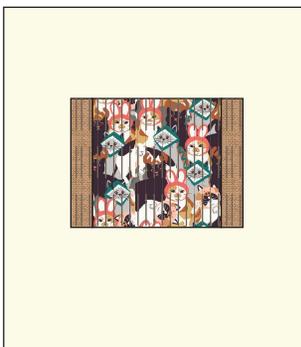
Bag back

Make the Tote Bag

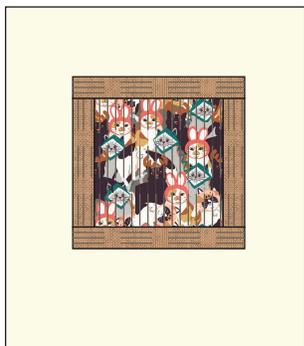
1. Position the 6-1/2" cat face square on (1) 13" x 16" piece of batting as shown. Machine quilt the square to the batting with straight lines, approximately 1/2" apart.



2. Stitch 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" tan knit pieces to opposite sides of the square, press open, and machine quilt to the batting.

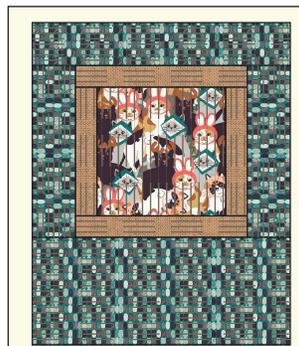


3. Stitch 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" tan knit pieces to the top and bottom of the square, press open, and machine quilt to the batting.

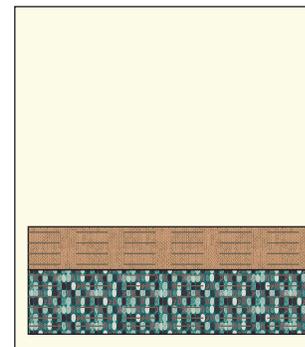
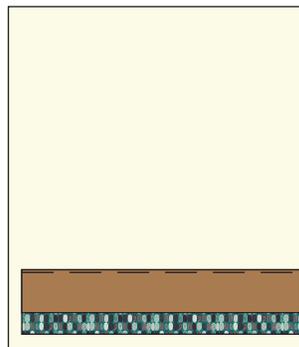


4. In the same way, add 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" teal oval pieces to the sides and machine quilt to the batting. Add (1) 2-1/2" x 12-1/2" teal oval piece to the top and (1) 5" x 12-1/2" teal oval piece to the bottom.

teal oval piece to the bottom, press open and machine quilt. Trim bag front to measure 12-1/2" x 15".



5. Lay (1) 3" x 13" teal oval strip right side up along the bottom edge of (1) 13" x 16" piece of batting as shown on the next page. Lay (1) 2-1/2" x 13" tan knit piece on top, right sides together. Stitch to the batting using a 1/4" seam allowance and press open. Machine quilt the strips to the batting.



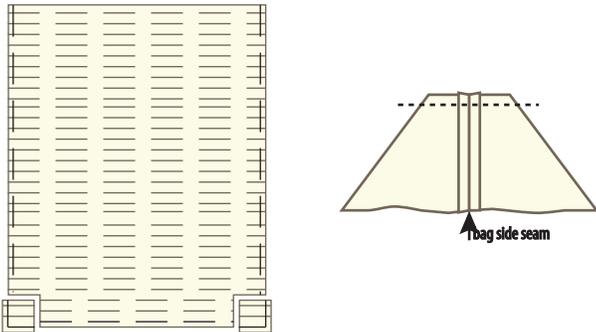
6. In the same way, continue adding 2-1/2" x 13" strips: cat face, brown paw, tan knit, cat face, and brown paw. Machine quilt each strip in place after adding it. Trim bag back to measure 12-1/2" x 15".



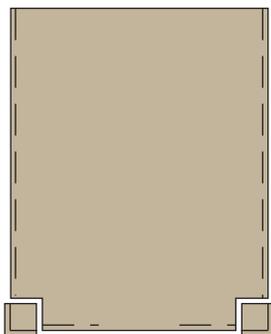
7. Lay the bag front and back right sides together, matching raw edges. Sew along both sides and the bottom using a 1/4" seam allowance.



8. Cut 1-1/2" squares from both bottom corners as shown. Match side seam to bottom seam and stitch to box the corner. Repeat on the second corner. Turn bag right side out.

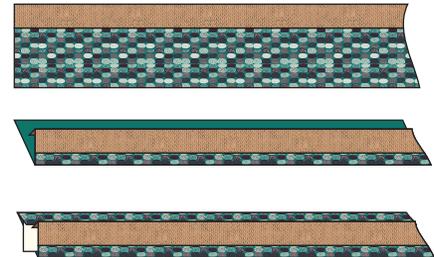


9. Position (2) 12-1/2" x 15" cats at play pieces right sides together and sew along sides and bottom using a 1/4" seam allowance, leaving an opening along bottom edge for turning. Box the corners in the same way as for the outer bag.

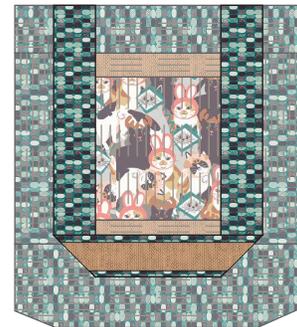


10. To make the handles, sew (1) 3" x WOF teal oval strip lengthwise to (1) 1-1/2" x WOF tan knit strip. Fold and press the strip so approximately 1/4" of the teal oval strip

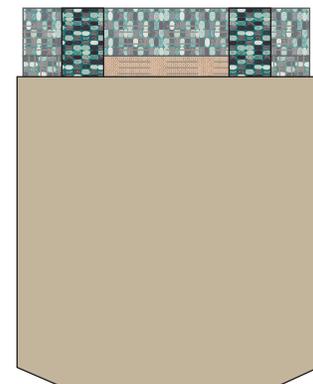
shows next to the tan knit strip. Press the long edge of the tan knit strip under 1/4" as well. Tuck the 1-1/2" x 42" batting strip inside and fold and press the long edge of the teal oval strip over it. Pin the folded tan edge on top to encompass the batting and topstitch down both edges of the tan knit strip to secure. Cut into (2) 20" lengths.



11. Pin a handle to the front side of the bag, right sides facing, 2" from each side bag seam. Baste to secure. Repeat on the back of the bag.



12. Tuck the outer bag inside the lining, right sides together. Align the top raw edges and pin in place, matching side seams. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance.



13. Turn bag right side out, stitch opening in the lining closed, and tuck lining inside the bag. Press top edge of bag and topstitch to secure.