

Six Pocket Tote

Fort Worth Fabric Studio

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11 1/2" Tall and 13" Wide

Supplies:

1/2 yard of Exterior Print
 1 yard for Pockets and Handles
 1/2 yard for lining

3 yards of Pellon SF101 Fusible Interfacing
 1/2 yard of Fusible Fleece

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Cutting:

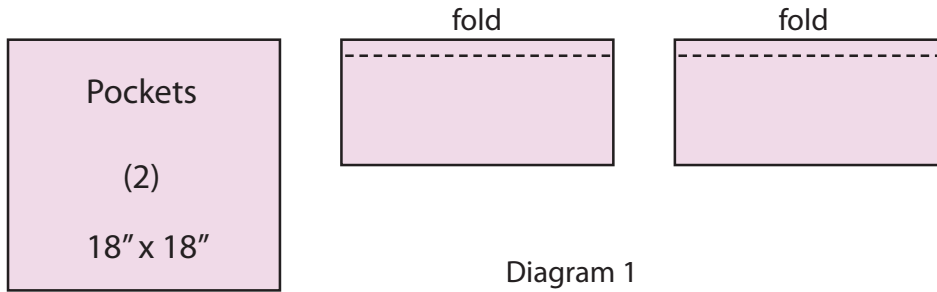
Along with all your fabric pieces, use SF101 Interfacing to line the 2 exterior pieces, pocket pieces, and handles.

Use Fusible Fleece to line the two lining pieces.

Pieces to cut for 6-pocket tote

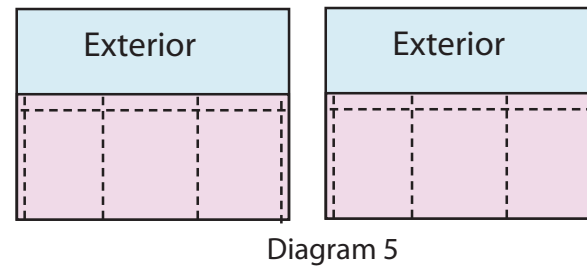
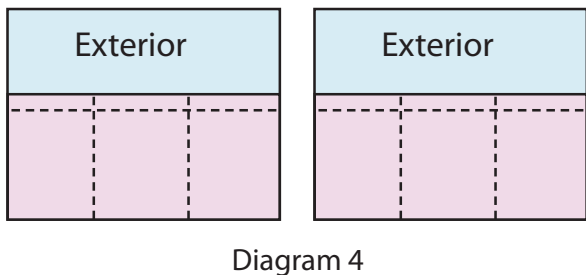
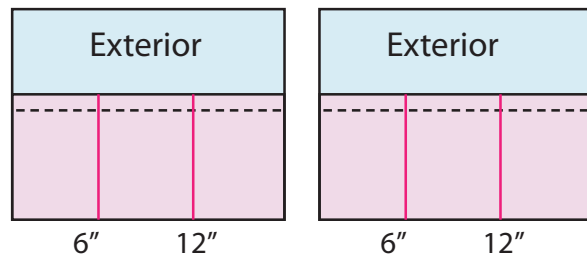
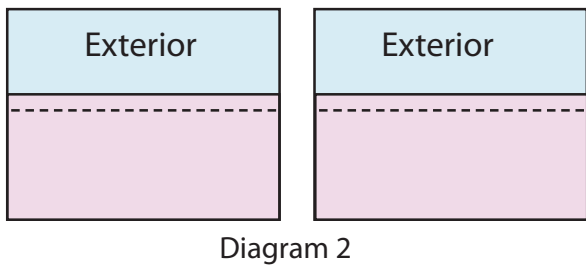
Exterior (2) 16" x 18"	Lining (2) 16" x 18"
Pockets (2) 18" x 18"	
(2) 6" x 28" - Handles	

Step 1: Start with your two pocket pieces. Fold each piece in half, with wrong sides together and press. Top stitch 3/8" from the folded edge of each pocket.



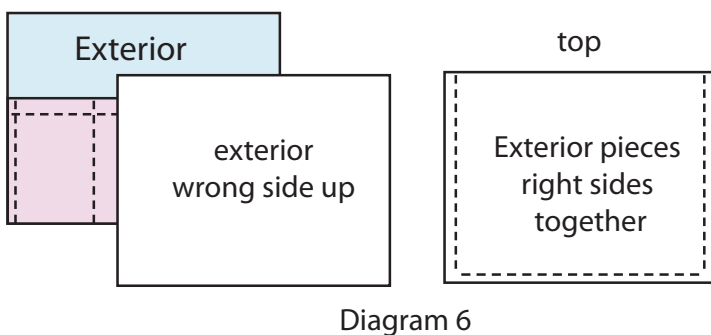
Step 2 : Place each pocket piece on each piece of your exterior pieces right sides facing up. Line unfinished bottom edge of pockets with the bottom edge of exterior pieces. Pin to secure. (Diagram 2) Then mark the 6" mark and 12" mark on your pocket pieces. (Diagram 3)

Sew along your marked lines--making sure you backstitch to secure. This will create your pockets. (Diagram 4) To secure your pockets futher, you can sew a stay stich along the left and right sides of each exterior piece using a 1/4" seam allowance. (Diagram 5)



Step 3. Now place your two exterior pieces (with pockets sewn on and place them right sides together. Pin all the way around to secure.

Sew along the left, right and bottom sides using a 1/2" seam allowance. Diagram 6



Step 4: Creating the Gussets (Boxed Corners)

With your bag exterior wrong sides out, open up your bottom corner. Match the sides seams with the bottom seam of your bag, so that you form a triangle. Press it flat.

With a ruler mark 2.5" from the corner and mark a line straight across. Sew along this marked line, making sure you back stitch. (Diagram 7)

Do this to both corners of the exterior of your bag. (Diagram 8)

Carefully cut the excess fabric off, leaving a 1/4" of fabric from the seam. (Diagram 9)



Diagram 7



Diagram 8



Diagram 9

Step 5: Making the Lining

Place your two lining pieces right sides together. Pin to secure. Sew along the left, right, and bottom sides-**leave about a 4" opening along the bottom of your lining!!!** (Diagram 10)

Press your seams open.

Create your gussets. Following the exact same instructions in step 4, you will make your gussets in you lining piece as well. (Diagram 11)

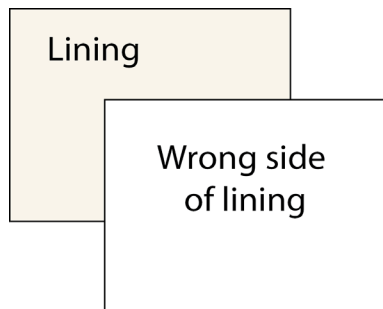


Diagram 10

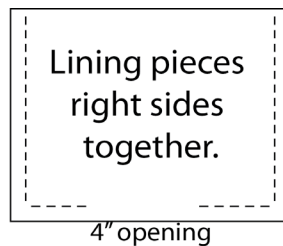


Diagram 11

Step 6: Attaching the Handles

Fold the left and right sides of your handle piece in 1.5" and press. (Diagram 12)

Then fold over again and press. (Diagram 13)

Now stitch along both sides of your handle with an 1/8" seam. (Diagram 13)

Place your handle 2" from the left and right seams on your exterior piece. Pin into place, and then sew them on using a 1/4" seam. Do this to both sides of your bag. Being careful that your handles are not twisted. (Diagram 14)



Diagram 12



Diagram 13



Diagram 14

Step 7: Final Assembly

Place the exterior (right sides out) of your bag INSIDE the lining of your bag (the lining is wrong sides out) Tuck your handles in-between the two layers. (Diagram 15)

Line up the seams on either side and pin all the way around the opening of the bag. Then sew all the way around the top of your bag using a 5/8" seam. (Diagram 15)

Now you will use the opening you left on your lining and turn the bag right side out. Next you will sew the opening of your lining shut. You can hand sew it shut, or just quickly sew it with your sewing machine. (Diagram 16)

Tuck your lining inside your bag and then you will top stitch along the top of your bag using a 1/2 seam. (Diagram 17)



Diagram 15



Diagram 16



Diagram 17