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# Betterstitch

A Free Project Sheet  
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Tote

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Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

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Finished Tote Size: 16" x 14" x 3"  
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## Fabrics in the Betterstitch Collection



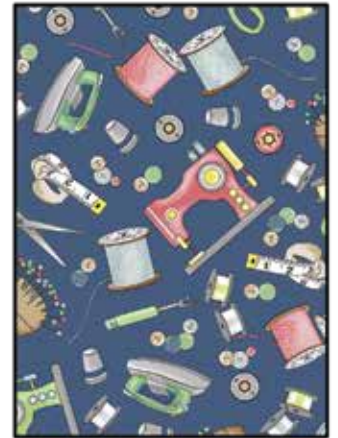
Large Patch - Ecrú  
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Sewing Patterns - Ecrú  
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Sewing Tools - Lt. Blue  
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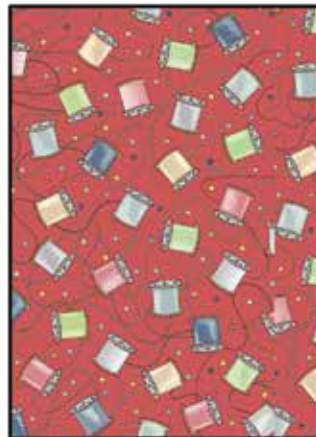
Sewing Tools - Dk. Blue  
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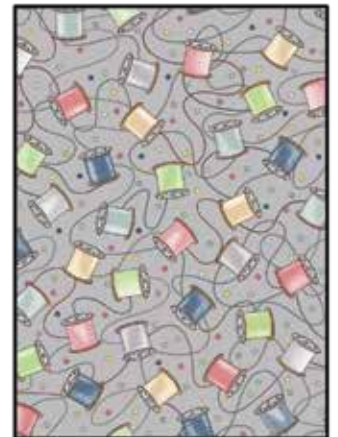
Buttons - Ecrú  
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Buttons - Dk. Blue  
9385-77



Spools - Red  
9386-88



Spools - Lt. Gray  
9386-90



Sewing Words - Ecrú  
9387-41



Sewing Words - Gray  
9387-95

### Materials

½ yard	Sewing Patterns - Ecrú (A)	9383-41
¼ yard	Buttons - Dk. Blue (B)	9385-77
⅓ yard	Sewing Words - Gray (C)	9387-95
½ yard	Sewing Words - Ecrú (D)	9387-41

### You will also need:

⅝ yard	Fusible Fleece
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### Cutting Instructions

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

#### From the Sewing Patterns - Ecrú (A), cut:

- (1) 13" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 13" x 19 ½" strips.

#### From the Buttons - Dk. Blue (B), cut:

- (1) 3 ½" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 3 ½" x 19 ½" strips.

#### From the Sewing Words - Gray (C), cut:

- (2) 4" x WOF strips.

#### From the Sewing Words - Ecrú (D), cut:

- (1) 16" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 16" x 19 ½" strips.

#### From the Fusible Fleece, cut:

- (1) 16" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 16" x 19 ½" strips.
- (2) 1" x WOF strips.

### Tote Assembly

1. Sew (1) 3 ½" x 19 ½" Fabric B strip to the top of (1) 13" x 19 ½" Fabric A strip to make the bag front (Fig. 1). Repeat to make the bag back.

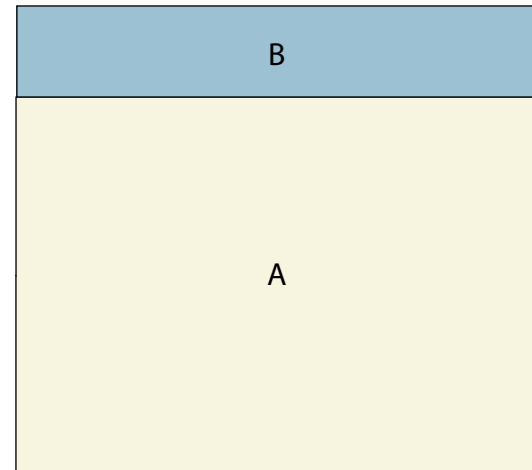


Fig. 1

2. Press (1) 16" x 19 ½" Fusible fleece onto the back side of the bag front and quilt as desired. Repeat to with the bag back.
3. Place the bag front and bag back right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom to make the outer bag.
4. Measure in from the side edge 3" and up from the bottom edge, 3" 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 on the outer bag.

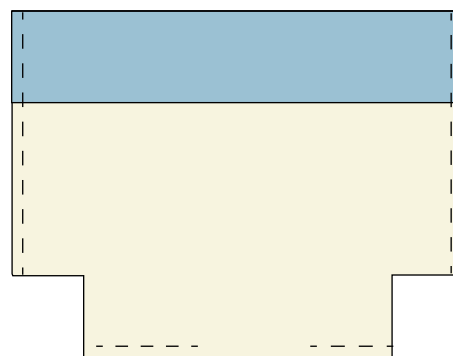


Fig. 2

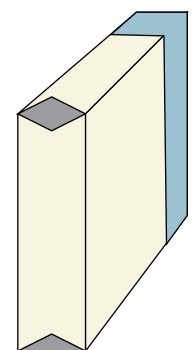


Fig. 3

5. Place the (2) 16" x 19 1/2" Fabric D pieces right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4" opening for turning to create the lining.

6. Repeat Step 4 to create a box corner on each bottom corner of the lining.

7. Fold (1) 4" x WOF 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).

8. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make (1) 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 6). Slide (1) 1" strip of fusible fleece into the handle and press. Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge (Fig. 7).

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

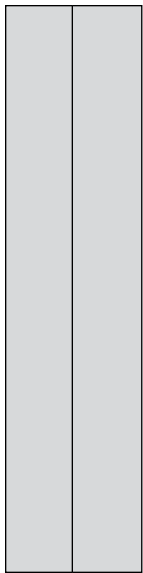


Fig. 4

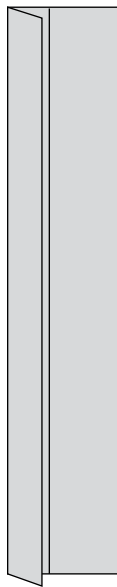


Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7

10. Trim each strap to the desired length. Tuck in the short ends on each strip and press.

11. Place the outer bag, right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag and lining, pin together. 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 open closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.

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

13. Position (1) strip on the bag front, aligning the bottom of the strap with the seam between Fabric A and Fabric B. Top stitch the strap in place (Fig. 8). Repeat with the second strap and the bag back.

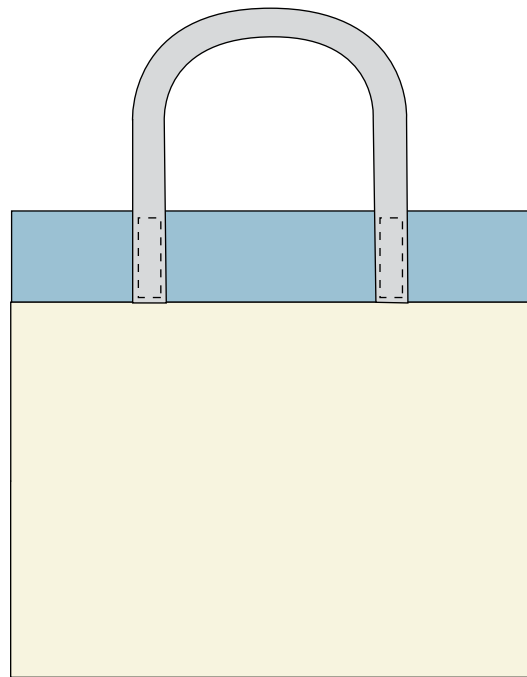


Fig. 8

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