

Hummingbird Tote Bag

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Skill Level: Beginner



Materials Needed:

Hummingbird Garden - Black background #72768-J 1 Yd.

Hummingbird Garden – Bamboo #72769 ½ Yd.

Fleece ½ Yd.

Heavy Interfacing ¼ Yd.

Cutting

From the Hummingbird black background fabric cut:

2 - 18" x 10" pieces for the middle front and back of the bag

2 - 18" x 16" pieces for the lining

From the Bamboo fabric cut:

2 – 18" x 3" pieces for the top front and back bands

2 – 18" x 5" pieces for the bottom front and back bands

4 – 22" x 2 ¼" pieces for the handles

From the fleece cut:

2 – 18" x 16" pieces

From the interfacing cut:

2 – 22" x 2 ¼" pieces

Instructions:

- 1) With right sides together sew the top bands to the top of the middle sections of the bag.
- 2) With right sides together sew the bottom bands to the bottom of the middle sections of the bag. **Illustration 1**
- 3) Mark 2 ½" up and 2 ½" in from the bottom corners of the front and back of the bag. Draw lines to square off and cut the square off. Repeat with the lining pieces. **Illustration 2**
- 4) Iron interfacing to the wrong side of 1 handle piece. With right sides together sew interfaced piece to a handle piece without interfacing. Repeat with the other pieces.
- 5) Turn the handles right side out and press. Top stitch each long side ¼" from the edges.

- 6) On the bag front and back pieces measure 6" in from the top side edge and mark for the handle placement. Stitch the handles to the top edge of the right side of the bag. **Illustration 3**
- 7) Baste the fleece to the wrong sides of the front and back of the bag.
- 8) With right sides together sew the bag front and back pieces together along the sides and then along the bottom.
- 9) Bring the bottom corners together, matching up side seams and sew. **Illustration 4**
- 10) Sew the lining pieces right sides together along the sides. Sew the bottom together leaving a 6" opening for turning. Sew the corners together as in step # 9. Turn the lining right side out.
- 11) Place the lining inside the bag having right side of bag and right side of lining together. Sew around the top of the bag. **Illustration 5**
- 12) Turn the bag right side out through the opening. Hand stitch the opening closed.

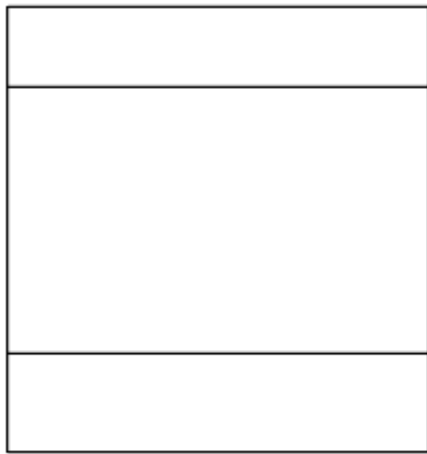


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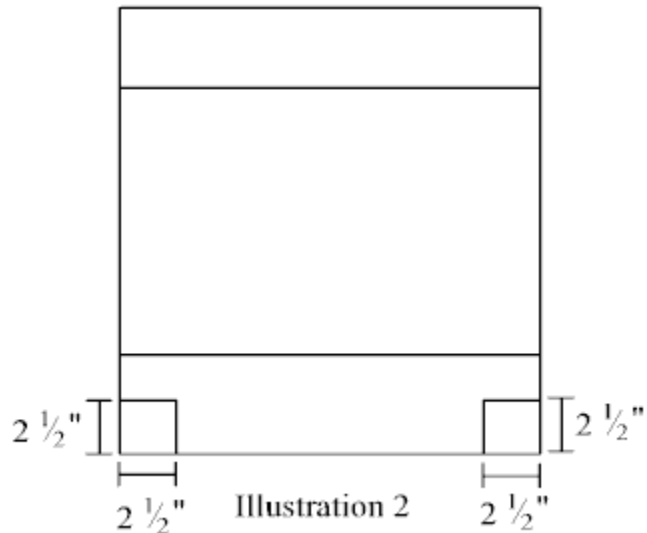


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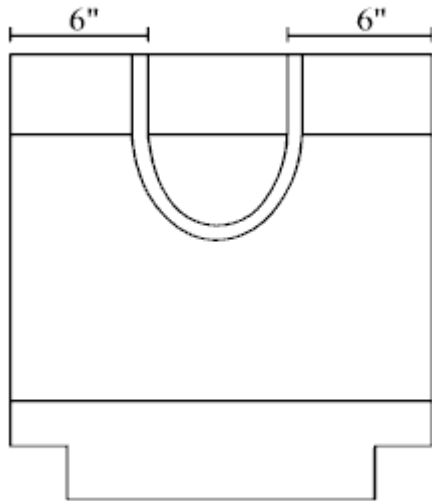


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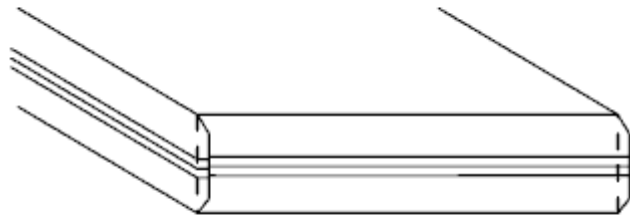


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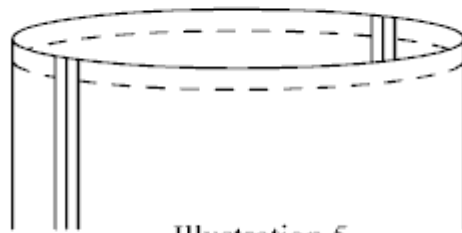


Illustration 5

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