

# **Quilted Tote Bag 8" Blocks - Instructions**

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- 1. Stitch out (12) Quilted Blocks. Trim to 8" x 8".
- 2. Join (4) 8" x 8 together. Refer to diagrams on Page 2
- 3. Stitch out Owl on top of joined blocks.
- 4. After Owls are completed, attach Side 1 and Side 2 together using joining strips.
- 5. Attached the last joining strip to first unit, creating a tube. Complete Joining Strip process.
- 6. Turn tube inside out and sew ¼" seam at bottom of tube. Finish raw edges by sewing on 1 3/8" strip, press in half, secure with Steam-A-Seam tape and stitch down. Mark and sew corners.
- 7. Add 3" binding to top edge of tote bag.
- 8. Cut (4) Quilted blocks into (8) 8" x 4". Join 4 parts together with joining strips for handles.
- 9. Fold the edges to the center; pin and press.

8" Tote Bag	13" x 13" x 3"
Fabric Requirements	Yardage
Background Fabric	1
Backing Fabric	1
Joining strips and binding	1/2
Floriani Embroidery Batting	60" x 3 yds

Fabric Requirements for Quilted Blocks				
(12) 10 1/2" x 10 1/2"	Background Fabric			
(12) 10 1/2" x 10 1/2"	Backing Fabric			
(12) 13" x 16"	Embroidery Batting			

#### **Cutting Instructions:**

### For Background and Backing Fabric

 Cut (3) strips at 10 1/2" wide, then cut (4) 10 1/2" blocks from each strip. (12) Blocks of each fabric.

### **Embroidery Batting**

• Cut (4) strips at 16" wide, then cut (2) 13" Blocks from each strip. Total of 4 from each strip.

#### For 1" Joining Strip Fabric

- Cut (4) strips at 1" wide, then cut the following
- From (1) strip cut (4) 10" strips.
- From (2) strips cut (2) 20" strips total of 4 strips.
- From (1) strip cut (4) 6" strips.

### For 1 3/8" Joining Strip Fabric – Blocks

- Cut (7) strips at 1 3/8" wide, then cut the following
- From (1) strip cut (4) 10" strips.
- From (2) strips cut (2) 20" strips total of 4 strips.
- From (1) strip cut (4) 6" strips.
- From (2) strips cut (2) 36" strips for handles.
- From (1) strip cut (1) 18" strip.

\*\* NOTE: The 13" x 16" size for Embroidery Batting is for Brother Dream and Babylock Density. If using other embroidery machine, measure the outside edges of the hoop and cut Embroidery Batting at least 1" larger all the way around.

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Side 1		e 1	Side 2		Layout of 12 Quilted Blocks.
0.00 2			Layout of 12 Quitted Blocks.		
	1	3	5	7	Join top and bottom blocks as shown using the following joining strips  • (4) 1" x 10" strips  • (4) 1 3/8" x 10" strips
	2	4	6	8	
Side 1		Side	e 2	Join Side 1 and Side 2 Blocks	
	1	3	5	7	<ul> <li>(2) 1" x 20" strips</li> <li>(2) 1 3/8" x 20" strips</li> </ul>
	2	4	6	8	If desired, Stitch out Owls on Joined quilted blocks. From the Owls with Attitude CD, use the file that indicates "other quilted background".
	Side	e 1	Sic	de 2	Joining Rows (Side 1 - Attach 1" and 1 3/8" x 20"
	1	3	5	7	Joining strips to <u>both sides</u> of <u>Side 1</u> 1. Sew with ¼" seam, refer to Joining Strip instructions for trimming and pressing.
	2	4	6	8	Attach Side 2 to one 1" strip, continue the joining strip process for pressing and securing the 1 3/8" strip.
					DO NOT ATTACH THE FINAL SIDE YET
Side 1 Side 2			Side	Join the final 1" strip to greate a tube	
Side 2		Join the final 1" strip to create a tube.  a) Finish the 1 3/8" strip per Joining Strip			
	1	3	5	7	technique. Square up as needed.
	'	5		· ·	Turn tube inside out and sew ¼" seam at bottom of tube. Finish raw edges by sewing on 1 3/8" strip, press in half, secure with Steam-A-Seam tape and stitch down.
	2	4	6	8	
					Add 3" binding to top edge of bag. Sew binding using a 1/2" seam.

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Create the bottom corner by folding at 45 degree angle as shown. Measure 3" across and mark a line with washable pen to stitch. Stitch on the line to make the corner. Repeat on opposite end.
Assembly for Handles  Joining Handle Blocks - Attach 1" and 1 3/8" x 5" per
joining strip instructions.
Fold edges together so that they are butted. Pin in place and press from non-pinned side, turn over, press as pins are being removed.
<ul> <li>Sew 1 3/8" x WOF strip onto one side of each strip.</li> <li>Press 1 3/8" over butted edges, Press, then fold edge to just below seam and Press.</li> <li>Press Steam-A-Seam on the 1 3/8" strip and press down. Sew strip down.</li> <li>Stitch slightly inside both edges of 1 3/8" strip to secure to handle.</li> </ul>
Sew 1 3/8" strip to both edges of handles. Fold over raw edge of handle press. Use Steam-A-Seam tape to secure the strip. Stitch to secure the strip.
Attach Handle to Tote Bag Sew Handles to Tote Bag approx. 2" below top edge. Center the Handles over the joining strips.