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On the Move with Jane by Wendy Poling

Hi, I'm Wendy from Sewing in the Wendy City {sewinginthewendycity.blogspot.com}, and I'm thrilled to be back with my fourth tutorial at Moda Bake Shop!

I came up with this idea because I was planning teacher gifts for Christmas for my kids' teachers. I wanted to make handmade items, all different, from one line of fabric. A layer cake is a great way to do this, and Fairy Tale Friends is so darling and has so much variety that you can't go wrong!

One layer cake has enough layers for 5 bags. Then each bag requires a yard of fabric for the handles, lining and strips down the front and back.

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Ingredients:



1 layer cake of American Jane "Fairy Tale Friends"
1 yard of 21606 - 11 (red argyle) for lining and handles
Thread for topstitching

Batting scraps:

- 1 piece of batting approximately 34" x 20"
- 2 strips of batting approximately 45" x 1.5"

Instructions:



Choose your 7 favorite layers. One layer cake (plus some yardage) will make 5 bags!

Cut each layer cake into 3 pieces:
two 4" x 10"
one 2" x 10"



Choose 10 of the 4" x 10" pieces to use, and then cut the remaining larger pieces into half so that they measure 2" x 10"

You will need: 10 4" x 10" cuts and 12 2" x 10" cuts

Divide the 4" pieces into 2 groups of 5 and sew together.



Sew all the 2" pieces together, then cut in half so that you have 2 identical long pieces.



From your yardage, cut 2 1.5" strips width of fabric and 2 4" strips width of fabric.



Cut the narrower pieces in half, then arrange as pictured.

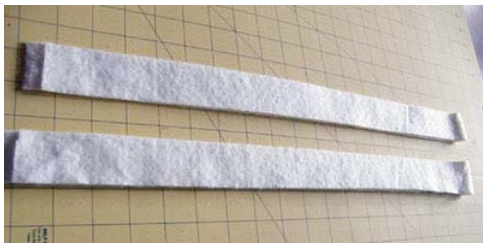


Sew them together, and then baste onto a piece of batting approximately 34 x 20. I used spray baste to do this. You do not need a backing fabric in this quilt sandwich.



Quilt as desired.

Once the outside is quilted, trim off the excess batting and square it up.



Time to make straps.

Cut 2 1.5" strips of batting approximately 45" long.



Find the strips of yardage you cut earlier at 4" wide. Fold over one long edge 1/4" and press.



Pin to the batting, with the raw (not folded over) edge lined up with the edge of the batting and the right side facing the batting.



Sew the length of the batting. A walking foot is helpful here if you have one.

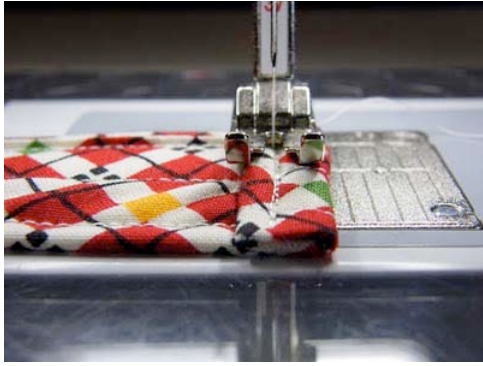


This seems complicated but really isn't, so hang in there with me. After you make that seam, fold the fabric over so that the right side is out and the raw edge is inside. Press. Then wrap the fabric all the way around the batting like this....



So that it meets up. Pin it. Press it.

Sew as close as you can to that folded edge all the way down the strap. Then sew on the other side so that the strap has a seam close to each edge. I added one more down the middle.



Cut both straps to the same length, and then fold up the raw edge twice and stitch to secure. It may be helpful to measure on yourself or on a bag you like to determine the length of straps you want. Mine were 40" long.

Give the bag some shape



With right sides together, sew the side seam of the bag so that you have a tube.



Then match the panels of yardage and pin, and then sew the bottom seam.



To gusset the corners, pinch the bottom corners of the bag and pin approximately 3" from the tip of the triangle you created. Sew where the pins are.



When you do this on both sides, your bag will stand up!
Please note that the side seam is not actually on the side, it's on one corner.



And here's what it looks like on the inside.

Time to make lining



Cut a piece of the yardage that is 18" by 32.5".



With right sides together, sew the side seam. Then sew the bottom seam. Gusset the corners here as well, but be sure that the flaps go outside instead of inside so that they will be hidden between the outer bag and the lining. The right side of the lining should not have any raw edges showing.

Unlike the outer bag, the side seam stays on the side.



Put the lining inside the bag.



Line up the top raw edges, pin and sew.



Center the straps on the outside of the bag and pin.



Stitch all the way through the bag and lining.

To finish off the bag, cut one more strip of yardage, 2.75" x width of fabric. We are basically going to put binding on the top of the bag. Fold it in half lengthwise and press. Align the raw edges with the top of the bag on the inside and sew 1/4" from the top. Fold it over to the outside and topstitch along the folded edge.

Yield:



A cute tote bag, suitable for carrying lots of stuff lots of places.

Thanks so much for reading! Want to see the other bags? Stop by my blog and take a look!

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