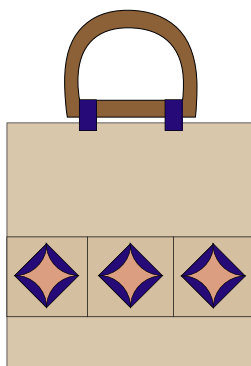




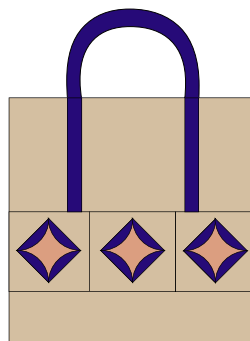
Cathedral Window Tote

Finished size
12 x 14 x 4

With added
handles



With fabric
handles

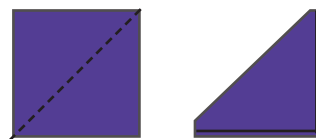


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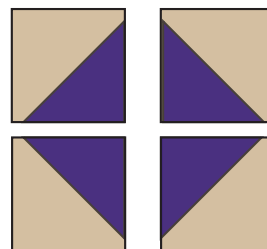
Exterior Fabric - 3/4 yd.
Accent Fabric - 1/2 yd for added handles **OR**
1 1/2 yd for fabric handles
Window Fabric - 1 fat quarter
Lining Fabric - 2 fat quarters **OR** 1/2 yd.
Batting: 2/3 yd.
(2 - purse handles if doing "with added handles" version)
Thread
scissors
Even feed "walking foot" for sewing machine recommended.

To make Cathedral Windows blocks:

1. Press the 24 accent fabric 2x2 squares diagonally to form triangles. (right side out)



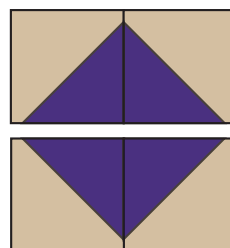
2. Arrange 4 of the 3 x 3 squares in two rows of two. Place the folded triangles over the inside corners of each patterned square with raw edges aligned.



3. Sew the top two squares right sides together using a 1/4" seam with the two accent fabric triangles sandwiched in the middle.

4. Press seams OPEN.

5. Repeat with the bottom two squares.



6. Lay the top and bottom strips together and sew with a 1/4" seam and press seams open.

Cutting Instructions:

Exterior Fabric

2 - 15.5 x 15.5 squares for body
24 - 3 x 3 squares for cathedral window pockets

Accent Fabric

2 - 5 x 46 strips for "fabric handles" (cut first) /
OR 4 - 2.5 x 4 strips for "added handles"
24 - 2.5 x 2.5 squares for cathedral window frame

2 - 6.5 x 15.5 strip for pocket lining

Window Fabric

6 - 2.25 x 2.25 squares

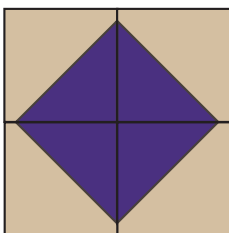
Lining Fabric

2 - 15.5 x 15.5 squares for inside lining

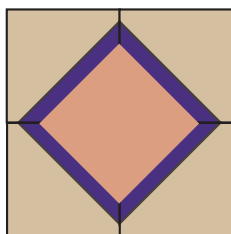
Batting

2 - 15.5 x 15.5 squares

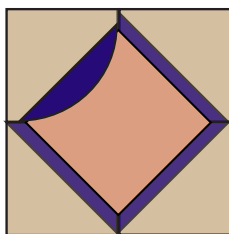
2 - 6.5 x 15.5 strip



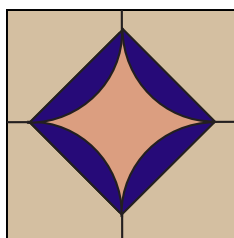
7. Place the window fabric 2.25" square in the middle of the accent fabric window frame, aligning the corners of the square to the seams of the block.



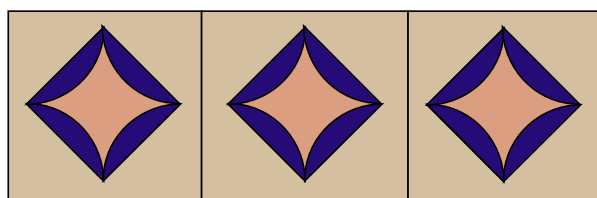
8. Fold the edges of the window frame over the raw edges of the window fabric square and pin or iron in place. Make sure to slightly stretch the accent window frame fabric over the window fabric enough to cover the raw edges of the square.



9. Sew in place as close to the edge of the window frame as possible.
10. Repeat three more times with the other sides to finish the block.

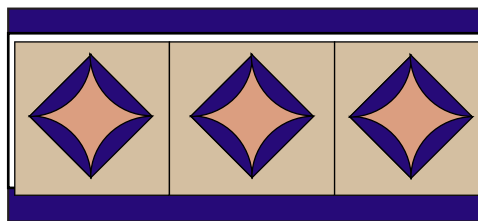


11. Create a total of 6 cathedral window blocks and join end to end in 2 groups of 3 with 1/4" seams. Press seams open.

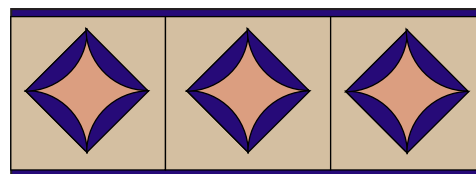


To create the pockets of the Tote:

1. Lay the pocket lining accent fabric right side down with batting on top, and then the cathedral windows right side up. Pin or glue baste together. Quilt as desired. Create 2.



2. Fold top and bottom raw long edges of pocket lining fabric to meet the edge of the cathedral windows, then fold over again to cover 1/4" of the cathedral windows. Pin and sew as close to the edge as possible. Leave the ends of the pocket strip open. Create 2.



To create the handles of the Tote:

(For "fabric handles" option)

1. Press fabric strips in half length-wise.
2. Open up and fold each raw edge into the middle and press again.

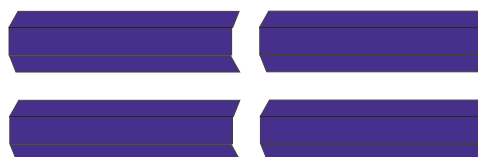


3. Fold in half and press again.
4. Sew along each long edge as close to the edge as possible to create two fabric handles that are 2.5" x 46".

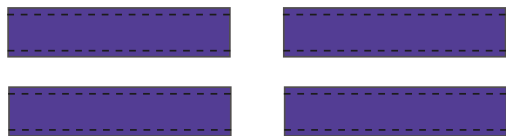


(For "added handles" option)

1. Using the 4" strips, press fabric strips in half length-wise.
2. Open up and fold each raw edge into the middle and press again.

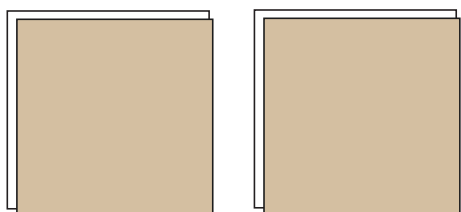


3. Fold in half and press again.
4. Sew along each long edge as close to the edge as possible to create two fabric handles that are 1.25" x 4". Set aside.



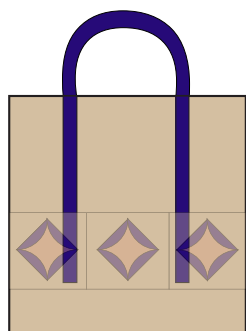
To create the body of the Tote:

1. Lay each piece of 15.5 x 15.5 exterior fabric face up on top of a same sized batting piece and quilt together. These will be the front and backs of the tote.

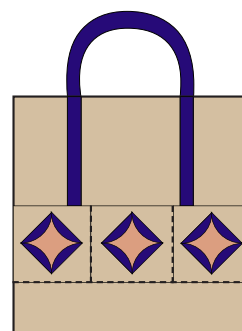


(For "fabric handles" option)

2. For both the front and back panels, lay the fabric handles in an upside down "U" with the ends approximately 5" from the bottom of the tote. Lay the cathedral window strip on top and position the handles so that they will be just outside the seams of the middle block. Pin the handles in place, and remove the windows pocket strip.

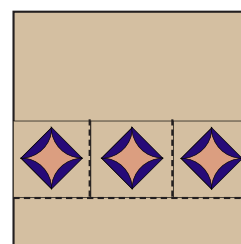


3. Sew along each side of the handles from the bottom to approximately 1" from the top of the tote.
4. Lay the cathedral window pocket strip on top of the handles, right side up, making sure that the handles are inside a pocket area and not along the seam. Pin in place and then sew "stitch in the ditch" along the bottom of the pocket strip and up the seams of the cathedral window blocks to create the middle pocket. Do not sew the left and right edges yet.



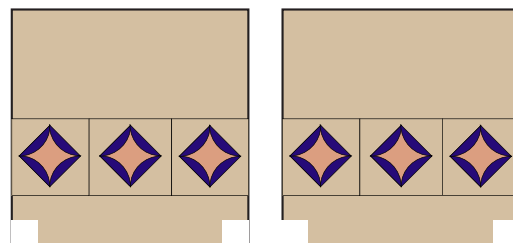
(For "added handles" option below)

2. Lay the cathedral window pocket strip on top of the handles, right side up, with the bottom approximately 5" from the bottom of the tote. Pin in place and then sew "stitch in the ditch" along the bottom of the pocket strip and up the seams of the cathedral window blocks to create the middle pocket. Do not sew the left and right edges yet.

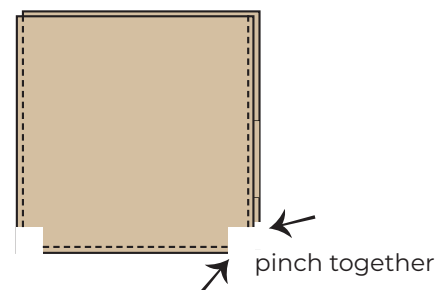


To create the Tote exterior:

1. Cut a 2" square from the bottom corners of the front and back pieces.



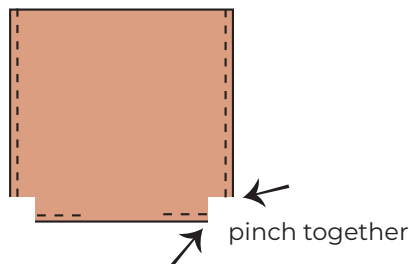
2. Lay the front and back right sides together. Sew the sides and bottom together.



3. Open up the tote, leaving right sides together and pinch the bottom and side seams together to form a straight line. Sew the 2" opening closed to form the bottom of the tote.
4. Turn the tote right side out.

To create the lining:

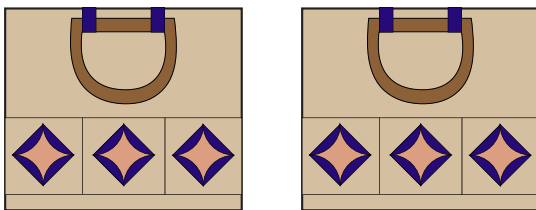
1. Cut a 2" square from the bottom corners of the two lining squares.
2. Lay the two pieces right sides together and sew the bottom and sides together with a 1/4" seam, leaving a hole for turning on the bottom.



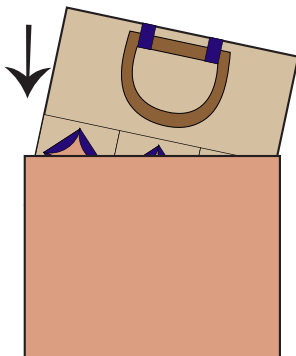
3. Open up the lining pieces, leaving right sides together and pinch the bottom and side seams together to form a straight line. Sew the 2" opening closed with 1/4" seam to form the inside lining for the tote.

To build the Tote:

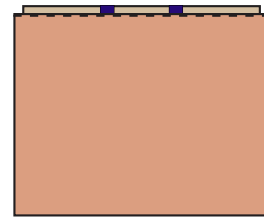
1. For "added handles" option, mark the middle of the top for the front and back of the tote. Lay your "added handles" on top of the front and back panels to measure where your handle loops need to be placed. This should be approximately 3-4" apart depending on your chosen handles and positioned equal distance from the middle.



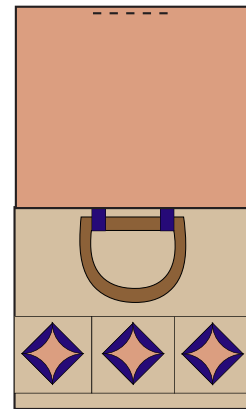
2. Wrap the handle loops around the handles and pin.
3. For both handle options, leave the lining right sides together and place the tote exterior inside the lining.



4. Match up the seams on the side and pin.
5. Tuck the handles between the layers and pin around the top of the tote.
6. Sew around the top of the tote, backstitching on the "added handle" strips.



7. Turn tote right side out through the turning hole in the lining.
8. Fold in the seam line of the lining and sew shut. Insert the lining into the tote



9. For both the added handles and fabric handle options, clip or pin around the top of the tote to hold in place. Sew all around the tote to secure the lining, but do not sew over the handles.

