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Bag A Scenic



Bag B Sunflowers

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## Fabric Requirements:

Fabric	Useage	Bag A Scenic	Bag B Sunflowers	Amount
Fabric One	Centre panel of the outer bag	2024/1	2026/1	50cms (20")
Fabric Two	Squares on the outer bag	2030/1	2027/G	15cms (6")
Fabric Three	Side panels on the outer bag	2028/R	2029/G	35cms (13")
Fabric Four	Handles	2028/R	2028/G	20cms (7")
Fabric Five	Lining	2029/Q	2029/Q	50cms (20")
Other; 50cms (20") fusible wadding.				

## **Notes;**

- Read the pattern in full before starting.
- ¼" seams are used throughout.
- All fabrics quantities are cut width of fabric (WOF) and allow for one way designs
- Make sure to visit <http://www.makoweruk.com/projects/> to ensure you are working from the most up-to-date version of the pattern.

## Cutting Instructions:

Fabric One:

Cut two (6 ½" x 17 ½ ") rectangles

Fabric Two:

Cut four (5 ½ ") squares

Fabric Three:

Cut four (5 ½" x 12 ½ ") rectangles

Cut two ( 3 ½" x 26") strips

Fabric Four:

Cut one (16 ½" x 33") rectangle

Wadding:

Cut two (16 ½ " x 17 ½ ") rectangles

Cut two (1" x 26") strips

## Sewing Instructions:

### **To Stitch the Outer Bag:**

1. Stitch a 5 ½" square of fabric two to one end of each of the (5 ½" x 12 ½") fabric three rectangles.  
Press seams towards the rectangles.
2. Stitch the units completed in step one to each side of a fabric one (6 ½" x 17 ½") rectangle, ensuring that the squares are positioned at the top of these units. Press seams away from the centre.
3. Iron the (16 ½ " x 17 ½ ") rectangles of fusible wadding to the reverse of the units completed in step two.
4. To shape the bag, mark 3" from the outer edge at the bottom of each outer bag unit completed in step three. Place a ruler on the very outer edge at the top of the right side of the bag and on the 3" marking at the bottom of the bag. Cut the wedge shape of fabric away. Repeat on all four corners of the outer bag pieces.

5. Place the outer bag units on top of each other, right sides facing, matching the seams and stitch down both sides and across the bottom.
6. To shape the base of the bag, match the centre fold of the base with each side seam. Measure in 2" along the seam line from the outer point. Pin and draw a line with a marking pencil from edge to edge horizontally. Stitch on this line and then trim off excess fabric. Turn the bag right side out.

#### **To Stitch the Handles:**

7. To stitch the handles take the two (3 ½" x 26") strips of fabric three and press under ¼" on one long edge of each. Lay the (1" x 26") strip of fusible wadding down the centre of wrong side of each handle and iron in place.
8. Fold the raw edge of the fabric to the centre of the wadding and then the folded edge on top. The folded edge should overlap the raw edge. Pin in place. Top stitch down the folded edge. Top stitch along each outer edge.
9. Pin the ends of the handles, right sides facing to the top edge of each outer bag section, positioning the end of each handle over the centre panel seam line. Tack in place.

#### **To Stitch the Lining:**

10. Fold the (16 ½" x 33") fabric four rectangle up so that the right sides are facing and the 16 ½" raw edges are at the top together. Shape the lining in the same way that the outer bag was shaped in step four. Stitch down each side, leaving a 4" gap in one side for turning.
11. To shape the base of the lining in the same way as the outer bag follow the instructions in step six.

#### **To Stitch the Bag Together:**

12. Place the outer bag inside the lining so that the right sides of the fabric are facing. Make sure that the handles are pushed down between the two layers. Pin the outer bag and the lining together at the top, lining up the side seams and raw edges.
13. Stitch around the top edge, back stitch at the beginning and end. Turn the bag through the opening and press the seam around the top edge of the bag so that it lays flat. Topstitch all the way around the top of the bag. Stitch the gap in the lining closed.
14. Enjoy using your bag!





2025/1 Scatter



2024/1 Garden Scenic



2027/Q Pumpkins



2026/1 Sunflowers



2027/G Pumpkins



2029/Q Fruitful Tree



2029/G Fruitful Tree



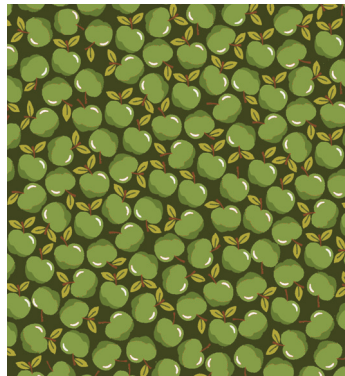
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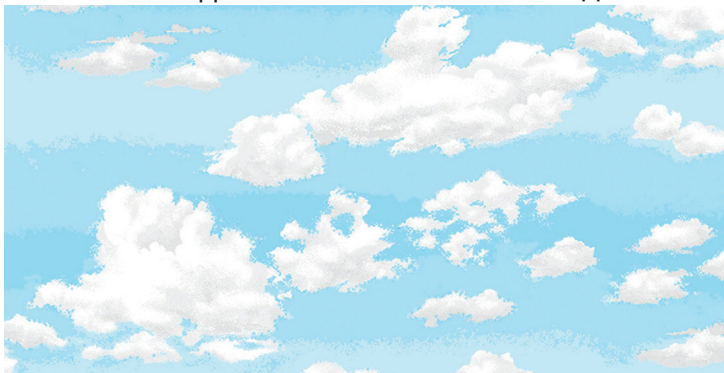
2030/1 Hens



2028/R Apples



2028/G Apples



1367/B2 Sky



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