

“Think Happy” Market Tote

Bag measures 15” wide x 17” tall



Bag designed by Deborah G. Stanley

Fabrics: *Think Happy*
by Beverly Levi-Parker

36000 White (Block)—2/3 yard (2 blocks)

542 Pink—1 yard (allow 1/8 yard extra for optional bag bottom insert)

Batting: (2) 20” x 20” (can also use foam interfacing for a sturdier bag)

Optional for bag bottom insert: Double-sided fusible heavyweight interfacing (choose a thick, stiff one such as Fast2Fuse)—(1) piece 4” x 15”

Cutting Directions:

36000 White— Fussy-cut (2) 20” x 20” centering motifs.

542 (Pink)— Cut (1) 19-1/2” x WOF strip. Cross cut into (2) 19-1/2” x 19-1/2” lining sections. Cut (1) 8” x WOF strip for handles.

542 Pink—Optional for bag bottom insert: Cut (2) 4” x 15” sections.

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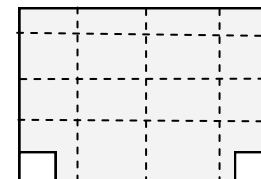
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Outer bag panels:

Layer 20" x 20" **36000 White (Block)** with 20" x 20" batting or foam interfacing—no backing needed. Quilt as desired. Repeat to make a second panel.

Completing outer bag:

Align front and back panels, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam along sides and bottom, leaving top edge open. Stitch a second time across the bottom for strength. Measure 2" square at each bottom corner and cut away. Trim side and bottom seams to 1/8" to reduce bulk. Pull edges apart and match side seam to bottom seam. Sew 1/4" seam across to box corners. Trim to 1/8". Repeat for second corner. Turn bag right side out. Set aside.



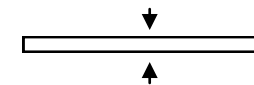
Lining:

Layer 19-1/2" x 19-1/2" **542 Pink** lining pieces right sides together and sew 1/4" seam, along sides and bottom, leaving 5" opening at the bottom for turning. Repeat steps above to remove 2" squares and make boxed corners at bottom. Leave the lining wrong side out.

Handles:

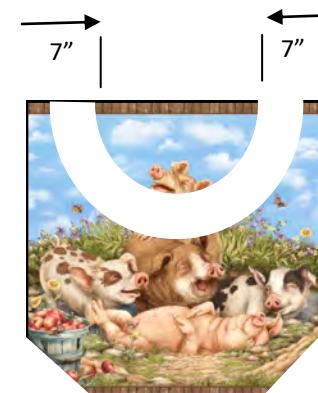
Fold long edges to meet in center, press. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Handle should measure 2" x 42" (approximately). Cut strip in half to form (2) 2" x 21" handle strips. Top stitch 1/8" from edge of long sides.

Optional: *Mark center of handle. Fold both edges to center and stitch across. (This is to reduce bulk in the carrying section of the handle and make it more comfortable to carry).*



Completing the bag:

Pin handles in place, *wrong (folded) side out if you have stitched handle centers*, 7" from side edges. Slip outer bag (right side out) inside bag lining (right sides should be touching with handles tucked between layers). Stitch 1/2" seam around the top edge. Turn bag right side out, using opening left in lining. Hand or machine stitch the lining closed. Top stitch 1/4" around the top edge, backstitching when you reach the handles for added strength.



Optional Bag Bottom Insert (extra strength for heavy groceries):

Fuse 4" x 15" strips **542 Pink** fabric to both sides of fusible heavyweight interfacing. Serge, zig-zag or satin stitch over edges to finish. Slip inside the bag.