



Floral Patchwork Tote

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Simple squares of floral fabrics combine to make a sweet and stylish tote in a jiffy! Choose fabrics in your favorite coordinating colors for a look that's one-of-a-kind.

Materials

- 1/2 yd. main fabric for back of bag, lining and three patches (A)
- 1/4 yd. fabric for straps and three patches (B)
- Small fabric remnants for three patches (C)
- 4 decorative pink buttons
- Pink embroidery floss

Tools

- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Sewing needle
- Thread
- Straight pins
- Ruler
- Iron

Directions

1. Cut three 4-1/2" square patches from each of fabrics A, B and C. Position as shown in photo and stitch together to form a 27" square.
2. From A, cut one 13-1/2" square bag back and two 13-1/2" square lining pieces.
3. From B, cut two 2-1/2"x27" straps. Fold strap pieces in half with right sides together and stitch along 27" length. Turn to right side.
4. Stitch bag front and back together on three sides, right sides together.
5. Stitch lining pieces together on three sides, right sides together.
6. Position straps on wrong sides of bag front and back.
7. Place lining and bag right sides together and stitch around top, leaving an opening for turning.
8. Turn bag to right side and topstitch around upper edge to finish.

9. Accent with buttons hand-stitched to bag with embroidery floss.

Tips

- Pay careful attention to placement when working with floral fabrics. A square see-through ruler will help you choose your preferred area of the pattern and cut a perfect panel.
- Mix and match with purpose. We paired large-scale prints in coordinating shades, but you can get an equally attractive look by alternating them with tiny coordinating prints.
- Floral fabric looks great with stripes and checks. Try gingham, awning or ticking stripes or small-scale plaids in shades that match one or more colors in the floral print.

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