

FREE

# spring market tote



## SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1/4 yd batik fabric – Gold, Pocket & Handles
- 7/8 yd batik fabric – Sorbet, Bag Body
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface

## DIRECTIONS:

Finished size measures 18-1/2" x 17" (bag body without handles)

### Cutting:

1. From the Gold Batik, cut two strips 3-1/2" x 26" and two squares 6-1/2" x 6" (fig 1)



figure 1

2. From the Sorbet Batik, cut two squares 20" x 21", then cut a 2-1/2" square from the bottom two corners of each piece.

### Piecing:

3. Fold a 26" Gold rectangle in half lengthwise, right sides together, to make it even skinnier. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew along that long side. Use a turning tool to turn it right side out, then press it so the seam is in the middle of the back. Top stitch along the length of the handle, 3-4 times (fig 2). Repeat to make the other handle.



figure 2

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4. Put the two 6-1/2" x 6" rectangles right sides together. Starting in the middle of one of the long sides, using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew all the way around, but stop 2" before the starting point (fig 3). Trim the corners, being careful NOT to snip the seam. Turn the pocket right side out through the gap, and press the pocket flat.



figure 3

5. Center the pocket on the right side of the bag front, with the top of the pocket 5" below the top of the fabric, and the opening in the pocket on either vertical side (fig 4). Top stitch pocket to bag backstitching at the beginning and end. Sew down one side, across the bottom, and back up the 3rd side. This will also sew the turn-opening closed.

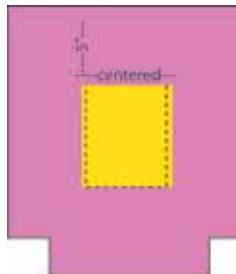


figure 4

6. Fold under 1/2" of handle at each end, and press or pin in place. Using a ruler, place the bottom of the handle 3" down, and 5" in from each corner (fig 5).



figure 5

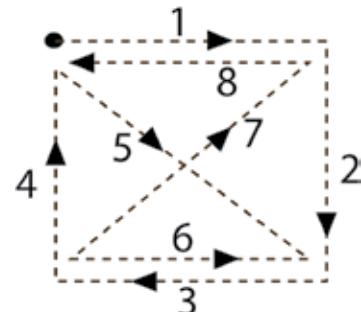


figure 6

ner (fig 5). Sew each handle with a box and an x for stability (fig 6).

7. With the bag pieces WRONG SIDES TOGETHER, and using less than 1/4" seam allowance, sew the 3 sides of the bag: sides and bottom (fig 7). Press the seams flat, then turn the bag inside out, and sew those same seams again, but with a 1/2" seam allowance. This encases the raw edges of the fabric inside the French Seam making it very durable. Press.



figure 7

8. Turn the bag right side out, and fold a bottom corner so the seams meet (fig 8). Sew with a less than 1/4" seam allowance. Repeat on other corner, and press them flat. Flip the bag inside out again, and sew that same seam with a 1/2" seam allowance. This makes the bag 3d, with a flat bottom.

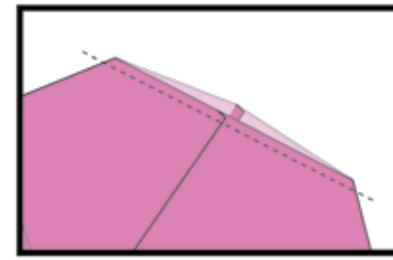


figure 8

9. Fold the top edge of the bag under 1/2", and then again another 1/2". Press flat, then sew all the way around the top of the bag, making sure

**Skill Level:** Some experience necessary

**Crafting Time:** 1-2 hrs

Courtesy of Robert Kaufman Fabrics

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