



Easy Market Tote

Skill Level:
Intermediate

**FreeSpirit
presents:**
True Colors by
Tula Pink



Technique:	Piecing and sewing
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Brand:	FreeSpirit Fabric
Crafting Time:	Weekend

True Colors fabric features fresh, modern prints destined to become sewist's, quilter's and crafter's favorites. Enjoy making this "Easy" bag with simple to read instructions for even the newest of sewer.

Finished Size:

12" **W** x 14" **H** x 3" **D** (30.48cm x 35.56cm x 7.62cm)

Fabric Requirements:

PWTC028.GUNME 1 yard (0.91m)
PWTC029.SILVE ½ yard (0.46m)
1 True Colors Charm Pack for the geese
(Note: Black, Silver, Grey and Olive will not be used.)

Additional Requirements:

Sewing machine
Rotary cutter/mat/plastic ruler
Iron/pressing board
Basic sewing supplies
1 ½ yards (1.37m) lightweight fusible interfacing
Circle Geese Foundations

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Cutting:

Note: WOF - Width of Fabric, LOF – Length of fabric

From the PWTC028.GUNME cut:

- (4) rectangles, 2 ¾" x 5" (6.99cm x 12.70cm) for geese
- (4) rectangles, 2 ½" x 4 ½" (6.35cm x 11.43cm) for geese
- (4) rectangles, 2" x 3 ½" (5.08cm x 8.89cm) for geese
- (4) rectangles, 1 ½" x 3 ¾" (3.81cm x 9.53cm) for geese
- (4) rectangles, 1 ½" x 3 ½" (3.81cm x 8.89cm) for geese
- (4) rectangles, 1 ¼" x 3" (3.18cm x 7.62cm) for geese
- (2) rectangles, 2 ¾" x 6" (6.99cm x 15.24cm) for geese; sub cut Right Side Up from top right corner to bottom left corner on the diagonal to make (4) HRTs
- (2) rectangles, 5" x 7 ¼" (12.70cm x 18.42cm) for geese; sub cut Right Side Up from top right corner to bottom left corner on the diagonal to make (4) HRTs
- (1) rectangle, 16" x 19" (40.64cm x 48.26cm) for the back panel
- (2) rectangles, 2 ½" x 14" (6.35cm x 35.56cm) for Circle Geese borders
- (1) rectangle, 2" x 13" (5.08cm x 33.02cm) for Circle Geese borders
- (1) rectangle, 6" x 34" (15.24cm x 86.36cm) for strap

From the PWTC029.SILVE cut:

- (1) rectangle, 16" x 32" (40.64cm x 81.28cm) for lining

From each of the True Colors charms

(except Black, Silver, Grey and Olive) cut:

- (1) rectangle, 2 ½" x 4" for geese

From the interfacing cut:

- (1) rectangle, 16" x 32" (40.64cm x 81.28cm) for the Exterior Bag Panel
- (2) rectangles, 6" x 17 ⅛" (15.24cm x 43.50cm) for the Strap

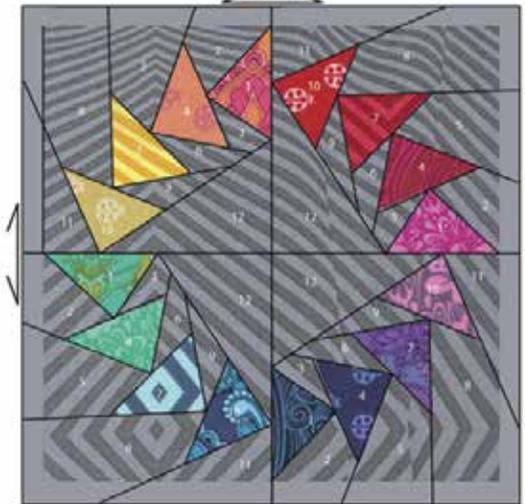
Sewing:

Making the Flying Geese Circle

All bag construction seams are ½" (1.27cm) unless otherwise indicated. Paper Piecing Tutorials can be found at <http://www.makeitcoats.com/en-us/learn/tutorials/paper-piecing> or <https://staceyinstitches.wordpress.com/2014/11/29/a-paper-piecing-tutorial/>

1. Following the color placements and measurements in the Circle Geese Foundations, piece the four Circle Geese blocks using a preferred paper piecing method. Trim the pieces to 7" (17.78cm) square, cutting on the outside line of the foundation paper, and then remove all paper from the pieces.

2. Sew the Circle Geese squares together as shown to make the full Circle Geese Block. The colors will form a full color wheel. Trim and square the block to 13" (33.02cm).



Making the Exterior Bag and Lining

3. Take the 2"x 13" (5.08cm x 33.02cm) PWTC028.GUNME rectangle and sew it to the top of the Circle Geese Block. Press the seams up, and then sew the 2 1/2"x 14" (6.35cm x 35.56cm) PWTC028.GUNME rectangles to the sides. Press towards the sides. This is the Exterior Front of the tote, and will measure 16" (40.64cm) wide and 14" (35.56cm) tall.

4. Take the 16"x 19" (40.64cm x 48.26cm) PWTC028.GUNME rectangle and sew it to the bottom of the Exterior Front. Press the seam down. This makes the full Exterior Bag panel, measuring 16"x 32" (40.64cm x 81.28cm).

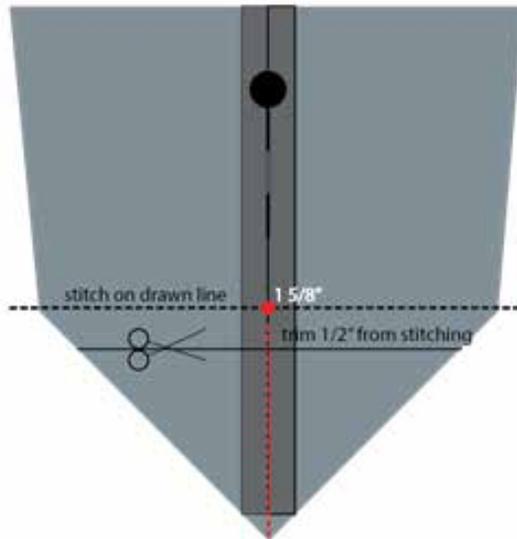
5. Apply the interfacing to the Exterior Bag panel, pressing well. The Exterior Bag will be treated as a single piece.

6. Fold the Exterior Bag in half, right sides together, and pin the long sides together. Sew the sides together and then press the seams open. Gently finger press the bottom fold, this will mark the bottom center of the bag. Repeat for the 16"x 32" (40.64cm x 81.28cm) PWTC029.SILVE rectangle to make the Lining.



7. With the Exterior Bag still wrong side out, align one of the side seams with the bottom crease to create a pointed corner. Place a pin through the seam and crease, to make sure they match perfectly. Make a mark on the seam allowance that measures 1 5/8" (4.13cm) from the point. Turn your ruler and draw a line across the corner, perpendicular to the seam allowance. This line should measure 3" (7.62cm), if not, adjust as necessary.

8. Sew over the drawn line, backstitching at either end. If desired, sew a second line of stitching just beside or over the first for extra reinforcement. Cut across the corner 1/2" (1.27cm) from the stitching to make a boxed corner. Make the boxed corner for the other side of the Exterior Bag, and then repeat the steps to make boxed corners for the Lining. Set the Exterior Bag and Lining aside for now.



Making the Strap

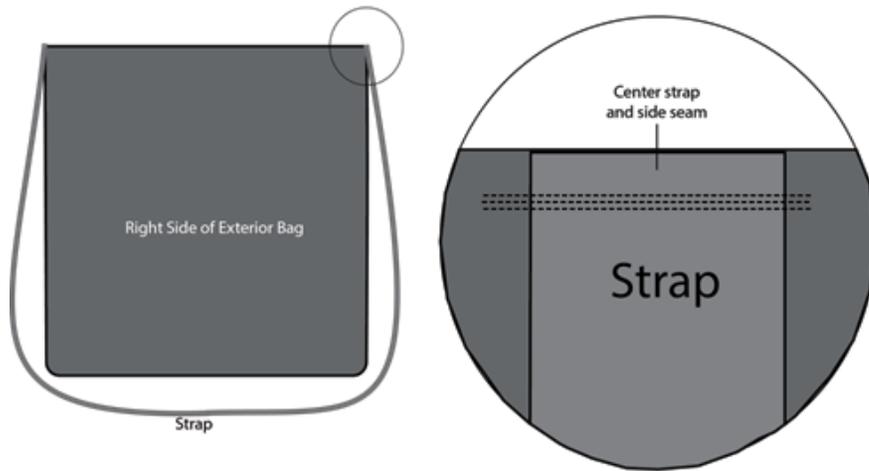
9. Apply the strap interfacing to the 6" x 34" (15.24cm x 88.36cm) PWTC028.GUNME strap piece, overlapping the interfacing by 1/8" (0.32cm) at the center of the strap. Press well.

10. Fold the strap in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press the fold. Open the strap and then fold the long raw edges in to the center line, wrong sides together, so that the raw edges are touching. Press, and then fold the strap in half along again along the first fold line, enclosing the long raw edges. Topstitch along the length of the strap 1/8" (0.32cm) from the edges, and then again 1/4" (0.64cm) from the first line of topstitching. Add more lines of topstitching if desired for decoration or to add extra strength to the strap.

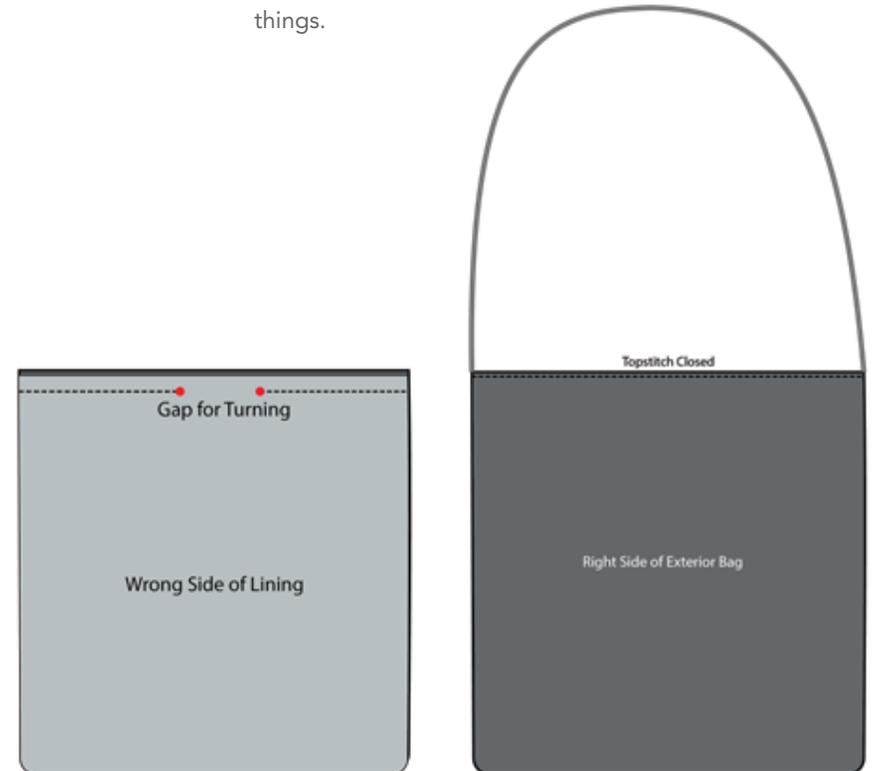


Finishing:

11. Turn the Exterior Bag right side out and press the box corners out so they are square. Pin the strap to the right side of the Exterior bag at the side seams, making sure the strap is centered and that it is not twisted. Sew the strap to the Exterior Bag, backstitching multiple times to make sure it is firmly attached.

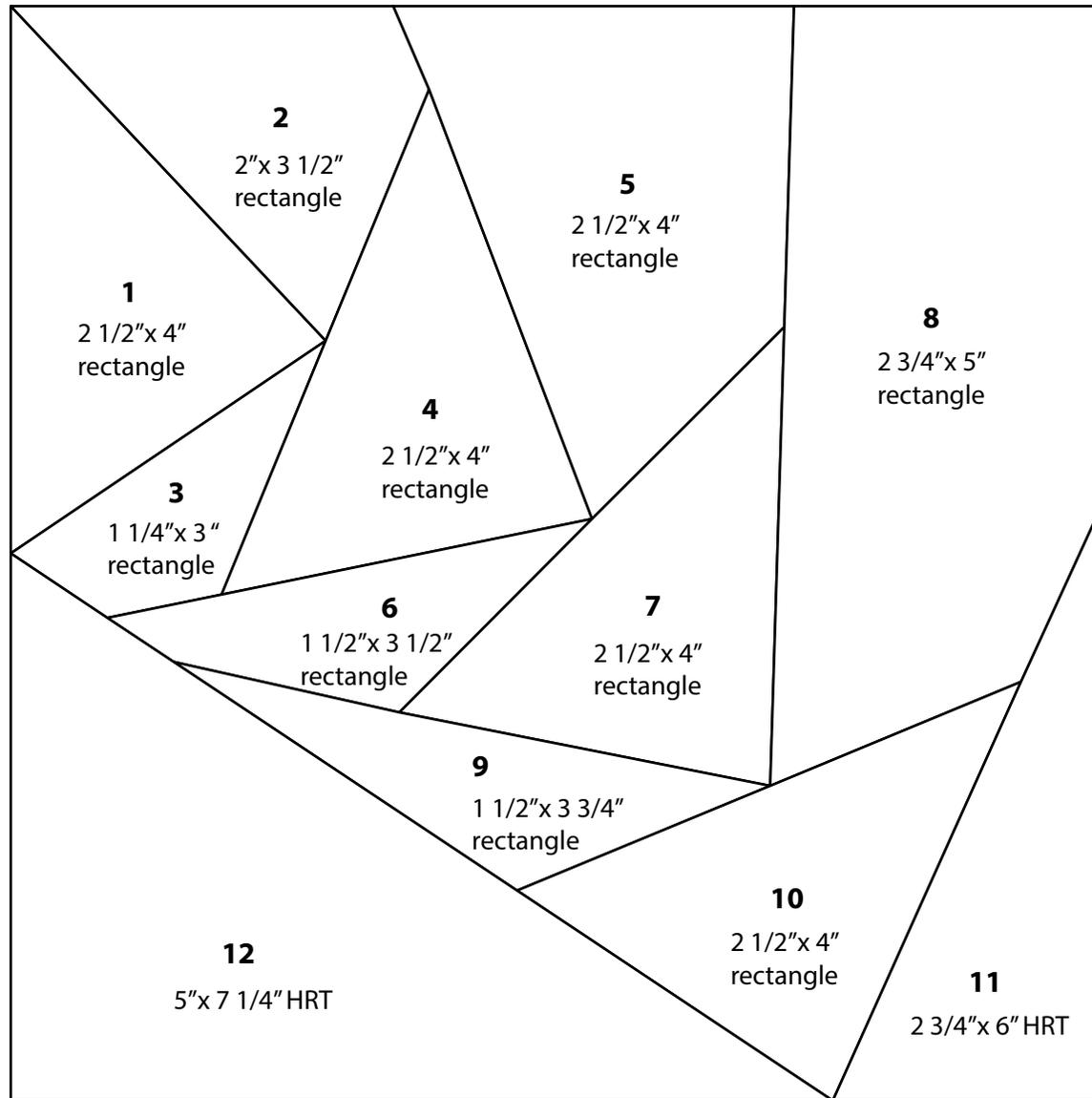


12. Take the Lining and slide it up over the Exterior Bag/ Strap, right sides together, so that the raw edges match. Sew the Lining and Exterior together around the top, leaving a 3-4" (7.62cm-10.16cm) gap for turning. Turn the bag right side out and push the lining into the bottom of the bag. Topstitch close to the edge of the bag to close the gap, and then topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0.64cm) from that line again to secure the top of the bag. Press the bag one last time, and then head to the market to fill it with amazing things.



Easy Market Tote

Circle Geese Foundation A



Fancy Market Tote
Circle Geese Foundation A
Make 4
1/2" seam allowance included