



## Ruffle Totes

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

CRAFTING TIME: 3-4 Hours

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## Supplies & Tools

- 1/2 yard cherries and dots pattern 14380-Z (for main)
- 1/2 yard watermelon and seeds pattern 14680-B (for main)
- 1 yard black dots pattern 12649-Z7 (for lining, pleat, and straps)
- 1 yard white on white dots pattern 11736-W (for lining, ruffle, and straps)
- 1 yard Stabilize 1 sided fusible interfacing from Fairfield World
- Sewing machine and matching thread
- Basic sewing supplies (needle, thread, ruler, scissors)
- Marking pen
- Safety pin

## Directions - Cherry Bag

1. Cut two of the cherry pattern, two of the black dots fabric, and two of the interfacing making sure it is a 13" by 13" squares. Stack your main fabric, lining fabric, and interfacing together, fold in half vertically, and round the bottom edges. \*The edge of a plate can help create a perfect curve.
2. On the wrong side of one piece of cherry fabric, place the interfacing fusible side down and iron in place. Repeat for the second cherry piece.
3. Cut a strip at 106" long and 5" wide from the black dot fabric. \*To get your strip to be the proper length you will cut three 5" wide strips, sew them together, and cut down to size.
4. With your strip, fold the short ends of the strip in and iron. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and iron. Sew each of the short ends.  
  
Line up your raw edge of your strip with the edge of the bag. Make sure your main fabric is right side up. Starting 1/4" down from the top edge of the bag with cherry side up, pin one end in place. Create a pleat on the strip and pin. Continue pleating and pinning all the way around the bag making sure to leave a 1/4" from the top edge. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the pleated strip in place.
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## Directions

- Create straps for your bag. We wanted small straps and cut one strip 4" wide by 44" wide. Fold your strap in half lengthwise and stitch leaving both ends open. Turn right side out, cut half way, fold in each short end and stitch each end closed.
- 7.
- With right sides facing up, place your straps on the cherry fabric making sure they are 2" in from each side, pin and top stitch down. Repeat this step on the other cherry fabric piece.
- 8.
- Sew the lining right sides together to cherry piece across the top. Make sure your straps are sandwiched between the two layers. Iron the seam open and repeat for the other lining and cherry pieces.
- 9.
- With right sides together place the two bag and lining pieces cherry to cherry and lining to lining making sure to match up the side seams. Pin in place and sew around the edge with a 1/2" seam allowance leaving a 3" gap at the bottom of the lining fabric for turning.
- 10.
- Turn the bag right side out and sew the gap closed. You can use a top stitch with your machine, or an invisible stitch. Tuck the lining inside the bag and top stitch around the top of the bag to keep in place.
- 11.
12. Now you can take your bag out!

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## Directions - Watermelon Bag

1. Cut two of the watermelon pattern, two of the white on white dots fabric, and two of the interfacing making sure it is a 15" x 15" squares. Stack your main fabric, lining fabric, and interfacing together, fold in half vertically, and round the bottom edges. \*The edge of a plate can help create a perfect curve.
2. On the wrong side of one piece of watermelon fabric, place the interfacing fusible side down and iron in place. Repeat for the second watermelon piece.
3. Cut a strip at 125" long and 4" wide from the black dot fabric. \*To get your strip to be the proper length you will cut three 4" wide strips, sew them together, and cut down to size.
4. With your strip, fold the short ends of the strip in and iron. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and iron. Sew each of the short ends.

To create a ruffle sew two rows of gathering stitches along the raw edge side of the strip. The first row should be 1/4" from the raw edge and the second should be 1/2" from the raw edge. To sew gathering stitches, set your machine to a basting stitch (the longest stitch), do not back stitch, and leave both ends of thread about 4" long.
5.
6. Once you have your gathering stitches, pull the bottom threads of each end of the strip to start gathering. Do not pull to tight as you do not want to break the threads. Continue to gather until the ruffle is the size of the outer edge of the bag.
7. Pin the raw edge of the ruffle to the raw edge of one of your watermelon piece making sure to leave a 1/2" space on the start and finish of the ruffle. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch the ruffle in place.
8. Create straps for your bag. We wanted small straps and cut one strip 4" wide by 44" wide. Fold your strap in half lengthwise and stitch leaving both ends open. Turn right side out and cut half way.

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## Directions

- With right sides facing up, match up the raw edge of your straps to the raw edge of the
- 7.** watermelon fabric making sure they are 2" in from each side, pin and stitch down. Repeat this step on the other cherry fabric piece.
  - 8.** Sew the lining right sides together to watermelon piece across the top. Make sure your straps are sandwiched between the two layers. Iron the seam open and repeat for the other lining and watermelon pieces.
  - 9.** With right sides together place the two bag and lining pieces watermelon to watermelon and lining to lining making sure to match up the side seams. Pin in place and sew around the edge with a 1/2" seam allowance leaving a 3" gap at the bottom of the lining fabric for turning.
  - 10.** Turn the bag right side out and sew the gap closed. You can use a top stitch with your machine, or an invisible stitch. Tuck the lining inside the bag and top stitch around the top of the bag to keep in place.
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