

EVENING ON THE PRAIRIE COTTAGE CORE TOTE SIENNA

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14" x 16" x 5 ½"

Evening on the Prairie
by Modern Prairie



= Intermediate

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FINISHED TOTE SIZE 14" × 16" × 5 ½"

Please read all instructions before beginning this project.

Panel designed by Modern Prairie.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please check www.rileyblakedesigns.com/pattern-updates or scan the QR Code for any revisions before starting this project.

This pattern requires a basic knowledge of sewing techniques and terminology. The diagrams portrayed are virtual images. The layout and look of your project may differ when using actual fabric. It is not recommended to prewash fabric before cutting and assembling.



RSO = Right Sides Out

RST = Right Sides Together

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Fabric is from the Evening on the Prairie collection.

(1) HD16755-SIENNA Cottage Core Tote Home Dec Panel

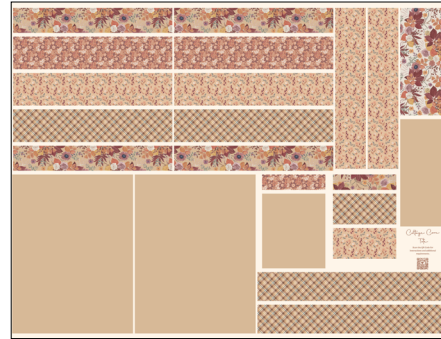
OTHER SUPPLIES

Basic Sewing Supplies

(1) yard Foam Stabilizer or Fusible Fleece (optional)

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

When cutting fabrics, use a straight edge ruler and rotary cutter. Measurements include ¼" seam allowance. Label, allocate, and organize all cuts as noted.



Sienna Cottage Core Tote Home Dec Panel

Carefully cut out each of the panel pieces along the printed motifs and organize as follows (listed in order as shown on the panel from left to right and top to bottom):

- (5) rectangles for Pieced Tote Front
- (5) rectangles for Pieced Tote Back
- (2) rectangles for Bow Closure
- (1) rectangle for Tote Bottom
- (1) rectangle for Tote Bottom Lining
- (2) rectangles for Tote Lining
(trim each to measure 15 ¾" × 20" if needed)
- (4) rectangles for Pieced Pocket Front
- (1) rectangle for Pocket Lining
- (2) rectangles for Handles

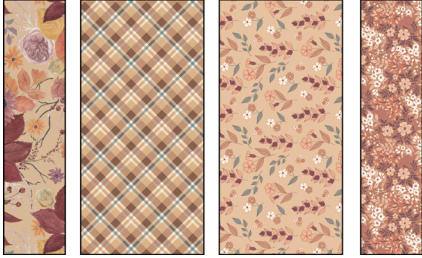
SEWING TECHNIQUES

Sew all seams RST and with a ¼" seam allowance unless stated otherwise. Refer to the diagrams for placement of the prints. Press seams as desired unless stated otherwise.

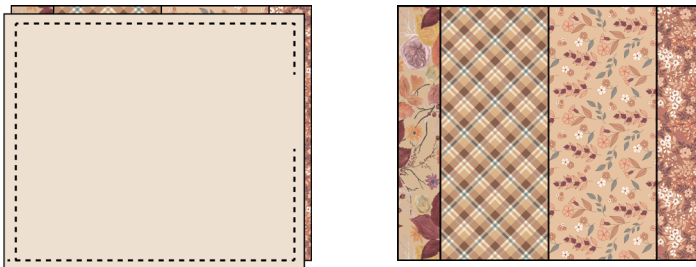
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PREPARE POCKET, BOW CLOSURE, AND HANDLES

1. Sew (4) rectangles for the Pieced Pocket Front together as shown below to make (1) Pocket Front Unit.



2. Layer (1) Pocket Lining rectangle and (1) Pocket Front Unit RST. If needed, trim the Pocket Front Unit to the same size as the Pocket Lining. Sew the pieces together on all sides, leaving a 2 ½" opening along one side edge for turning.



3. Turn the Step 2 unit RSO to make (1) Pocket Unit. Turn the opening under ¼" and press. The opening will be stitched closed in the Outer Tote Assembly.
4. Fold (1) Bow Closure rectangle in half lengthwise with RST. Sew along the long edge and one short edge, backstitching at the beginning and end. Turn the unit RSO and press to make (1) Bow Closure. Repeat to make a second Bow Closure.



5. Fold (1) Handle rectangle in half lengthwise with RST. Sew along the long edge, backstitching at the beginning and end. Turn the unit RSO and press. Topstitch along each long edge to make (1) Handle. Repeat to make a second Handle.



ASSEMBLE THE OUTER TOTE

6. Sew (5) rectangles for the Pieced Tote Front together as shown below to make (1) Tote Front Unit. Trim the Tote Front Unit to measure 17 ¼" x 20" if needed. Repeat using the Pieced Tote Back rectangles to make (1) Tote Back Unit.

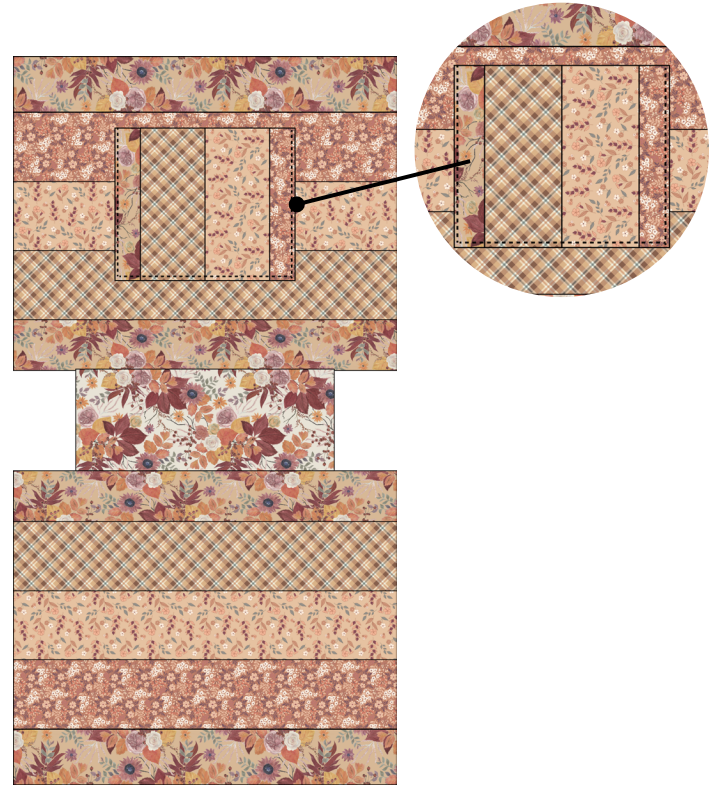


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7. Arrange (1) Tote Front Unit, (1) Tote Bottom rectangle, and (1) Tote Back Unit as shown below. Fold each unit in half widthwise and fingerpress to mark the center. Align the center marks and pin in place. Then, sew pieces together to make (1) Tote Outside Unit. Optional: If using foam stabilizer or fusible fleece, layer the Tote Outside Unit and the foam/fleece. Quilt as desired, then trim the foam/fleece even with the edges of the fabric.

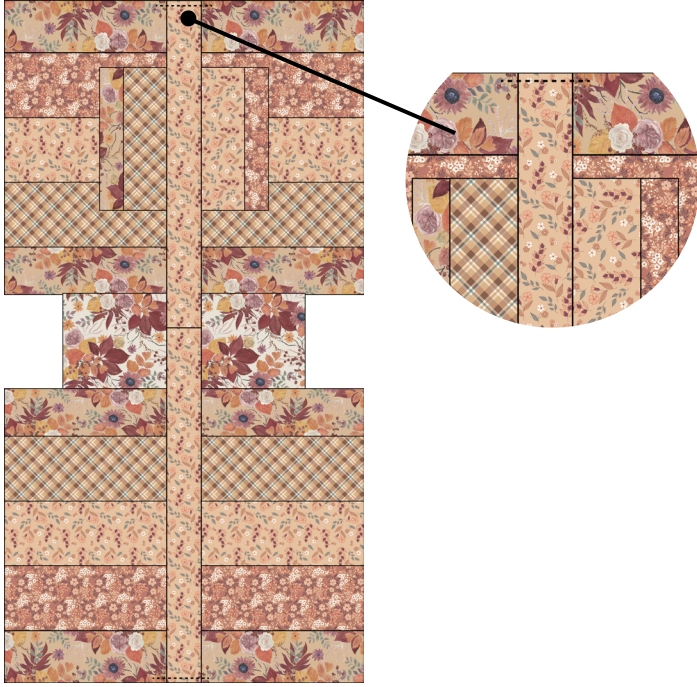


8. Position (1) Pocket Unit on (1) Tote Outside Unit as shown below. The pocket should be centered and approximately 3 3/4" from the top edge. Topstitch along the side and bottom edges, backstitching at the beginning and end, making sure to close the opening along the side edge as you sew (leave the top edge unstitched).

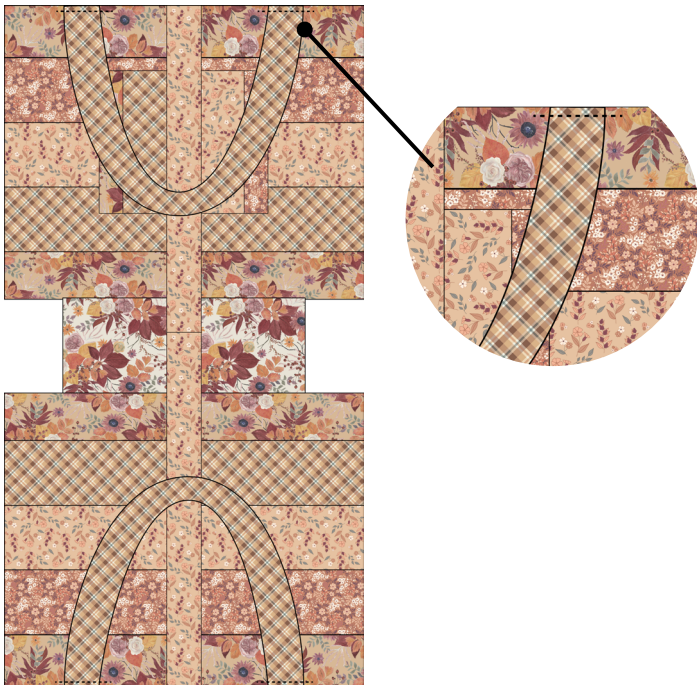


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9. Position (1) Bow Closure centered along the top edge with raw edges aligned. Repeat to add (1) Bow Closure to the bottom edge. Baste along the raw edges using an $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam to secure the Bow Closures.



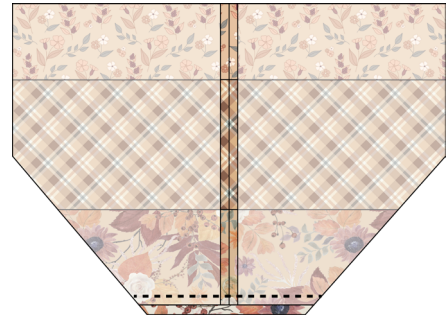
10. Position (1) Handle centered along the top edge, aligning raw edges and positioning each handle end approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from sides. Repeat to add (1) Handle to the bottom edge. Baste along the raw edges using an $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam to secure the Handles.



11. Fold (1) Tote Outside Unit in half with RST, aligning top and side edges. Sew the side edges together as shown below, making sure not to catch the Handles or Bow Closures inside the seams. Press seams open.



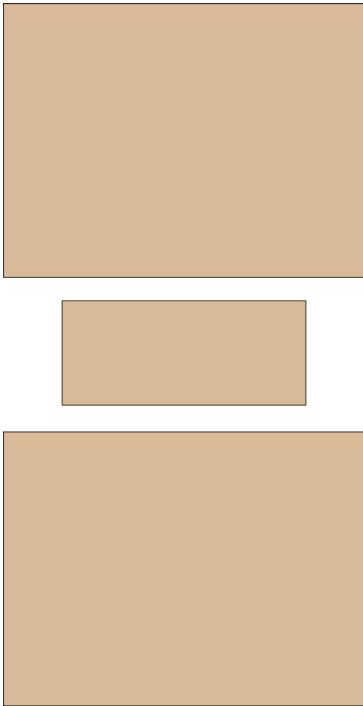
12. To shape a flat tote bottom, match one side seam with the center of the Tote Bottom rectangle RST, aligning raw edges. Sew along the raw edges. Repeat with the remaining side. Turn the unit RSO to make the Outer Tote.



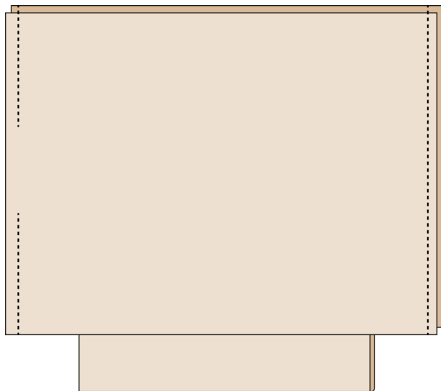
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ASSEMBLE THE LINING

13. Arrange (2) Tote Lining rectangles and (1) Tote Bottom Lining rectangle as shown below. Fold each unit in half widthwise and fingerpress to mark the center. Align the center marks and pin in place. Then, sew pieces together to make (1) Tote Lining Unit.



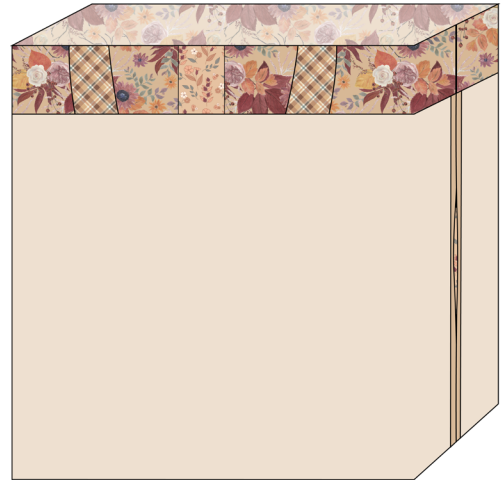
14. Fold (1) Tote Lining Unit in half with RST, aligning top and side edges. Sew the side edges together as shown below, leaving a 4" opening along one edge for turning. Press seams open.



15. Repeat Step 12 to flatten the corners of the Step 14 unit to make the Tote Lining. Do NOT turn the lining RSO.

ASSEMBLE AND FINISH THE TOTE

16. Insert (1) Outer Tote into (1) Tote Lining with RST, aligning side seams and top edges. Make sure the Handles and Bow Closures are sandwiched between the layers. Note: The Tote Lining is slightly smaller than the Outer Tote, so the lining doesn't bunch within the finished tote. Sew along the top edges.



17. Turn the tote RSO through the opening in the Tote Lining. Stitch the opening closed. Insert the Tote Lining into the Outer Tote and press.
18. Use the Bow Closures to tie a bow along the top to close and complete the tote.



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