Bali Tote.... from Batik Textiles

Layout Chart for Motif

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Cutting instructions:

Print # 1
cut 4-2 ½" squares(front motif)
cut 1-18"X18" square (back)
cut 2-4 ½"X10" (front motif side borders)
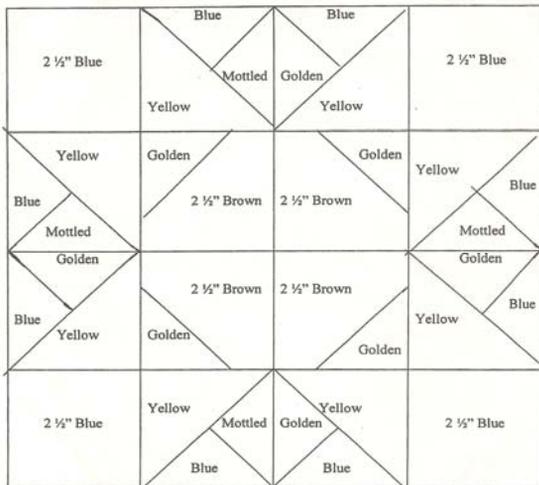cut 2-4 ½"X18" (front motif top and bottom borders)

Print #2   cut 2-5"X27" (handles/straps)

Print #3   cut 1- 16"X36" (inside pockets)
cut 4- 4" squares

Tone on Tone #1
cut 2 - 18"X18" (inside lining)
cut 2 - 4"squares (front motif)
cut 4 - 2" squares (front motif)

Tone on Tone #2   4 -2 ½"squares **and**
2-4"squares (front motif)

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOTIF ON FRONT:

Start with the center -using ¼" seam…sew the 4 -2 ½" sq. of **Print #1** together to form 4-patch. Place one of the 4-2" sq. T.O.T.#1 on each corner of the 4-patch,RST. Pin in place. Draw a diagonal line, corner to corner. Sew on this line. Trim off corner to ¼" of stitching line, press out to form new corner. Repeat to all corners. Now take the 4"sq of **T.O.T. #1** and the 4"sq. of **T.O.T. #2--**.RST and draw a diagonal line corner to corner. Sew ¼" from both sides of the line. Cut on line and press open. Repeat with other 4"sq. You should have 4-half triangle squares. Now place each one of these, RST, on a 4"sq. of Print #3. The Print #3 will be bigger. Center the smaller one on top and pin. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner-the opposite direction than your previous seam. This line will cross over your previous seam on the smaller half-triangle square. Sew ¼" on from both sides of the line. Cut on line and **square up to 2 ½" (**. I use the Triangle Square Up Ruler from Quilt In A Day.) Press open. Repeat with all 4. You should have 8 of these squares when done. Take 2 of these-RST, matching the T.O.T. #1 half square triangles together and sew on that side. You should have 4 of these rectangles when done. Sew one to each side of your center motif same as the layout chart shows. To each end of the other 2, sew a 2 ½" sq of T.O.T. **#2** . Now sew one of these strips to the top and the other to the bottom. Frame with a 1" strip of T.O.T.#1.
Now border this motif with the pieces cut from **Print #1.** Sew sides first- then top and bottom. The front of the tote is complete. *At this point- **If desired-** apply fusible fleece to the wrong side of front and back pieces. Also the 2 handles/straps.

HANDLES: Iron in half, WST, length-wise, both pieces. Now press raw edges to the center WST meeting at your pressed fold line. Fold and pin. Sew closed along one side (length-wise) of handle. Top stitch other side to reinforce. Repeat for other handle. Position raw edges of handle on front of bag at top,4 ½" in from each side. Stay-stitch in place. Repeat for back. Make sure they match and are not twisted.

Now Sew front piece to back piece, along sides and bottom only using ½" seam. Take a 1"X5" strip of fabric and fold/press and sew the same as the handle instructions. This is your loop for your button . Center between handles on BACK piece-RST, raw edges matching , and stay-stitch in place.

LINING and INSIDE POCKETS: Take the 16"X36" piece of Print #3 fold and press in half-lengthwise. Cut into 2 pieces of 18" long each. On front and back lining pieces-right sides- mark a line 6" up from the bottom. Place the raw edges of the 18"long folded piece, RST, on the lining- even with the line—folded edge towards the bottom-raw edges facing towards the top. Sew ¼" from the raw edges of the pocket piece –sewing the pocket to the lining "up-side-down". Now press pocket piece up-towards the top, hiding the seam you just made. Stay-stitch the sides to the sides of the lining and sew lines on top to make pockets what ever size you want them. Back-stitch at top of seams to reinforce. Repeat for other lining piece. Sew Front lining to back lining RST, on sides and bottom **but leave a 7" opening in the center bottom for turning right side out when done.**

BOXED SIDES AND BOTTOM: To make boxed corners fold the side seam down over the bottom seam on tote, RST, making sure the seams are inline and match. Pin and measure in from the point that is created 2" and draw a line across the seams, folded edge to folded edge. Sew on that line and backstitch. Trim excess to ½". Repeat on other side and on the 2 bottom edges of the lining.

FINISHING: Now place the lining- Right side out- into the Tote Bag (which is Wrong side out.) Match the side seams. Tote and lining should be RST. Handles and button loop should be encased and only the raw edges showing. Stitch all around the top opening. Turn Right side out thru the opening left in the bottom of the lining. Press the top neatly down, making sure there are no creases or folds. Top stitch around top- this reinforces the handles and gives the top of the tote a nice clean look. Slip stitch the opening in the bottom of lining closed. You can cut a piece of matt board for the bottom and cover it with any remaining fabric if you desire. Sew your button on and you are finished!! Enjoy your tote!