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Here, Birdie, Birdie Tote by Linda Lum DeBono

Materials [Fabrics from my Gardenia line for www.henryglassfabrics.com]

1/2 yard gray and cream striped fabric patchwork
1/3 yard medium brown dotted fabric for patchwork and handles
1/2 yard brown striped fabric for lining
fat quarter dark brown fabric for applique
1/4 yard heavy weight interfacing for handles
batting for tote body [see dimensions below]
stabilizer

Cutting:

From the gray and cream striped fabric, cut:
2 rectangles, 12 1/2" x 13 1/2"

From the medium brown dotted fabric, cut:
2 rectangles, 4 1/2" x 13 1/2"
2 strips, 4" x 22"

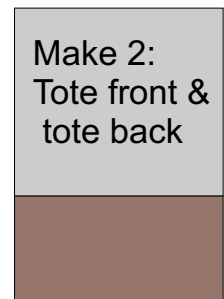
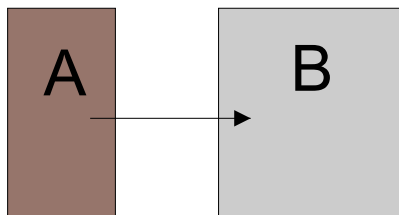
From the brown striped fabric, cut:
2 rectangles, 13 1/2" x 16 1/2"

From the heavy weight interfacing, cut:
2 strips, 1" x 22"

From the batting for tote, cut:
2 rectangles, 13 1/2" x 16 1/2"

Directions:

1. Piece [A] to [B] to form the front of the tote. Repeat for the back of the tote.



2. Applique the bird template to the front of the bag. Layer with stabilizer and free-motion quilt around the edge of the applique template.

3. Layer the batting to the wrong side of the front of the tote bag. Quilt as desired. I sewed vertical straight lines 2" apart on the gray and cream colored top part of the tote bag and a horizontal line across the brown dotted fabric at the bottom of the tote.

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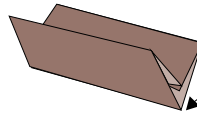
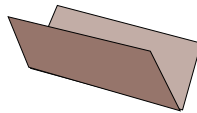
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4. Sew the handles as follows:

- Press the fabric strips for the handles in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Then press in again lengthwise toward the center line as shown.
- Place the strip of interfacing underneath one folded edge. Hold the strip closed and stitch a 1/8" seam down the entire length of the handle.
- Repeat for the other handle



Fold edges into the middle point again. Place the interfacing strip inside one fold and pin the strip together. Sew with a 1/8" seam.

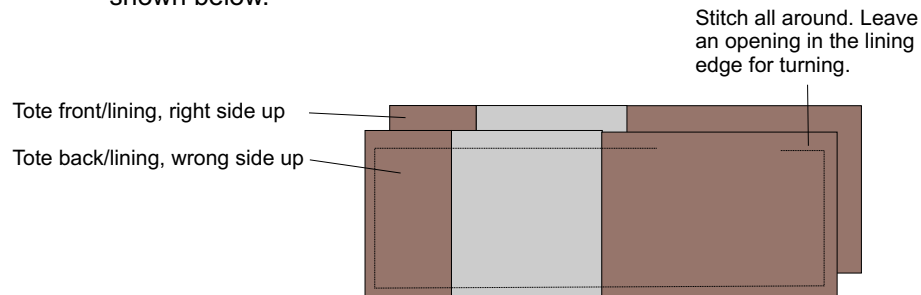
5. Layer the pieces on a table as follows from bottom to top:

- tote front right side facing up
- pin handles to the tote front
- lining wrong side facing down

6. Sew the layers together across the top edge of the tote only.

7. Repeat this for the back side of the tote.

8. Open up the pieces. Layer the front/lining piece with the back/lining piece as shown below.



9. Sew all around the edges and leave a 4" opening for turning.

10. Turn right side out and hand sew the opening closed.

11. Place the lining inside the bag and topstitch around the top of the tote with a 1/4" seam.



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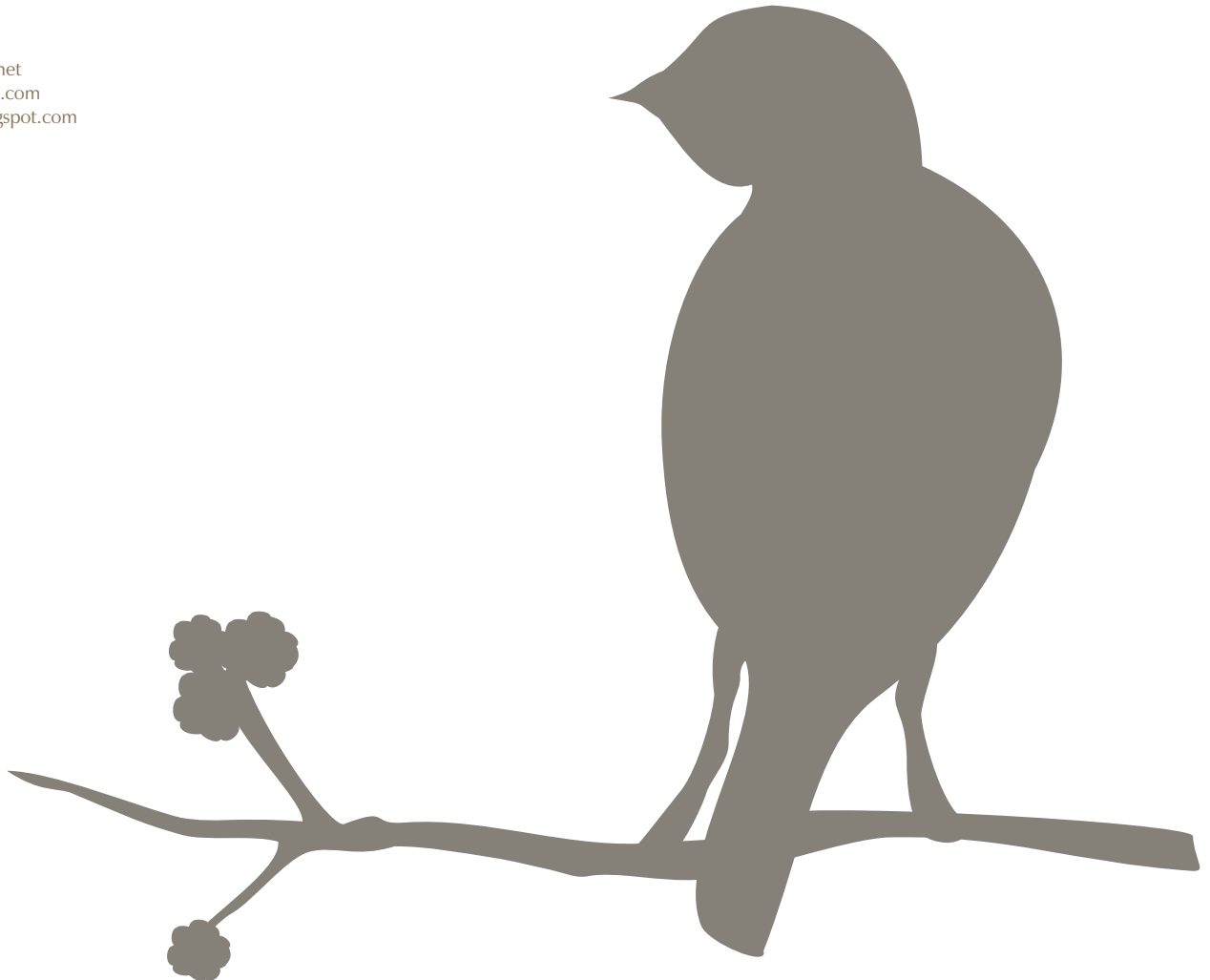


Image is reversed for machine applique.

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