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## Strips for Stripes

This quilt-as-you-go tote is easy to make, a great stash-buster, and a terrific gift. Jelly roll strips may be used for the stripes; use a variety of prints and colors for a scrappy look.

### materials and tools

- ½ yard of fabric color A (stripes, bag bottom, optional handle tabs)
- ¾ yard of fabric color B (stripes)
- ¾ yard of fabric color C\* (optional)
- ¾ yard or 2 fat quarters of fabric for back and lining
- ½ yard of quilt batting
- One 1 ¾" x 42" strip for binding
- One set of bag handles
- Four buttons for bag handle tabs (optional)
- Thread to match fabric
- Scissors
- Chalk marker
- Gridded clear quilter's ruler
- Rotary cutter and mat (recommended)
- Iron and ironing surface
- Walking foot (BERNINA Walking Foot #50) (optional)
- ¼" presser foot (BERNINA Patchwork Foot #37) (optional)
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\*The pink and brown bag uses three prints: A, B, and C.

The brown and tan bag uses a print for color A, and a combination of two "solid-looking" prints for color B.



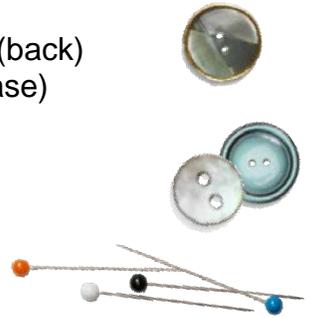
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### step one

- Cut from fabric A
  - ◇ Four 2½" x 42" strips
  - ◇ One 5½" x 11½" bag bottom
  - ◇ Eight handle tabs (optional)
- Cut from fabric B
  - ◇ Four 2½" x 42" strips
- Cut from back/lining fabric
  - ◇ Two 12½" x 16½" rectangles (back)
  - ◇ One 5½" x 11½" rectangle (base)
- Cut from batting
  - ◇ Two 12½" x 16½" rectangles
  - ◇ One 5½" x 11½" rectangle
- Cut one 1⅜" x 42" binding strip



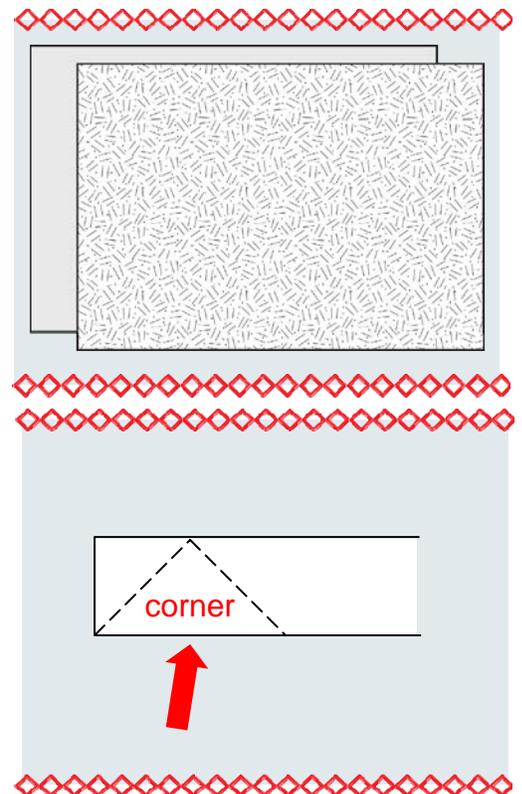
### step two

- Place the batting on the wrong side of the back rectangles and line up the edges. Secure with a few pins to prevent the layers from shifting.



### step three

- Place a quilter's ruler at a 45° angle at one end of a color A strip. Mark and cut (or rotary cut) two corner triangles.
- Place one corner triangle on the upper left corner of the batting, right side up.



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### step four

- Draw a line on the batting at 45° from the stitching line corner of the triangle. The line should be 3" in from the left edge and 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" in from the bottom right.
- Draw a second line 1/4" above the 45°-line; this marks the seam allowance.

### step five

- Place a contrasting strip over the corner piece, right sides together, with the inside edge of the strip on the seam allowance line. Make sure the strip is long enough to cover the outside edge when it is folded down.
- Attach a walking foot (preferred) or 1/4" foot to your sewing machine. Stitch through all layers with a 1/4" seam allowance.

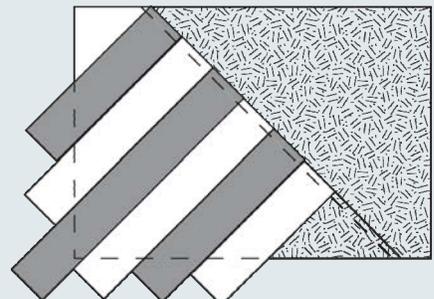
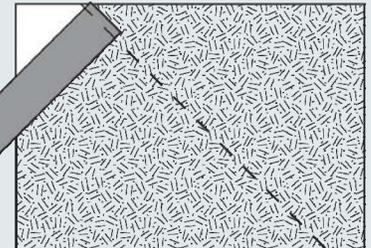
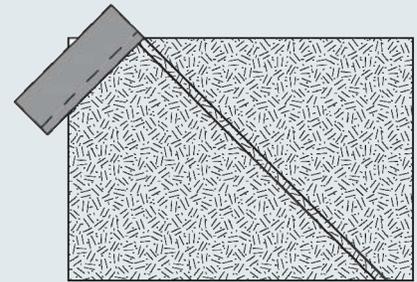
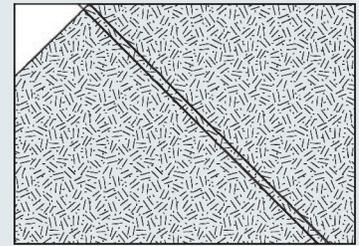
### step six

- Turn the strip down.
- Press.



### step seven

- Repeat for strips 2-9.



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### step eight

- Trim the outside strips even with the back and batting.

### step nine

- Place a strip diagonally across the stripes on the seam allowance line.
- Stitch using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

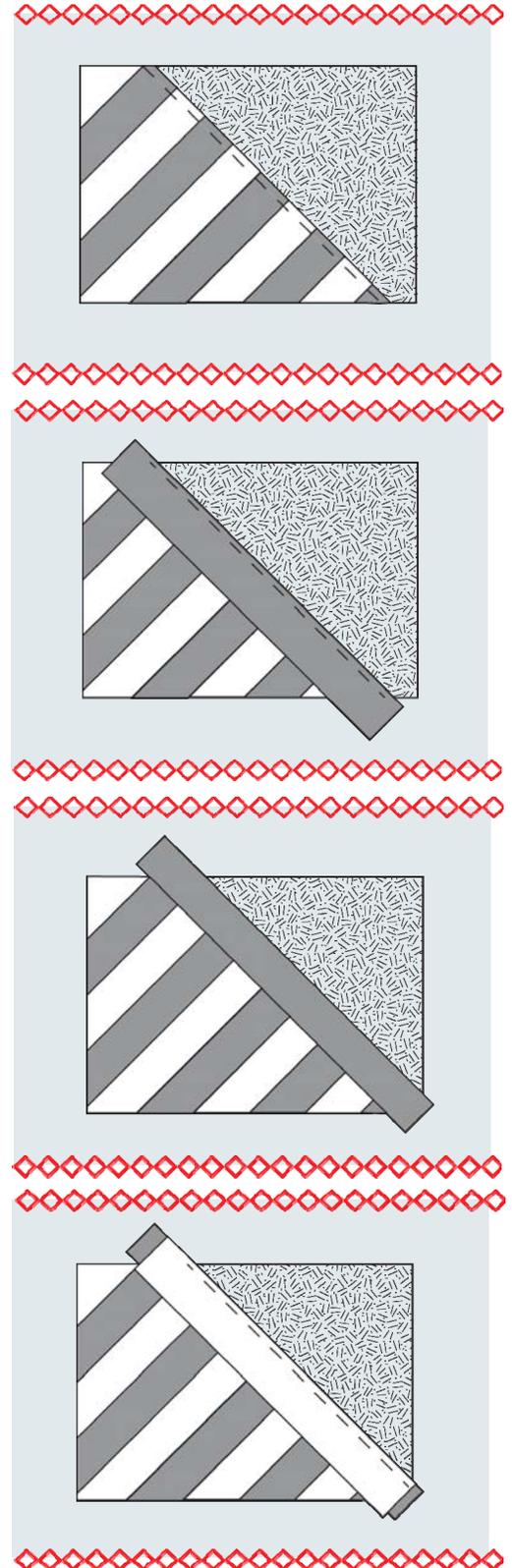


### step ten

- Turn the strip up.
- Press.

### step eleven

- Repeat for strips 10-14.
- Trim the edges even with the back and batting.



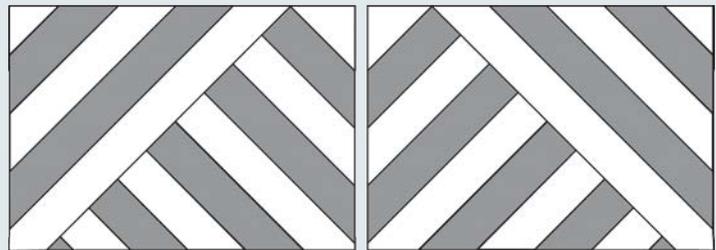
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### step twelve

- Using the second batting and backing rectangles, and the remaining strips, make a mirror image so the diagonal strips make a chevron at the side seams. Start with the corner triangle at the upper right corner.



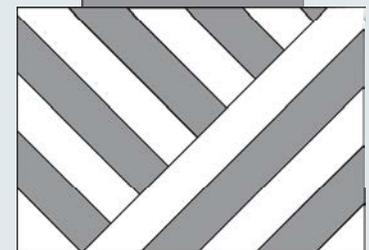
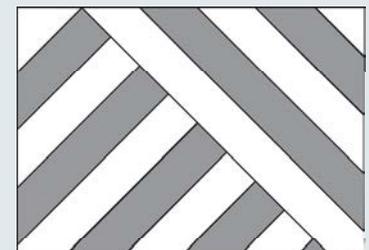
### step thirteen

- Layer the back, batting, and top rectangles for the bag base.
- Quilt the layers together with straight lines or your favorite quilting technique.
- Sew the bag sides to the bag base.



### step fourteen

- Fold bag in half, right sides together, and stitch the side seams with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
- Zigzag, overlock, or bind the raw edges to finish the inside seams.



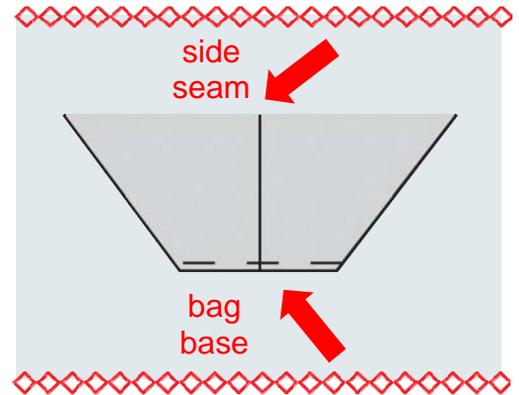
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### step fifteen

- Refold the bag and stitch the bag base to the bag sides at the corners.



### step sixteen

- Bind the top edge of the bag using your favorite method.
- Attach the bag handles with or without the handle tabs.
- To make tabs:
  - ◇ Place two handle tab pieces right side together.
  - ◇ Stitch, leaving an opening for turning.
  - ◇ Turn the tabs right side out and press. Stitch the openings closed.
  - ◇ Repeat for a total of four tabs.
  - ◇ Fold a tab around each handle end.
  - ◇ Stitch the tabs to the bag.



### step seventeen

- Stitch a button to each handle tab (optional).

