

Aurora Market Tote

Finished Size 18" x 16" x 6"



Requirements/Cutting

- 64 – 3" squares (scraps in one colour way) – Front Panel
- 1 – 20" square fabric panel – Back
- 1 – 24" square fusible interfacing (non-woven, light or medium weight)
- 2 – 2½" x 13" strip in main colour way
- 2 – 2½" x 13" strip in contrasting colour way
- 4 – 3" squares (scraps) in contrasting colour way – for star points
- 3 – 2¼" x WOF strips – Binding
- 1 – 21" x 3" strip Soft & Stable or Bosal foam – base reinforcement
- 2 leather straps – handles
- 8 rivets + setting tool
- Batting and backing for both front and back panels

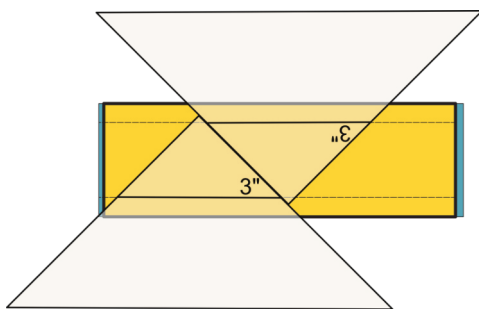
Thread, rotary cutter, ruler, iron.

Making the HST

Place the two sets of 2½" x 13" contrasting strips right sides together.

Sew a ¼" seam along both long edges.

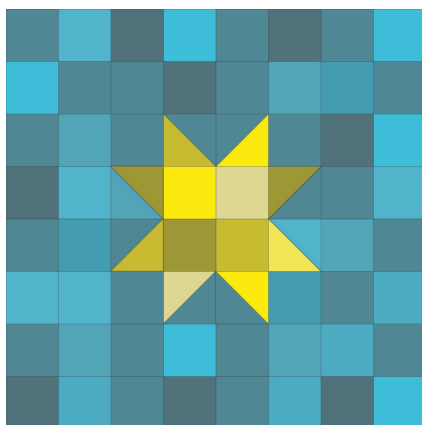
Using a triangle ruler with the seam lined up with the 3" marking sub cut along the strip to make 8 HSTs. Iron seams open.



Making the Front

Using the 8 HST and 56 scrappy 3" squares arrange the squares on the 24" interfacing, placing your Sawtooth Star in the centre.

Fuse: Press with a hot, dry iron according to interfacing instructions to secure all squares in place.



Making the Front (cont)

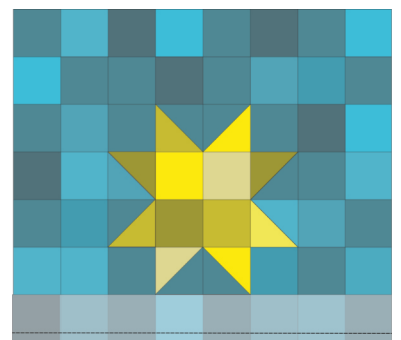
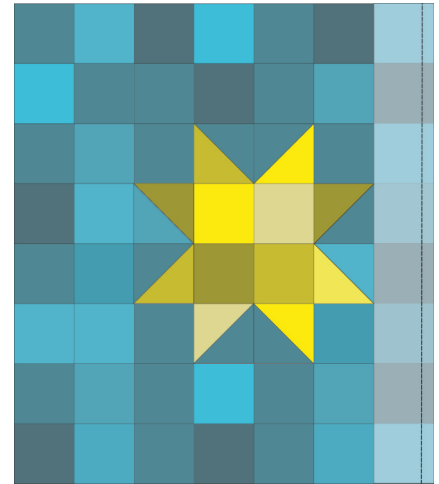
Fold along each vertical line and sew a ¼" seam.

Using scissors, snip the seam allowance between each block, stopping at the stitching line.

This allows each section of the seam to move independently. Press one seam to the left and the next seam to the right, alternating across the panel. The seams will nest and lock together when sewing the horizontal rows.

Then fold and sew along each horizontal line, matching the nested seams as you go.

Press from the front to set the seams.



Quilt the panels

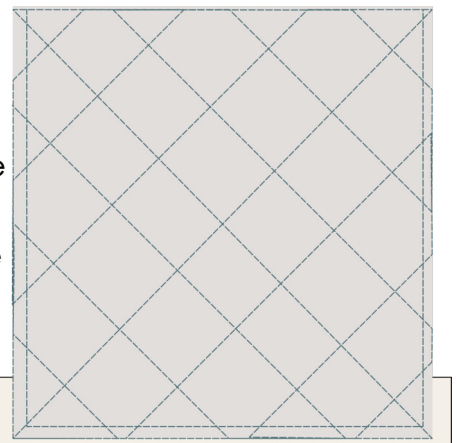
Layer your Front Panel Unit right side up on backing then batting (or foam if preferred) Center a 1½" wide Bosal foam strip along the bottom edge under the front panel to reinforce the base.

Quilt as desired.

Layer the backing, batting, and back panel together.

Center a 1½" wide Bosal foam strip along the bottom edge between the batting and back panel.

Quilt as desired, and trim to match the front panel size.



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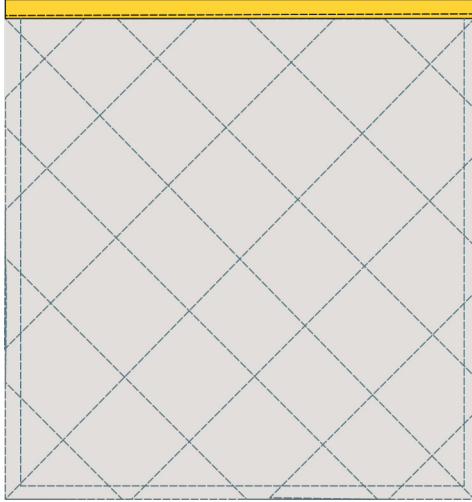
Assembling and Binding

Attach binding to the back. Fold over to the front and topstitch neatly with a 4 mm stitch length.

Join Panels:

Change your stitch length back to 2-3 mm before sewing the bag seams.

With right sides together, sew down one side, across the bottom, and up the other side with a 1/4" seam.

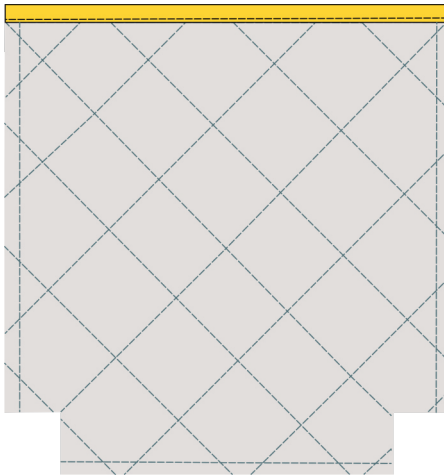


Bind the raw edges for a clean finish.

Box the corners

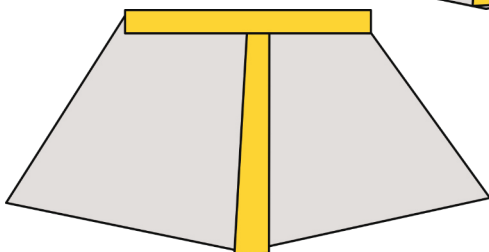
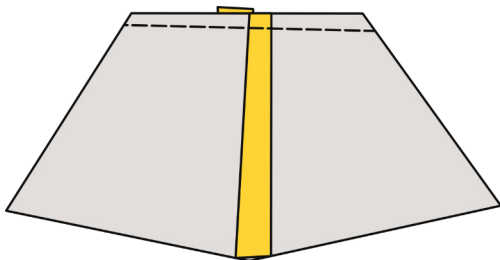
From each bottom corner, cut a 2" square.

Bind the seam allowances to neaten the inside of the bag.



Sew: Match side and bottom seams, aligning raw edges, and sew with a 1/4" seam to form the boxed corners.

Complete the boxed corners with binding to finish the inside of the bag.

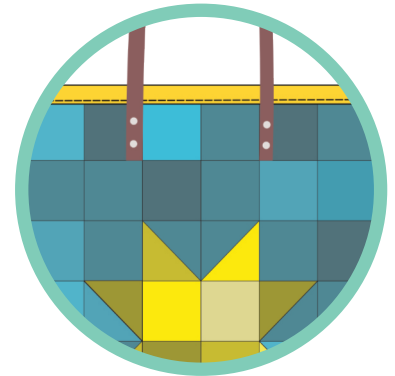


Attach Handles

Turn the tote right side out.

Use the two centre patches on the front panel as a guide for handle placement.

Align the inner edge of each handle with the centre patch seams, keeping the strap ends butting to the seams. As pictured.



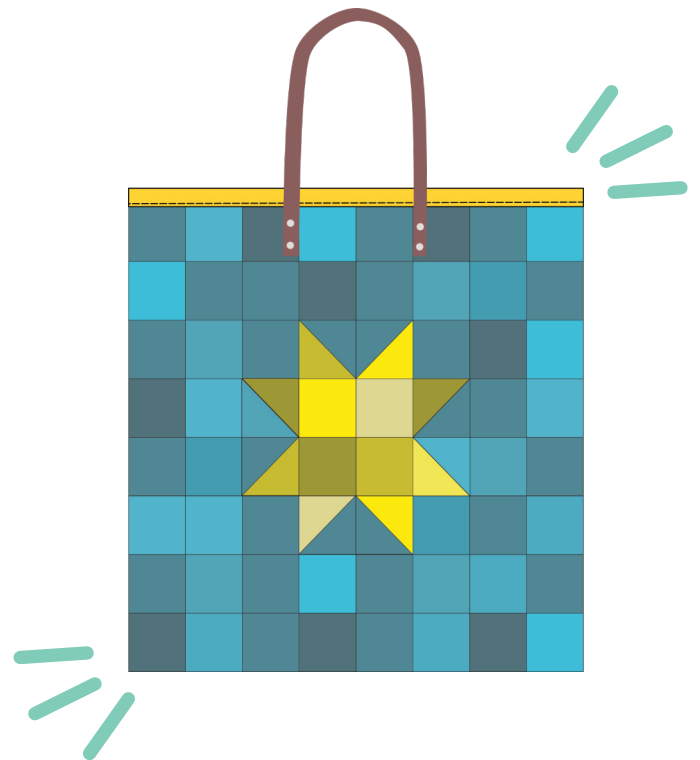
Attach the handles with rivets. Mirror the front placement for the back of the bag.

Finishing

Press all seams neatly.

Optional: Add a magnetic snap, interior pocket, or decorative label.

Enjoy your beautiful Aurora Market Tote. Its ready for market mornings or fabric shop visits!



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