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REVERSIBLE BATIK TOTE BAG

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- **Blue outer** – 50cm of 112cm wide of Indonesian Batik Daisy – blue cotton fabric (**Fabric A**)
50cm of 112cm wide of Indonesian Batik Water – blue cotton fabric (**Fabric B**)
- **Purple Inner** – 50cm of 112cm wide of Indonesian Batik Water – purple cotton fabric (**Fabric C**)
50cm of 112cm wide of Indonesian Batik Circles – purple cotton fabric (**Fabric D**)
- Scissors
- Pins
- Tape measure/ruler
- Sewing machine & matching thread
- Iron

Note – 1.5cm seam allowance is used unless specified

INSTRUCTIONS

OUTER BLUE BAG

Step 1 – From templates provided, *cut:

- 1 x strap from each of the two blue batik fabrics
- 4 x pockets (2 left & 2 right) from each of the two blue batik fabrics (total of 8 pocket pieces)
- 2 x bag bodies (left & right) from each of the two blue batik fabrics (total of 4 body pieces)

Note – *These templates have been scaled. You will need to blow them up by 666.67% to make them full size. Or alternatively you can draft the pattern yourself using the measurements provided

POCKETS

Step 1a – Sew a left pocket fabric B piece to a right pocket fabric A piece, press seam open. Repeat with all remaining 6 pocket pieces in same method. You will end up with 4 sewn pocket pieces.

With right sides facing, pin two pockets together along the top edge, aligning the center seam. Sew together along the top only. Clip seam and turn right way out. Press flat, aligning all raw edges. Top stitch along pressed seam if desired. Repeat with other two pocket pieces.

BODY

Step 1b – With right sides facing, sew a left body fabric A piece to a right body fabric B piece, press seam open. Repeat with the other body pieces.

With right sides facing up, pin a pocket to the front of a body piece with the prints diagonally across from each other. Baste pocket to bag around base raw edges, leaving the top of the pocket open. Pin the center seam of the pocket to the bag body and top stitch along seam to body to create a divided pockets. Repeat with the other remaining pieces to create the other side of the bag.

STRAPS

Step 1c – With right sides facing, pin the wider base end of the strap pieces in fabric A & B. Sew together and press seam open.

With right sides facing, pin strap to the front of one of the bag pieces around the base raw edges, aligning the base center seam. Sew strap to bag starting and stopping the seam 1.5cm in from the top edge of the bag piece. Repeat sewing the other side of the bag to the other side of the strap, aligning center seam and tops of bag. Clip curves in seam.

INNER REVERSIBLE BAG

Step 3 – Make the inner reversible bag exactly the same way as the outer bag substituting fabric A for fabric C, and fabric B for fabric D and leaving a 15cm opening along the base of one of the strap to bag seam for turning out.

Turn one of the bags right way out and place inside the other bag with right sides facing together. Pin pieces together along the top edges of bag body and along strap raw edges, aligning seams. Sew the top of each side of the bag, stopping and starting the seam 1.5cm in from each edge (where the start and stop of the seam where you attached the strap). Push the seam towards the body of the bag and start sewing the straps together on the other side of this seam, starting at the same point. Clip seams. Turn bag right way out through the opening at the base of the inner bag. Press seams and bag flat. Press in the seam allowance of the opening in the base of the inner bag and hand sew closed.

Press in the seam allowance of one the top of the straps. Insert the other raw end of the other strap into the pressed under strap by 1.5cm and top stitch straps together to secure.

Optional 1 – Top stitch around the edges of the straps and top edges of bag if desired.

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