



Just A Big Square Bag
with a zippered pocket on the back



Approximate finished size: 18" x 18"

What you'll need:

Heat n Bond Fleece Fusible High Loft

Heat n Bond Lite, Iron-on Adhesive

Or Heat n Bond EZ Print Lite sheets, $8\frac{1}{2}" \times 11"$

Heat n Bond Non-Woven Craft Fusible Extra Firm

ThermOWeb Fabric Fuse Liquid Adhesive

Iron

20" zipper (excess will be trimmed off)

Fabric

Cutting instructions:

Cut 1 - $8" \times 8"$ square in a light color for center block

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Cut 2 - $6" \times 6"$ for center block corners

Cut 2 - $1\frac{1}{2}" \times$ WOF light colored strips for checkered Border A

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Cut 2 - $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$ strips for left and right sides of Border B

Cut 1 - $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 18\frac{1}{2}"$ strip for top of Border B

Cut 1 - $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 18\frac{1}{2}"$ strip for bottom of Border B

Cut 1 - $18\frac{1}{2}" \times 20\frac{1}{2}"$ fabric for bag back

Cut 2 - $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 16\frac{1}{2}"$ fabric for straps

Cut 2 - $18\frac{1}{2}" \times 20\frac{1}{2}"$ fabric for bag lining

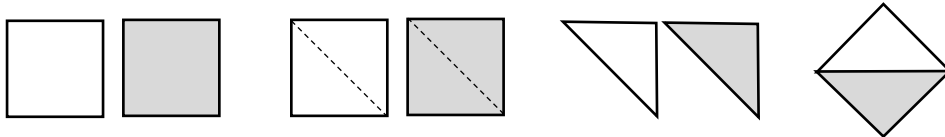
Cut 1 - $18\frac{1}{2}" \times 16\frac{1}{2}"$ fabric for pocket

Cut 2 - $18\frac{1}{2}" \times 20\frac{1}{2}"$ Heat n Bond Fleece Fusible High Loft

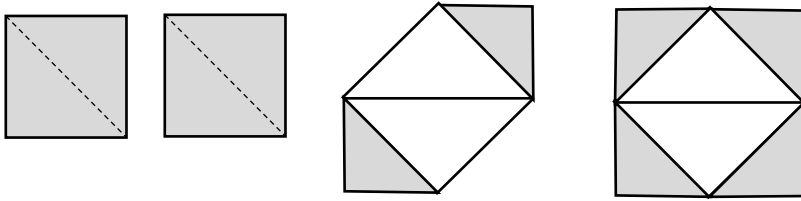
Cut 1 - $18\frac{1}{4}" \times 8\frac{1}{4}"$ Heat n Bond Non-Woven Craft Fusible Extra Firm for pocket

Sewing instructions: Seams are sewn at $\frac{1}{4}"$ unless otherwise noted.

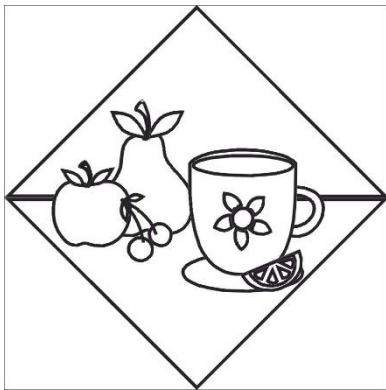
Step 1: Cut $8" \times 8"$ squares in half diagonally. Use two different colored triangles for center block; set other two triangles aside for scraps. With right sides together, sew triangles together along long edge. Press towards dark fabric. Trim block to $7\frac{1}{2}" \times 7\frac{1}{2}"$.



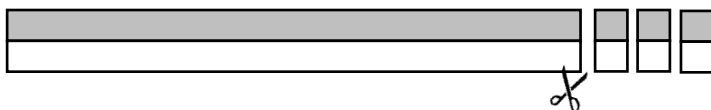
Step 2: Cut 2 - 6" x 6" squares in half diagonally. Center triangles on opposite sides of center block. Folding pieces in half and finger pressing helps find the center. Sew and press seams towards triangles. Sew remaining triangles on opposite sides; be sure to center them. Trim to $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ".



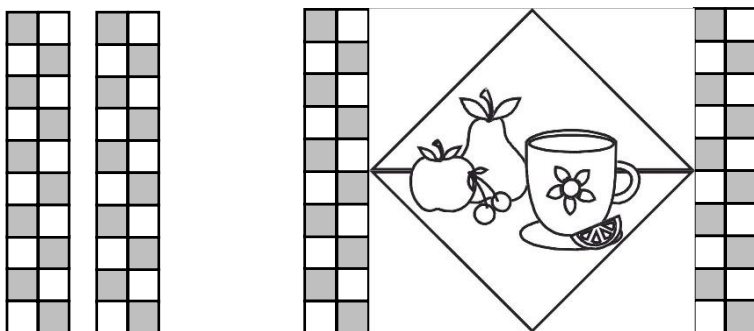
Step 3: Fabric Applique Instructions: Using your inkjet printer, print out applique pattern pieces with Heat N Bond EZ Print Lite sheets or trace designs on iron-on adhesive of your choice. Follow the manufacturer's directions to iron adhesive pieces to wrong sides of desired fabrics. Let cool. Cut out applique pieces. Remove protective paper and iron center block applique pieces following manufacturer's directions. Stitch around edges using a straight, zig-zag, or blanket stitch.



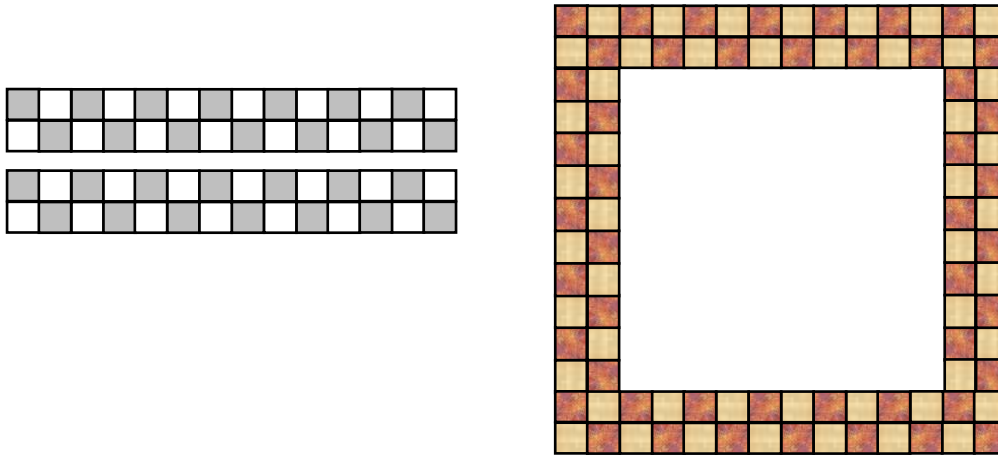
Step 4: Sew a one dark and one light $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x WOF strips together lengthwise. Press towards dark side. Trim off selvedge. Repeat to make sets. Cut strips into $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to create 48 two block sets.



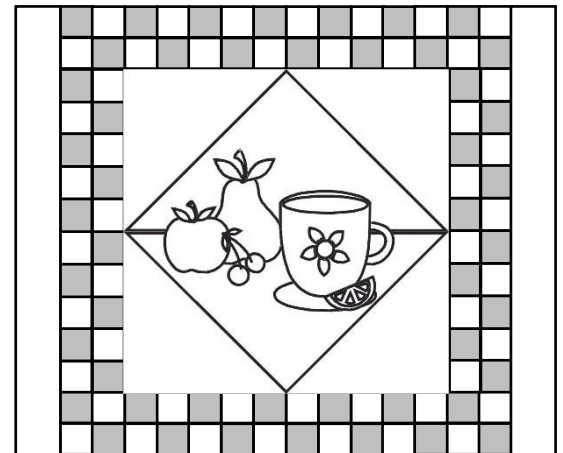
Step 5: Sew 10 block sets together alternating dark and light blocks and matching seams. Press seams down. Repeat to make two rows. Sew block sets to left and right sides of center block. Press seams towards blocks. *Note the direction of the colors to ensure matching top, bottom, and side borders.



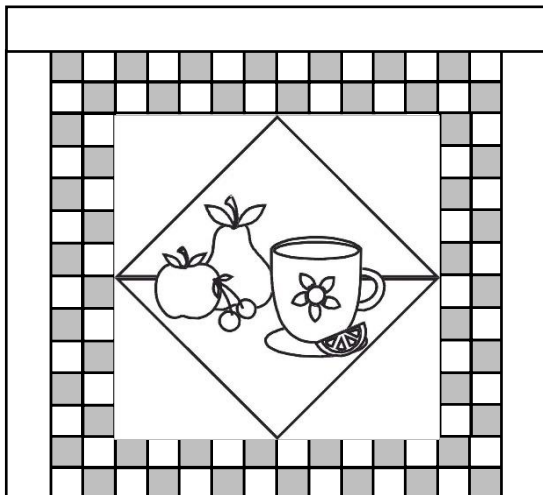
Step 6: Sew 14 block sets together alternating dark and light blocks and matching seams. Press seams down. Repeat to make two rows. Sew block sets to top and bottom of center block. Press seams towards blocks. Note the direction of the colors to ensure matching top, bottom, and side borders. Square up block to $14\frac{1}{2}" \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$. Sometimes it will be smaller than $14\frac{1}{2}" \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$ because of applique or inconsistent seams. It's okay to adjust the size if necessary, but remember to adjust Border B and the quilt back.



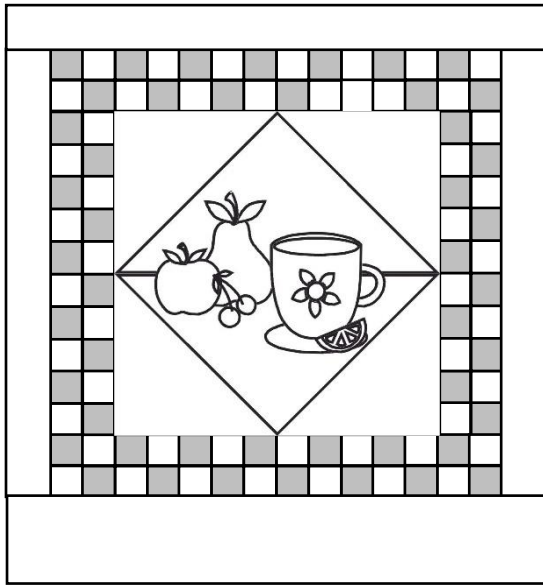
Step 7: Sew $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$ strips to left and right sides of border A.



Step 8: Sew $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 18\frac{1}{2}"$ strips to top of border A.

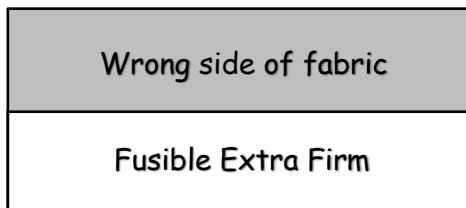


Step 9: Sew $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $18\frac{1}{2}$ " strips to top of border A.



Step 10: Iron Heat n Bond Fleece Fusible High Loft to wrong sides of front and back bag following manufacturer's instructions. Trim both so they are same size. Quilt if desired. * Quilting can change the size and shape of fabric, so be sure to square it up and make bag and bag lining fabric pieces all the same size.

Step 11: Iron Heat n Bond Non-Woven Craft Fusible Extra Firm to half of wrong side (lengthwise) of $18\frac{1}{2}$ " x $16\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric for pocket following manufacturer's directions. Fold pocket fabric in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press to crease fold.



Step 12: To create zipper pocket on back of bag: Apply a thin line of ThermOWeb Fabric Fuse Liquid Adhesive along folded edge of right side of fabric. Lay edge of zipper along adhesive and finger press in place. Allow to dry. Stitch close to zipper edge using a straight or decorative stitch. Slide zipper open near edge to enable sewing. Apply thin line of adhesive to zipper edge. Line up pocket with bottom and sides of bag placing zipper towards the top of bag. Pin/clip to secure in place and finger press zipper with adhesive in place on fabric bag. Allow to dry. Sew along top edge of zipper to secure it to bag. Trim off excess. Baste around pocket's raw edges to secure in place.

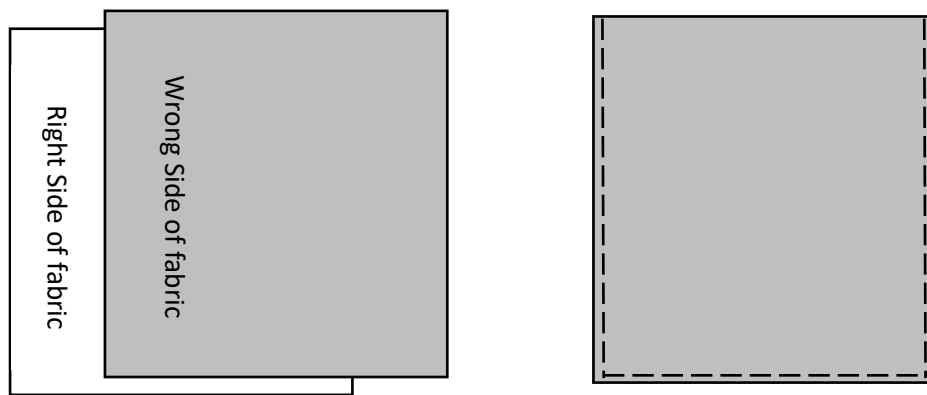
Step 13: To make the straps: Fold strap fabric pieces in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press to crease. Fold in long edges towards center. Press to crease. Fold in half again and press. Stitch down both long sides close to edges.

Step 14: Pin/clip straps to right sides of fabric on both bag and lining at top, placing them 2" from both sides. Stitch close to edge to hold in place.

***Seams from this point on will be sewn at $\frac{1}{2}$ ".**

Step 15: Place right sides of bag pieces together. Open zipper a few inches. Sew around three sides, leaving top open. Be careful not to catch straps or zipper pull in seams.

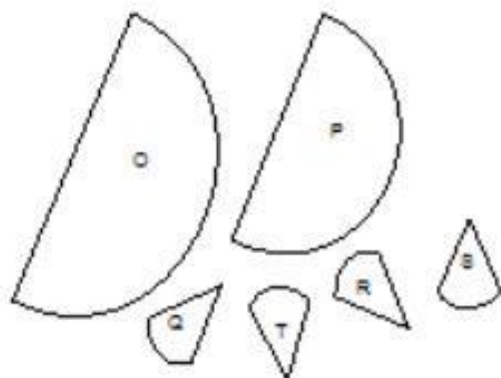
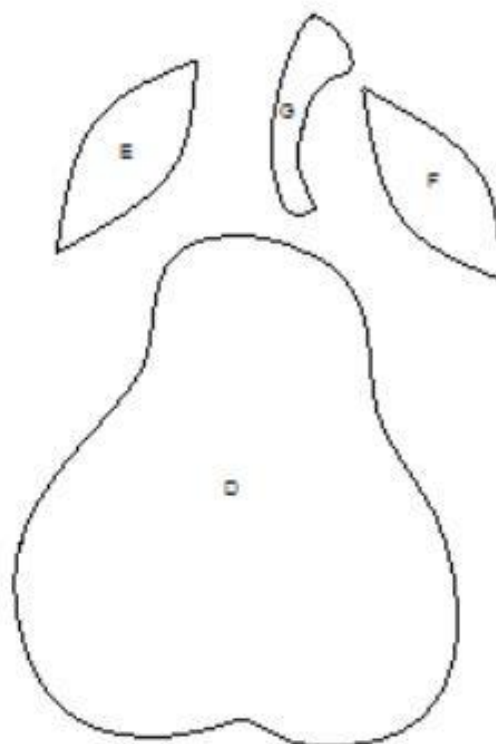
Step 16: Place right sides of bag lining pieces together. Sew around three sides, leaving top open.



Step 17: Bag corners: With the bags turned inside out, form a triangle in the bottom corners by matching up seams. Measure in 2" from point and draw a line. Sew across on the line. Trim.

Step 8: Place the bag lining inside the bag, right sides together. Sew around the top leaving a 5" opening. Turn bag inside out. Press along top folding in opening. Topstitch around the top of the bag close to the edge.

You're done! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at sewswift6@gmail.com



Pattern pieces
have been reversed

