



# Playing with Pinwheels Tote

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## Materials You Will Need:

1-1/3 yards of a yellow dot  
1-1/3 yards of a blue paisley  
1/4 yard of a cream dot  
5/8 yard of a red circles  
3/4 yard of iron on fleece or batting of your choice  
6" x 17" piece of cardboard or heavy plastic

## Cutting Directions:

From the yellow dot, cut:

(2) 22" x 21" pieces  
(2) 2-1/2" x 25" strips  
(2) 12-1/2" squares

From the blue paisley, cut:

(2) 22" x 21" pieces  
(22) 3" x 4-1/2" pieces  
(8) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" strips  
(1) 2" x 43-1/2" strip

From the cream dot, cut:

(8) 4-1/2" squares

From the red circles print, cut:

(22) 3" x 4-1/2" pieces  
(8) 2-1/2" squares  
(2) 2-1/2" x 25" strips

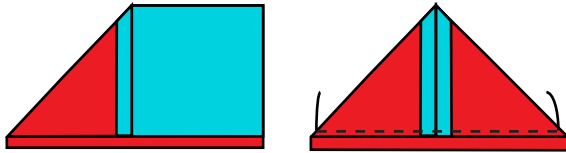
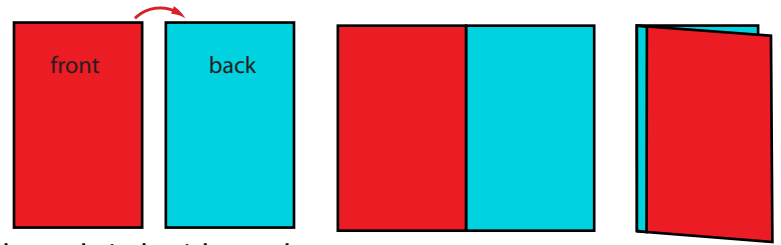
From the iron on fleece or batting, cut:

(2) 22" x 21" pieces  
(4) 1" x 25" strips

# Sewing Directions:

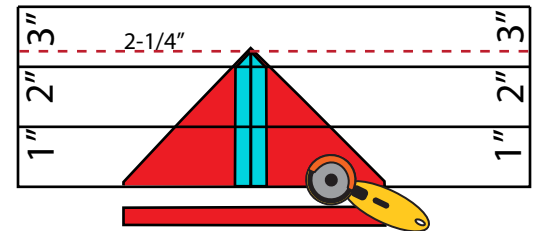
## 1. Make the Prairie Points:

Sew (1) 3" x 4-1/2" red circle (front), right sides together, to a (1) 3" x 4-1/2" blue paisley (back) on the long edge. Turn right side out and press, leaving 1/8" of the blue paisley showing on the red circle side, as shown.



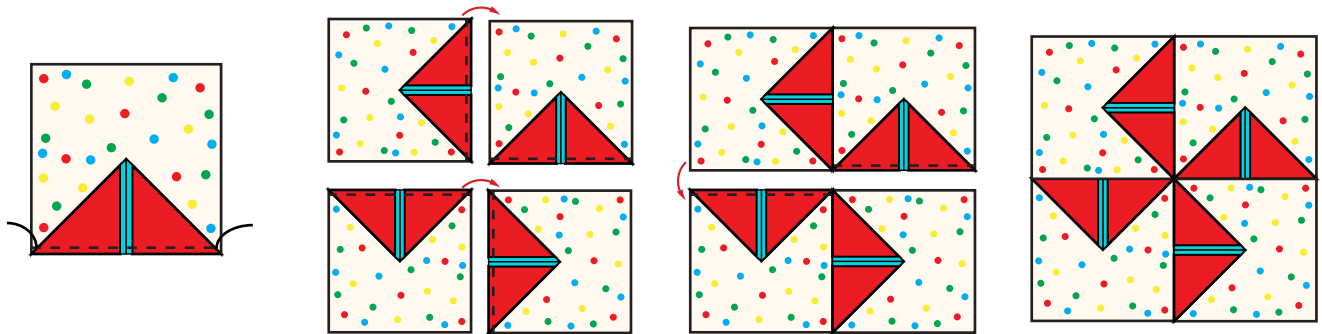
With the blue paisley side facing up, fold the corners down to the center of the blue paisley side, as shown, to make a prairie point triangle. Sew a long basting stitch along the bottom of the prairie point to secure.

Measure 2-1/4" from the tip of the point and trim along the bottom. Finished prairie points measure 2-1/4" x 4-1/2". Make a total of (22) prairie points. Set aside (14) prairie points to use for the top of the tote.



## 2. Assembling the Prairie Point Pockets:

From the remaining (8) prairie points, baste (1) prairie point (right side up) to the right side of a 4-1/2" cream dot square to make a quarter-square. (Make 8 quarter squares.) Sew (4) quarter-squares together, as shown, to make a pinwheel block.



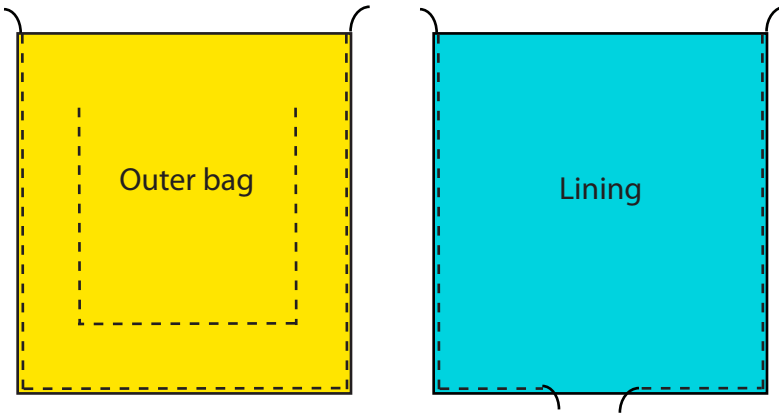
Stitch (2) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" blue paisley strips to opposite sides of (1) pinwheel block. Sew a 2-1/2" red circle square to each end of (2) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" blue paisley strips. Stitch the pieced strips to the top and bottom of the block to make a prairie point block. (Make 2 blocks.)

## 2. Making the Tote Front and Back:

Fuse (1) 22" x 21" iron on fleece to the wrong sides of the (1) 22" x 21" yellow dot piece to make a tote front. In the same manner, make the tote back. Using free motion, quilt both pieces.

With right sides together and using a 1/4" seam, sew a prairie point block to a 12-1/2" yellow dot square, leaving a 3" opening. Trim the corners slightly, turn inside out and press to make a pocket. Center a pocket on each of the tote front and back pieces. Top stitch around the two sides and the bottom.

### 3. Assembling the Tote:



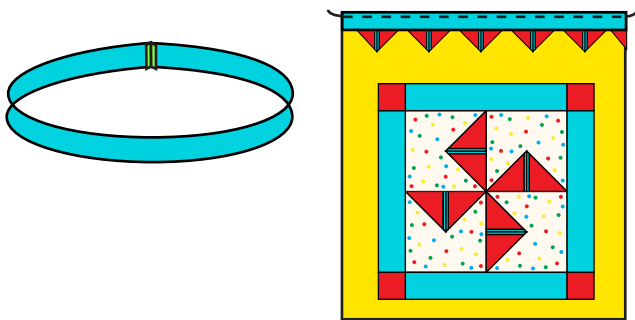
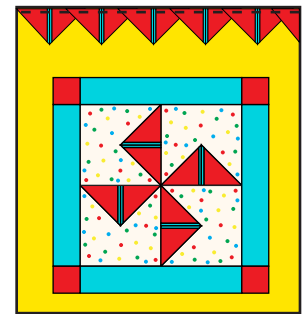
Stitch the tote front, right sides together, to the tote back, with the 22" sides at the top, to make the outer bag.

Stitch the (2) 22" x 21" blue paisley lining pieces in the same way as the outer bag leaving a 4-5" opening at the center bottom.

Box the bottom of the outer bag on the wrong side by lining up the bottom seams with the side seam, forming a triangle, and sewing across 3" in from the point, as shown. Repeat with the second bottom corner. Box the bottom of the lining in the same way.



Pin the (14) prairie points around the top of the outer bag overlapping and adjusting as desired. Baste to secure.



Sew the short ends together of (1) 2" x 43-1/2" blue paisley strip to make a circle. Fold the circle in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Pin the raw edges to the top of the outer bag over the prairie points, as shown. Baste to secure.

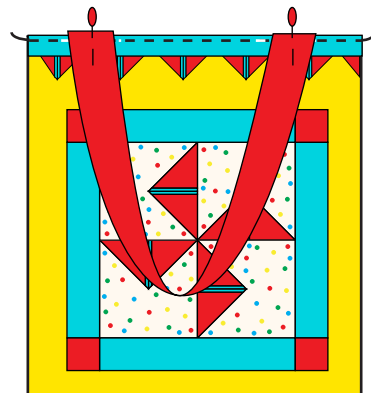
Iron a 1" x 25" fleece strip to the center of the wrong side of each 2-1/2" x 25" red circles strip and each 2-1/2" x 25" yellow dot strip.



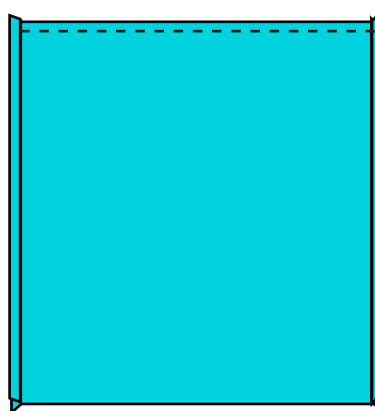
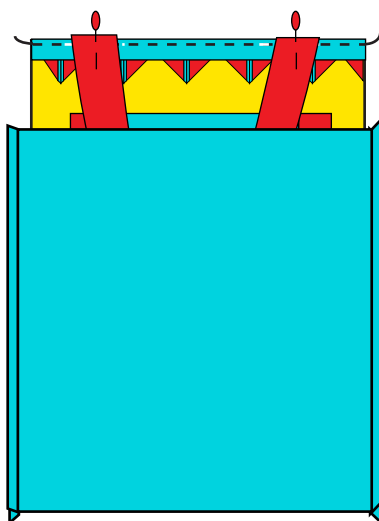
Fold the sides of the strips in to the middle over the fleece and press.



Place a red circles strip, right sides together with a yellow dot strip and topstitch the (2) long sides to make a handle. (Make 2) Refer to the bag photo; pin a handle to the outer bag front and one to the outer bag back over the blue paisley strip and the prairie points, as shown.



Turn the lining bag wrong side out. Slip the outer bag inside the lining bag so that right sides are together. Stitch around the top edge. Turn the outer bag to the outside through the opening in the lining bag.



Place a 6" x 17" piece of cardboard or heavy plastic inside the outer bag to give strength to the bottom.

Slipstitch the opening closed. Tack the bottom corners of the lining and outer bag together. Press the bag well.