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## Project Title: Tote By Donna Dewberry

The fabrics needed for this project are:

- Two Art to Sew™ 'pansies' quilt blocks
- 1 yard purple crackle fabric
- 1/4 yard violet sponge fabric
- 3/8 yard grass green crackle fabric

All of the fabrics used in the model for this project are from the Quilting Basics collection of fabrics designed by Donna Dewberry and manufactured by Springs Global. Art to Sew™ quilt blocks are digital reproductions of Donna Dewberry paintings on fabric by Springs Global.

Other supplies you will need are:

- Coats Cotton Multicolor Machine quilting thread (Color #818 variegated purple)
- 33" X 22" rectangle of cotton batting
- 31" X 20" rectangle of One Stitch fusible quilt grid
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Quilting ruler
- scissors
- #2 quilting safety pins
- sewing machine with dual feed/walking foot

Cutting instructions: Before cutting read through all instructions

1. Cut two 4 1/2" crosswise strips from the violet sponge fabric
2. Cut one 2 1/2" crosswise strips and two 4" crosswise strips from the grass green fabric.
3. Cut one 35" X 32" rectangle and one 10" X 16" rectangle from the purple crackle fabric
4. Cut one 33" X 22" rectangle of batting
5. Cut one 31" X 20" rectangle of quilt grid being sure to cut along the grid lines.

Laying out the tote: See section on One Stitch Basics for folding and grid instructions.

1. From the 2 1/2" and 4 1/2" strips make single-fold strips.
2. From the 4" strips make triple-fold strips. Trim the selvage ends from all strips.
3. Fuse the grid to the batting. Do not peel the paper at this time.
4. Place the 35" X 32" purple crackle fabric on a flat surface wrong side showing.
5. Center the batting/grid on the fabric grid side up. There should be a 6" margin of fabric on both sides of the batting and a 2" margin at each end.
6. Begin by laying out the pansy squares placing one at each end. The squares should be centered side to side and 3/4" from the narrow end. The narrow ends of the grid will be the top of the purse.



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- Place a 2 1/2" grass green crackle single-fold strip across the top and bottom of each square. The folded edge of the strip should overlap the raw edge of the square by approximately 1/4" and should extend beyond the sides of the square by approximately 1/2".
- Place a 4 1/2" violet sponge single-fold strip across the top of each square overlapping the raw edge of the grass green crackle strip by approximately 1/4".
- Place a 4 1/2" violet sponge single-fold strip on either side of both squares leaving a 1/2" gap between the pansy square and the violet sponge strip. The ends of the violet sponge strip should be even with the raw edge of the violet crackle strip at the top edges and even with the raw edges of the grass green crackle strip at the bottom edges.
- Fold the 10" X 16" rectangle of purple crackle in half lengthwise and finger press to crease. Open the strip and refold the raw edges in to the center crease. Press the folds with an iron to set the creases. You should now have a strip with two folded edges. Place the strip crosswise on the grid. The folded edges of the strip should overlap the raw edges of both the violet sponge side strips and the grass green crackle strip. There should be approximately 1/2" margin of grid at either end of the strip.
- To create the double-fold finish fold over each side of the fabric so that the raw edge of the fabric almost touched the batting. Then fold the side along the edge of the batting. The folded edge of the backing fabric should overlap the edge of the violet sponge strip. Fold the ends of the backing in the same way. The folded edge should overlap the raw edges of the violet sponge strips.
- Create handles for your tote by laying a grass green triple-fold strip with the opening toward the center over the gap between the violet sponge side strip and the center painted square. Allow the ends to overlap the purple crackle bottom of the tote by about 1/2" and the center of the strip will create the handle. Be careful not to twist the strip. Place one strip on each end of the purse. After the strips are in place, tuck the ends of the strips under the wide purple crackle strip.
- Due to the tacky nature of the grid, you should not need to pin any of the strips except at the corners.
- Thread sewing machine with Coats multi color thread on top and in bobbin. Using a walking foot, sew along the folded edges of each strip with a zig-zag, feather, or other decorative stitch. Sew the strips in the same order that they were placed on the purse. Remember when sewing the double-folded edge of the straps to sew all the way around to finish off the strap.
- After all of the strips have been stitched in place, Fold the purse right sides together and stitch each side about 1/4" from the edge. Flatten one lower corner so that the side seam is on top of the center line of the tote. Sew across the corner about 1 1/2" from the point. Repeat on the other corner.
- Turn the tote right side out.