

Web Bonus: Tote ('n Treat) Bag



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Finished Tote Size
17" x 18³/₄" (not including handles)



Shop

Green bat print (tote, lining)	5/8 yd.
Orange eyes print and black bat print (tote)	3/8 yd. each
Orange stripe (tote)	1 fat quarter*
Halloween panel (tote front)	1 full panel**
Black/orange stripe (handles)	1/8 yd.
Paper-backed fusible web	3/4 yd.
Pellon® 987 fusible fleece	1/8 yd.
*A fat quarter is an 18" x 20-22" cut of fabric.	
**A full panel in this fabric collection measures approximately 24" x half the width of fabric.	

Kit Offer

A kit of fabrics for tote bag is available while supplies last for \$29.50 ppd. (WA residents, \$31.95 ppd.) from The Quilting Bee, 12117 E. Mission Ave., Spokane, WA 99206; 888-928-6037; manager@quiltingbeespokane.com. A kit is also available for table runner* for \$37.45 ppd. (WA, \$38.55 ppd.).
*See photo on page 3.

Plan

Your trick-or-treater will be ready to go with this fun Halloween tote featuring the Scribble Monsters II collection by Leeré Aldrich for Clothworks. Quick and simple, this project can be made today for your little monster to use tonight! Following manufacturer's instructions, prepare wrong side of panel with paper-backed fusible web **prior** to cutting strip, square, and rectangle.

Cut

(in order listed)

Green bat print

1 strip 17½" x 38"

2 strips 1¼" x 17½"

Orange eyes print and black bat print—cut from each:

2 strips 6½" x 17½"

Orange stripe

1 rectangle 12½" x 17½"

*Halloween panel

1 strip 4¾" x 12½", fussy-cut centered on monsters strip

1 square 7" x 7", fussy-cut centered on bats square

1 rectangle 5½" x 6", fussy-cut centered on black cat rectangle

Black/orange stripe

2 strips 2½" x 20"

Pellon® 987 fusible fleece

2 strips 2" x 20"

*See **Plan** before cutting.

Sew

1 Referring to **Diagram I**, stitch together green bat print, orange eyes print, and black bat print 17½" strips and orange stripe 12½" x 17½" rectangle to make pieced strip.

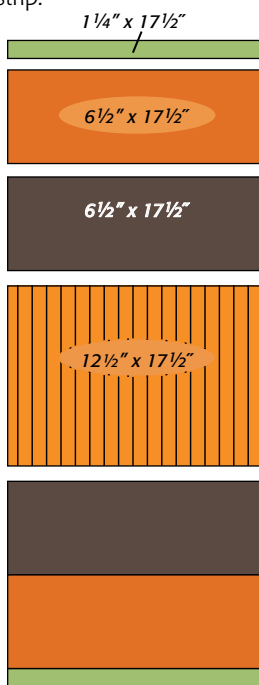


Diagram I

2 Finger-press pieced strip in half on both length and width; use folds and seams as

placement guide. Referring to **Diagram II** and **photos**, position fussy-cut panel strip, square, and rectangle as shown and fuse in place.

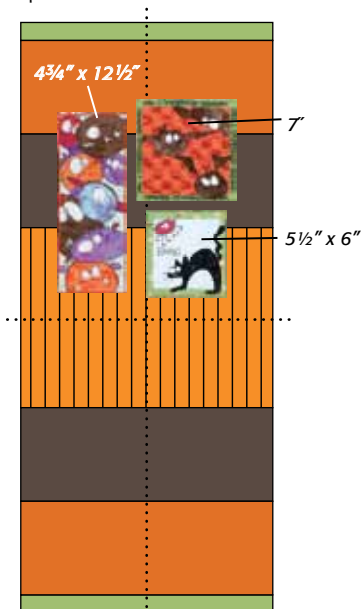


Diagram II

Edge-stitch using matching thread and machine satin stitch (**Diagram III**).

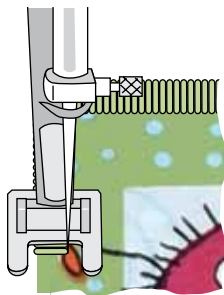
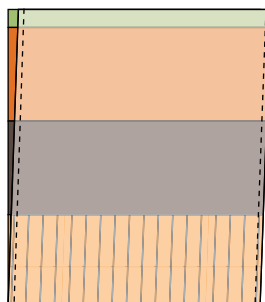


Diagram III

3 Referring to **Diagram IV-A**, fold pieced and fused strip in half, right sides together, and stitch both sides to form tote.



fold

Diagram IV-A

To make lining, fold green bat 17½" x 38" strip in half, right sides together, and stitch sides leaving opening for turning (**Diagram IV-B**).

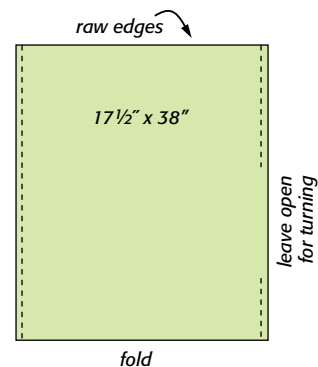


Diagram IV-B

4 Insert tote in lining, right sides together and aligning side seams (**Diagram V-A**). Stitch together around top edge of tote/lining.

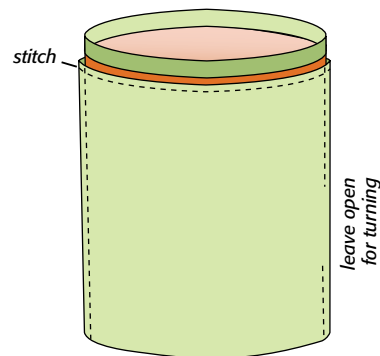


Diagram V-A

Turn right side out through opening in lining seam. Hand stitch opening closed. Push lining into tote, aligning seams. Topstitch ½" from top edge of bag (**Diagram V-B**).

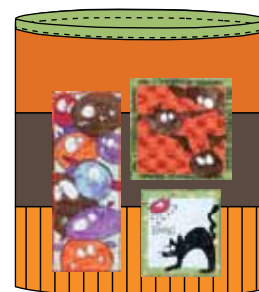


Diagram V-B

- 5** Fuse fleece 20" strip to wrong side of black/orange stripe 2 1/2" x 20" strip, centering (**Diagram VI-A**). Press 1/4" to wrong side of both long edges of handle strip, enclosing fleece edges. Press fused strip in half lengthwise.

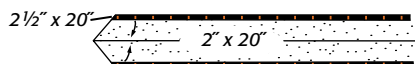
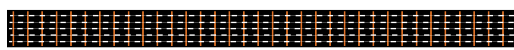


Diagram VI-A

Stitch close to both long sides (**Diagram VI-B**). Add 3 more lines of stitching, evenly spaced, to complete handle. Make 2.



Make 2

Diagram VI-B

- 6** Referring to **Diagram VII**, fold handle ends under 3/4" and position handle on tote, centering as shown. To secure, topstitch handle 1/8" below edge of bag, 1/4" below edge of bag, and 1/8" above fold of handle ends. Repeat with remaining handle.



A coordinating table runner is fully patterned in the October/November 2011 issue of *McCall's Quick Quilts*. Purchase a copy from QuiltandSewShop.com. Kit is available, see page 1.



Diagram VII