



# Buttons and Blooms

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Fabrics from "Buttons and Blooms" (Style #4099) by Terri Degenkolb of Whimsicals for Red Rooster Fabrics.  
Finished bag size: approximately 13"h x 18"w x 9"d

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

A. Pattern #22016 – BE11 .....	Fat Quarter
B. Pattern #22013 – LTBE11 .....	Fat Quarter
C. Pattern #22014 – BLU1 .....	Fat Quarter
D. Pattern #22014 – DKBRO1 .....	Fat Quarter
E. Pattern #22014 – TAN1 .....	Fat Quarter
F. Pattern #22015 – BRO1 .....	Fat Quarter
G. Pattern #22015 – RED1 .....	Fat Quarter
H. Pattern #22015 – LTGRY1 .....	$\frac{7}{8}$ yard
I. Pattern #22017 – RED1 .....	$\frac{1}{4}$ yard
J. Pattern #22018 – GOL1 .....	Fat Quarter
K. Pattern #22018 – RED1 .....	Fat Quarter
L. Pattern #22018 – BLU1 .....	Fat Quarter
M. Pattern #22019 – BE11 .....	Fat Quarter
N. Pattern #22019 – GRE1 .....	$\frac{3}{8}$ yard

### Additional Supplies:

Fusible Fleece.....	1 yard
Medium Weight Fusible Interfacing .....	$1\frac{5}{8}$ yards
Cotton strapping 1" wide .....	$1\frac{5}{8}$ yards
Decorative Button 2"	
Sewable Velco®.....	2" square
Double-thick Illustration Board or Plexiglass.....	9" x 17"

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning.  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance is included in measurements and all strips are cut across the width of the fabric unless noted otherwise. Label pieces and keep together until ready to sew.

### A. Pattern #22016 – BE11 (border stripe):

1. Cut two  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " strips for flap closure centering motif lengthwise within each strip.

### B. Pattern #22013 – LTBE11 (birds and trees):

1. Cut four 5" squares.

### C. Pattern #22014 – BLU1 (floral):

1. Cut five 5" squares.

### D. Pattern #22014 – DKBRO1 (floral):

1. Cut four 5" squares.

### E. Pattern #22014 – TAN1 (floral):

1. Cut six 5" squares.

### F. Pattern #22015 – BRO1 (buttons):

1. Cut four 5" squares.

### G. Pattern #22015 – RED1 (buttons):

1. Cut four 5" squares.

### H. Pattern #22015 – LTGRY1 (buttons):

1. Cut one 28" x 37" piece for lining.

### I. Pattern #22017 – RED1 (vines):

1. Cut two strips  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 28" for handles.

### J. Pattern #22018 – GOL1 (plaid):

1. Cut four 5" squares.

### K. Pattern #22018 – BLU1 (plaid):

1. Cut five 5" squares.

### L. Pattern #22018 – RED1 (plaid):

1. Cut six 5" squares.

### M. Pattern #22019 – BE11 (stitching):

1. Cut six 5" squares.

### N. Pattern #22019 – GRE1 (stitching):

1. Cut two 18" x 10" pieces to cover base for bag bottom.

### Additional Cutting:

#### Fusible Fleece:

1. Cut one 28" x 37" piece. (exterior of bag)
2. Cut one strip of fusible fleece to measure  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " for flap closure.

#### Medium Weight Fusible Interfacing:

1. Cut two 28" x  $18\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. (bag lining)

#### Cotton Strapping:

1. Cut two 28" lengths for handles.

#### Illustration board or plexiglass\*:

1. Cut one 9" x 17" piece for bag bottom. \*Either of these can be found at an arts & crafts or framing store.

## PIECING INSTRUCTIONS:

### EXTERIOR OF BAG:

1. Forty-eight 5" squares are needed to make the exterior of bag.
2. Arrange the 5" squares on a design surface, six squares across by eight squares down.
3. Sew the squares together into rows. Press seams in opposing directions, alternating rows.
4. Sew the rows together carefully matching the seams. Press.
5. According to manufacturer's directions fuse the 28" x 37" fleece to wrong side of exterior of bag.
6. With a coordinating color of thread, quilt  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from all seams. Trim fleece even with bag.

### ADDING A FLAT BOTTOM TO THE BAG:

1. Fold bag, right sides together, stitch together along side seams.
2. With bag wrong side out, fold one bottom corner as shown matching side seam with bottom center seam. (Figure 1)
3. Completely flatten the bag corner to form a triangle. Measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from the point of the triangle; pin. Mark the line for sewing. Repeat for opposite corner.
4. Stitch along this line, backstitching at the beginning and end. Trim excess from triangle leaving approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

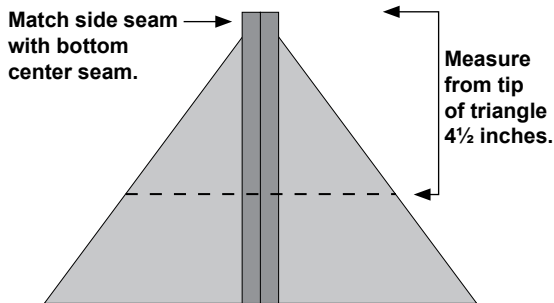


Figure 1. **Bag Bottom Shaping.**

5. Turn the bag right side out. Fold down the top edge of bag  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side. Press.
6. On the bag front, find center front seam and measure 6" down from top folded edge of the bag. Sew one part of 2" Velcro® square in place.

#### BAG LINING:

1. Butt together both  $18\frac{1}{2}$ " x 28" pieces of fusible interfacing to cover wrong side of 28" x 37" bag lining fabric. Fuse in place according to manufacturer's instructions. Trim fused fabric to  $27\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $36\frac{1}{2}$ ".
2. Fold lining, right sides together, sew side seams.
3. Create bottom of lining in same manner as described for exterior of bag, #2-4.
4. With lining wrong side out, fold down top edge of lining  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side. Press.

#### MAKE BAG HANDLES:

1. On one long side of the each  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 28" red floral stripe strip, press a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
2. Center each length of cotton strapping on the wrong side of the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 28" red floral stripe strips. Wrap the fabric around the strapping overlapping raw edge with folded edge. With coordinating thread, topstitch to secure layers. For a decorative look, topstitch strip with three parallel lines. Press.

#### FLAP CLOSURE:

1. Fuse  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " fusible fleece to wrong side of one of the border stripe fabric strips.
2. Pin fabric strips with right sides together. Round one end of the flap using a glass or cup as a guide.
3. Leaving top open, stitch the flap together. Clip curves and turn to right side. Press.
4. With a coordinating thread topstitch down long sides and around curve.
5. Position other half of Velcro square 2" from end of flap on back side. Sew in place.
6. Sew the decorative button to the flap (hiding the stitches for Velcro®).

#### ADD LINING TO BAG; INSERT HANDLES AND FLAP CLOSURE:

1. Place lining in bag with wrong sides together.
2. Match the folded top edges and side seams, secure with pins.
3. Insert flap approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ " between lining and bag matching center of flap to center seam on back of bag. Pin in place.
4. For handle placement, mark 5" to the left and to the right from center seam on front and back of bag. Mark with a pin. Place right side of one end of handle at each pin marking between lining and exterior of bag, using at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, on the front and back of the bag.
5. With coordinating thread, begin topstitching close to top edge of bag.
6. To create side pleats, find center side seams and pinch to inside 2" from seams. Stitch in place to secure.

#### HARD BOTTOM FOR BAG\*:

1. With right sides together, sew the 18" x 10" rectangles of green print together. Leaving one of the 10" ends open.
2. Turn right sides out; press. Place board inside sleeve. Turn in raw edges and hand-stitch to close end.
3. Place in bottom of bag.

\*To protect the illustration board from accidental spills, clear packing tape can be used to cover the entire piece.



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