Create a menagerie of imagination combining fragments from Wallflower and Eclectic Elements fabrics designed by Tim Holtz

Finished Size of Project: Approx. 13” x 17” (excluding handles)

Fabric Requirements:
Wallflower fabric by Tim Holtz
(A) PWTH022.NEUTR – Symphony ½ yard
(B) PWTH028.8MULT – Botanical ½ yard
(C) PWTH029.8TEAL – Faded Damask ½ yard
(D) PWTH032.8GREE – Tiled in Green ½ yard
(E) PWTH033.8MULT – Ledger ½ yard
(F) PWTH034.8MULT – Aviary ½ yard
(G) PWTH035.8MULT – Rose Parcel ½ yard
(H) PWTH039.8MULT – Worn Wallpaper ½ yard
(I) Black linen ½ yard

Additional Requirements:
Sewing machine
Coats Dual Duty XP thread in colors to match fabrics
½ yard HeatnBond® Fusible Fleece
Sizzix® Bigz™ XL 25” Die-Diamonds, 2¼” (2¼” x 6¼” unfinished) and BIGkick™, Big Shot™ or Vagabond™ machine (with a pair of 6” x 26” Cutting Pads) or the Big Shot™ Pro Machine (with a pair of Extended Big Shot Pro Cutting Pads)
Diamond Patchwork Tote

Cutting:

**Fabrics A-H, cut from each:**
(1) 3” x WOF, for patchwork diamonds

**Fabric G, also cut:**
(1) 13¾” x 15¼”, for bag exterior

**Fabric H, also cut:**
(2) 13¾” x 18”, for lining

**Fabric I, cut:**
(2) 3” x 13¾”, for bag bottom
(2) 3” x 27”, for straps

**Fusible Fleece, cut:**
(2) ½” x 27”
(2) 13¾” x 18”

Instructions:

**Patchwork Assembly:**
**Note:** Use a ¼” seam allowance unless otherwise indicated.

1. Fold each 3” x WOF A through H strip lengthwise in half. Following manufacturer’s directions, use the Sizzix Die Cutter to cut the diamond pieces for the front of the bag.
   **Note:** Only 49 are needed, but cut extra for variety when planning your layout.

2. Arrange the diamonds as desired in diagonal rows on a design wall or other flat surface.
   **Note:** In the featured project, Fabric A was used to create contrast in the design.) The layout should have (7) full diamonds across and (3-4) full diamonds down.

3. Sew the rows together, matching all seams. Trim the patchwork piece evenly to measure 13¾” x 15¼”.

**Bag Assembly:**

4. Using the 3” x 13¾” black linen strips, sew one strip to the bottom edge of the patchwork rectangle and another to the bottom edge of the Fabric G rectangle. Following manufacturer’s directions, fuse a 13¾” x 18” piece of fusible fleece to each bag exterior piece.

5. Quilt if desired.
   **Note:** In the featured project, the quilting lines run through the centers of each diamond in a diagonal grid, and there is a row of stitching 1/4” into the black linen.

6. Sew the bag exterior pieces right sides together and stitch around the perimeter leaving the top of the bag open.

7. Sew the Fabric H lining pieces right sides together and stitch around the perimeter leaving the top open and also leaving an opening at the bottom for turning.

8. Pinch the corners of the bag exterior pieces and the lining pieces. Measure in 1” from the tip and cut a straight line. Seam to create the gusset. Do this to both corners of the exterior and both corners of the lining. Set aside.

9. Press each 3” x 27” black linen strap lengthwise in half, then open and fold the raw edges so that they meet at the center crease. Fold the straps in half so that they each measure ¾” wide. Unfold and insert a 1/2” x 27” strip of fusible fleece in each one. Pin the open edge. Edge stitch down both long edges of the straps.

10. With bag exterior turned inside out and lining turned right side out, insert the lining into the bag exterior so right sides are facing. Pin around upper edge. Place handles 3” in from side seams. Stitch around the top of the bag.

11. Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the bottom of the lining. Edge stitch around the upper edge of the bag. Hand stitch the opening closed.
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