



Anchors Away Tote

Technique:	Sewing, Appliqué
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Intermediate
Crafting Time:	Weekend
Finished size:	17½" x 19½" x 7½" (44.45cm x 49.53cm x 19.05cm)

Featuring Dual Duty XP®

Whether you're out for a day of shopping or at your favorite beach resort, this bag is big enough to hold it all. Rope handles and foam stabilizer make it sturdy as can be. Note that the bag is totally reversible since the inside seams are bound—so you get two looks in one!

Supplies

Fabrics

- TokyoMilk Neptune and the Mermaid collection by Margot Elena for Coats
- Oceanus-Navy PWTM010.8NAVY 1¼ yd. (1.14m)

FreeSpirit Designer Essentials Mixers:

- Royal CBFS003.ROYAL 1 yd (.91m)
- Autumn CBFS003.AUTUM 7⁄8 yd. (80.01 cm)
- Mist CBFS003.MISTX 3⁄8 yd. (34.29cm)

• Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread in coordinating colors

- Two 22" (55.88cm) rope handles
- Paper-back fusible web
- Non-stick pressing sheet

Cutting

WOF = Width of Fabric

From the Royal blue print, cut for back, stripe, and binding:

(1) rectangle, 18" x 20", (45.72cm x 50.80cm) for back

(1) strip, 3½" x WOF (8.89cm x WOF), for stripes;
sub-cut into 2 equal length pieces

(2) strips, 2½" x WOF (6.35cm x WOF), for upper binding

(1) strip, 3½" x 16" (8.89cm x 40.64cm), for handle loops

From Oceanus print, cut for lining and stripe:

(2) rectangles, 18" x 20" (45.72cm x 50.80cm), for lining

(1) strip, 3½" x WOF (8.89cm x WOF), for stripes;
sub-cut into 2 equal length pieces

(2) strips, 8" x WOF (20.32cm x WOF), for gusset lining

From the Autumn red print, cut for gusset and appliqué:

(2) strips, 8" x WOF (20.32cm x WOF), for gusset

(1) anchor appliqué, using pattern provided

From the Mist off-white print, cut for stripe and inside binding:

(1) strip, 3½" x WOF (8.89cm x WOF), for stripes;
sub-cut into 2 equal length pieces

(3) strips, 2¼" x WOF (5.72cm x WOF), for inside binding

From the fusible foam, cut:

(2) rectangles, 18" x 20" (45.72cm x 50.80cm)

(1) strip, 8" x 56" (20.32cm x 142.24cm)

Preparing the Appliqué

1. Trace the anchor pattern (page 3) onto paper-back fusible web and cut out ¼" (.64cm) outside the drawn line.
2. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the web onto the wrong side of a red fabric rectangle. Cut out the anchor on the drawn line, and set aside.

Note: Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assembling the Front

3. Alternating colors, sew together the 3½" (8.89cm) strips of Oceanus blue/cream, blue, and off-white. Press seams toward the darker fabrics. Trim the pieced strip to 18" x 20" (45.72cm x 50.80cm).
4. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the striped front to a foam rectangle.
5. Fuse the anchor appliqué to the bag front and zigzag the edges in place.
6. Layer an Oceanus blue/cream rectangle wrong side up and fuse to the underside of the appliquéd front, wrong sides together.

Assembling the Back and Gusset

7. Layer the blue back, foam, and Oceanus blue/cream back lining wrong sides together and fuse.
8. Sew the gusset pieces together end to end. Repeat for the gusset lining.
9. Layer the gusset, foam, and gusset lining wrong sides together and fuse. Trim the extra fabric length to match the foam.

Assembling the Tote

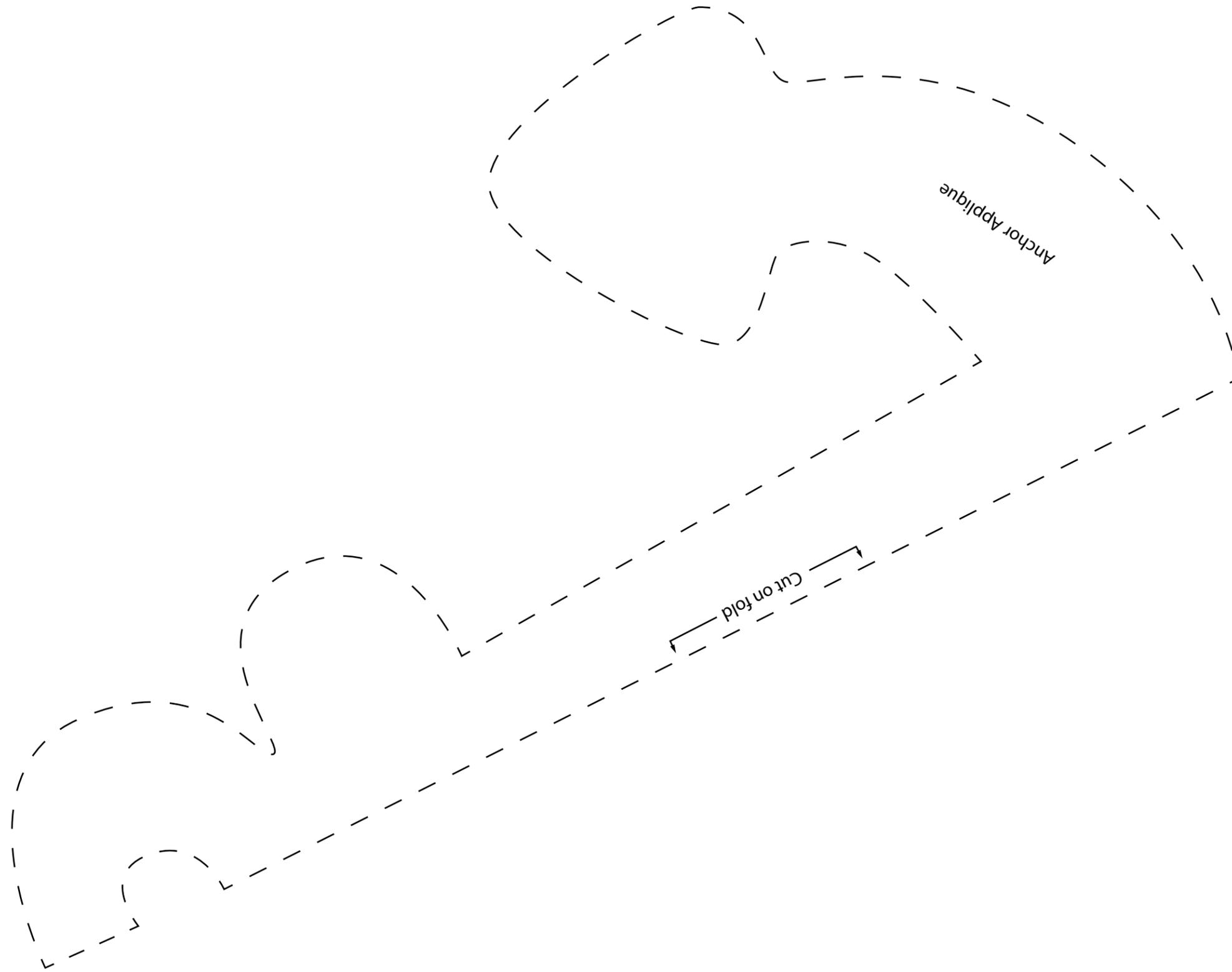
10. With right sides together, sew the gusset to the tote front at the sides and lower edge, clipping the gusset at the corners. Trim extra length even with the bag front. Repeat to sew the gusset to the tote back.
11. Sew together the off-white binding strips end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open and press the binding in half. Bind the inside tote seams, fold over and hand-stitch in place.

Assembling the Handles

12. To make the strap loops, wrap the 3½" x 16" (8.89cm x 40.64cm) blue strip around the foam strip and fuse. Topstitch each side.
13. Cut the covered strip into 4 pieces, each 4" (10.16cm) long. With the raw edges down, slide the piece through the handle loop and fold in half, matching the raw edges. Baste the edges together. Repeat for each loop.
14. With the loop against the tote lining, match the raw edges to the tote upper edge, 4½" (11.43cm) in from each side seam. Baste in place.

Finishing the Tote

15. Sew together the blue binding strips end to end using a diagonal seam. Press the seam open and press the binding in half. With right sides together, bind the tote upper edge.
16. Turn the binding to the inside and hand-stitch in place.
17. If desired, for extra hold, fold the handles up and topstitch across the loop area through the binding.



This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.