

# Charm Bag Tote

Grab a pack of charm squares to make this easy tote.

## FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Tote: 1 Charm pack (35-5" x 5" squares)

Straps: ¼ yard

Lining: ½ yard

## CUTTING:

Charm squares – 34

From each square cut 2 – 2½" x 5" strips

Straps – Cut 2 strips 3" x WOF

Cut strips to measure 3½" x 38" or adjust length to fit.

Lining – Cut 1 strip 16½" x WOF

Cut strip to measure 16½" x 36½"

## CONSTRUCTION:

### PREPARE STRAPS

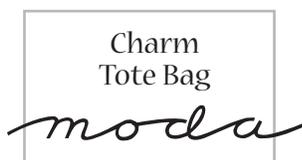
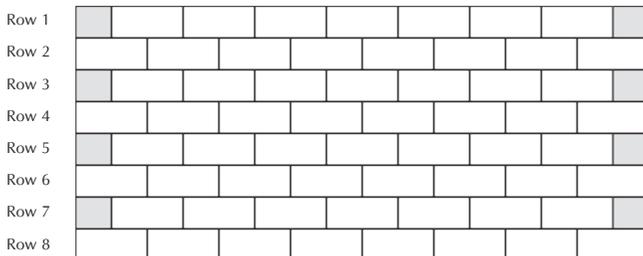
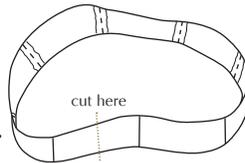
Press in half lengthwise. Sew and turn right side out. Press.

### MAKE PATCHWORK

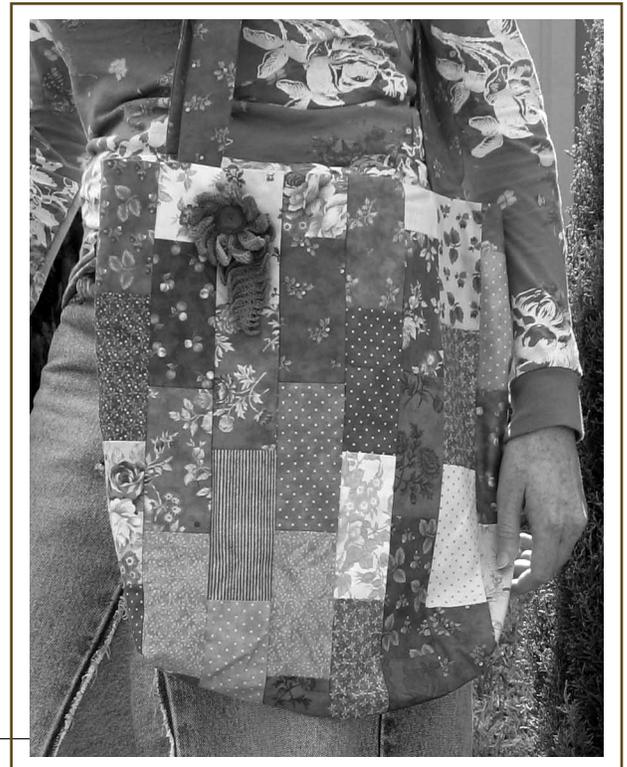
Choose 34 charm squares. Cut each of the squares in half. Join the 2½" x 5" strips into 8 rows of 8.

Join the ends of 4 of the rows to make circles. Choose a place in circle to cut the strip apart. Cut the strip half way between the seams.

This will stagger the rectangles when you join the strips together to make the patchwork..



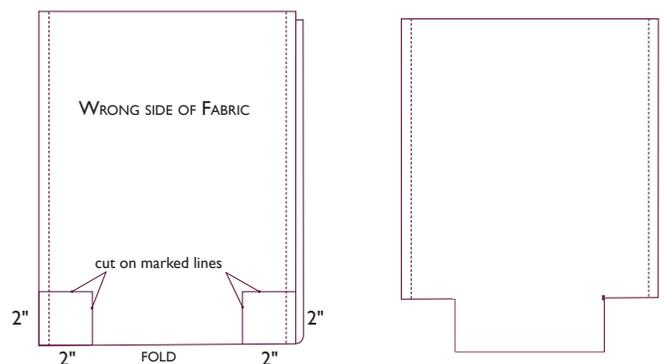
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### MAKE BAG AND LINING

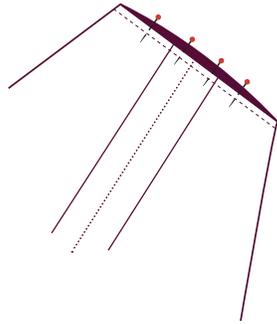
To create a dimensional bag from both the patchwork and the lining fabric, do the following.

1. Fold fabric rectangle, right sides together, matching 16" top edges. Pin, then stitch side seams with ½" seam allowance.
2. Draw a right angle line at each bag bottom corner 2" in from side seams and 2" up from bottom folded edge. Cut on drawn lines.



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3. Fold the cut opening together so that the side seam falls centered on the opposite side of the opening. Stitch together using a generous  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Stitch a reinforcing seam  $\frac{1}{8}$ " beyond the first seam on the cut side.



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### ASSEMBLE CHARM BAG

*Begin with the charm bag turned right side out and lining turned wrong side out.*

1. Fold over  $\frac{1}{2}$ " around the top edge of both the charm bag and lining. Press.
2. Position ends of straps on opposite sides on the inside of the charm bag. Pin.
3. Place lining inside charm bag.
4. Match and pin seams and edges of charm bag and lining together. *Ends of straps should be sandwiched between charm bag and lining.*
5. Top stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge of bag. Sew a second row of top stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from original.