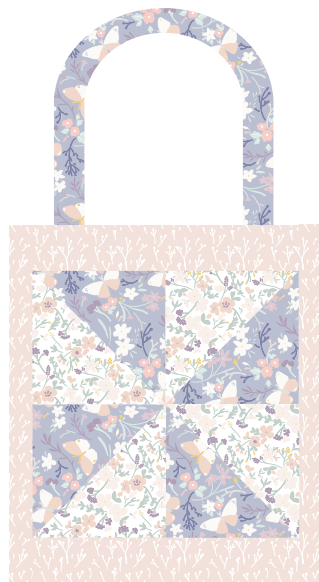




CASSANDRA CONNOLLY

Heart of Summer Pinwheel Tote Bag



Main diagram

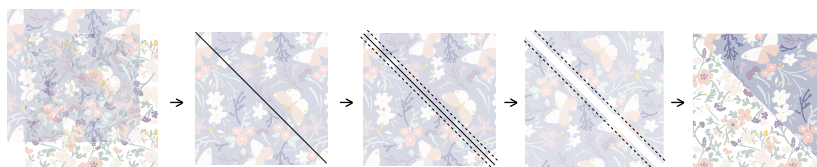
This pattern is easy to make and can be finished in just a couple of hours. The cute pin wheels require a little patience to match the points, but overall it is perfect for someone who is a beginner at quilting as the only quilting required is in straight lines (although advanced quilters can quilt any design they wish!) All the measurements include 1cm seam allowance; press each seam as you go.

The finished bag is approximately 36cm x 31cm.

Requirements:

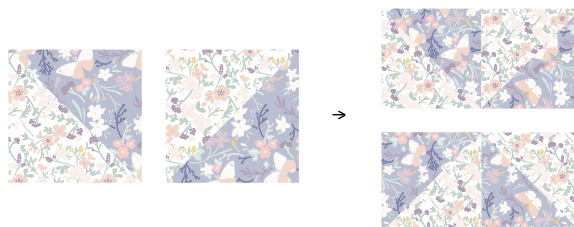
- 1.'Heart of Summer' Scattered Seeds-Blush Pink:1x Fat Quarter
 - 2.'Heart of Summer' Sweet Meadow-White: 1 Fat Quarter
 - 3.'Heart of Summer' Butterfly Dance-Lilac Grey: 50cm
- Wadding of your choice: 50cm
Thread of your choice

To begin cut 4 squares of 15cm x 15cm from 'Heart of Summer' Sweet Meadow-White and 4 squares of 15cm x 15cm from 'Heart of Summer' Butterfly Dance-Lilac Grey. Take one square of each design and place them with the right side facing each other. Draw a line diagonally through the centre and stitch a running stitch either side of this line through both fabrics. Cut along the line and open out your block. You should have the start of your pin wheel. Don't forget to press your seams as you go.



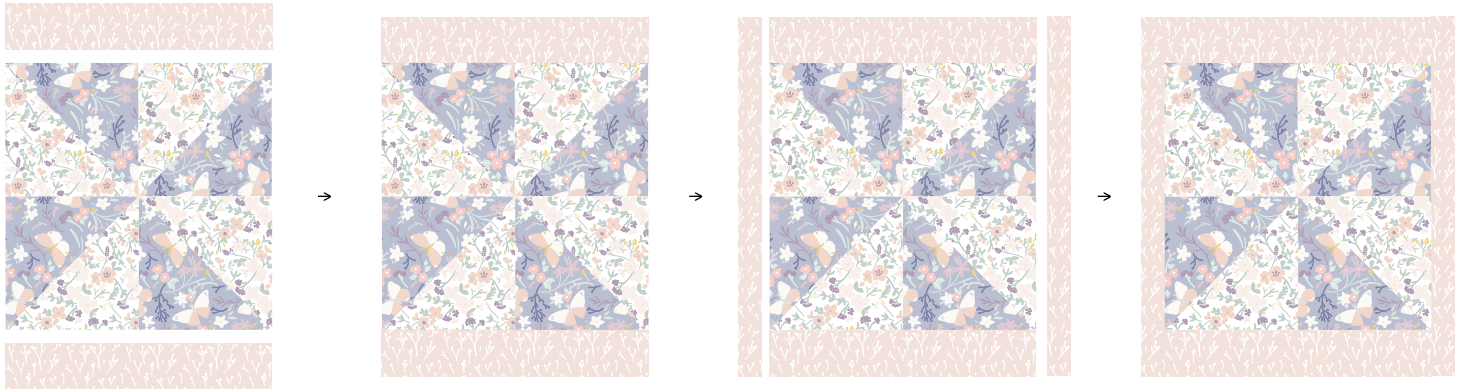
Once you have done this to all of your squares you should have 8 half triangle blocks. This will create both the front and back panel. Starting with your front panel take four of your blocks and rotate them until they look like the main diagram. Begin by sewing two squares together with the right side facing each other until they look like the diagram below. Once you have two rectangular shaped blocks you can then sew those together with the right sides facing each other to create your finished block. You can use pins to position all of your points to match up evenly before you sew.

Repeat with your final four blocks to create your back panel.





To finish the front and back panels, cut 4 rectangles of 26cm x 7cm and 4 rectangles of 38cm x 4.5cm from 'Heart of Summer' Scattered Seeds-Blush Pink. I fussy cut mine so that all of the seeds were going upwards, but you don't necessarily have to do this. Assemble as below for both panels, pressing seams as you go.

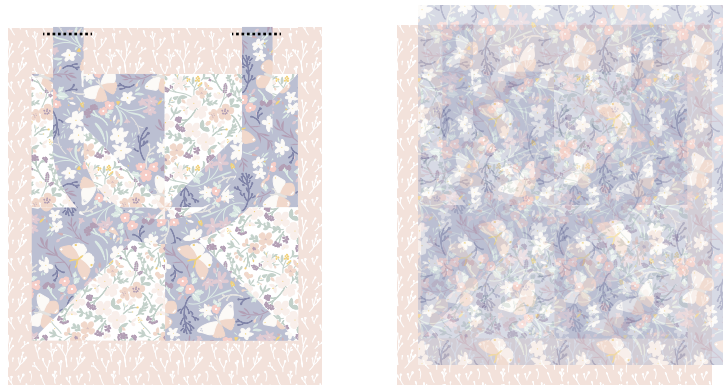


Once you have assembled both panels cut two pieces of wadding to the size of your panels. Quilt each panel as desired. I used straight lines following the pinwheel but you can quilt any design you desire.

To make the straps, cut 4 strips of 57cm x 4.5cm from 'Butterfly Dance' Lilac Grey. You can however increase the width if you'd prefer thicker straps. Place two pieces of fabric with the right side facing each other and sew along the length to create a tube. Turn the tube inside out using your favourite method. Press the straps flat.



Taking your quilted panels pin a strap to each panel approximately 5cm from the edge of each side. Make sure the strap is facing the opposite way to how you would carry the bag. Secure the centre of the handle with a pin to prevent sewing over it by accident. Once you have done this cut 2 pieces 38cm x 33cm from your lining fabric ('Heart of Summer' Butterfly Dance-Lilac Grey.) Taking your panel pin one of your pieces of lining with the right side facing the right side of the panel and stitch along the top edge where the handle is. Repeat with the remaining panel.



Opening out each panel and lining, iron them flat, then place them together with the bag front and back right sides facing and the lining right side facing. Sew around the entire bag, starting at the bottom of the lining. Leave a 10cm gap at the bottom as you come to finish your stitches to pull the bag through and turn it 'inside out' (being careful of the pin holding your handle in place!) This hole can then be sealed with an invisible stitch. To finish give your bag a final press.

I really hope you had as much fun making this as I did. I'd love to see your creations! Please tag me on Instagram or Facebook using #CassandraConnolly

Find more projects at www.cassandraconnolly.com

Designs are for personal use only and NOT for resale. All artwork and designs are copyright Cassandra Connolly LTD ©. All rights reserved.

CASSANDRA
CONNOLLY™

