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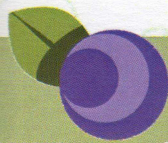


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ps003 Little Cupcake Tote

Little Cupcake

Let's get started! First, read all of the instructions before you begin to cut or sew. WOF means Width of Fabric. All seams are 1/4" unless otherwise specified. PFF means Penny's Favorite Fusible, and it is always applied to the wrong side of the fabric! Hint: Lay PFF fusible side up on the ironing board, cover with the fabric to be fused. Be sure the fabric is right side up so you don't fuse to the incorrect side of the fabric, or your ironing board!

FABRIC Cutting:

- (2) 7" tall x 9" wide pieces for bag
- (2) 7" tall x 9" wide pieces for lining
- (4) Little Cupcake Frosting Tops from template
(layer two right sides up and two wrong sides up before cutting)
- (1) 3 1/2" x 15" for handle

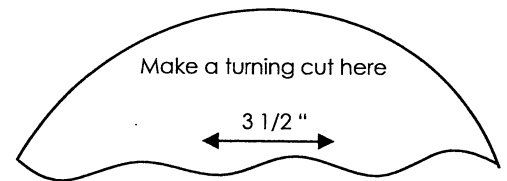
PFF Cutting:

- (2) 7" x 9"
- (2) Little Cupcake Frosting tops from template
- (1) 3 1/2" x 15"

Step 1-Handle: Fuse the fleece to the wrong side of the handle fabric. Press the handle lengthwise with both raw edges folded to the middle of the 3 1/2" x 15" piece (fleece to the inside). You may have to use a few pins along the way to hold. Now fold in half lengthwise again (first folded edges together), pressing and pinning along the way. Using a 1/8" top-stitch, stitch along the folded edges first, catching both folds. Stitch on other side of handle as well.

Step 2-Fusing and Quilting Cupcake Bottom: Fuse PFF to wrong side of the bag pieces. Quilting is optional. I used a striped fabric for the bottom of my cupcake bag, and did not think it was necessary to quilt it. If you are not using a stripe, vertical quilting stitches would give the look of a ribbed cupcake bottom.

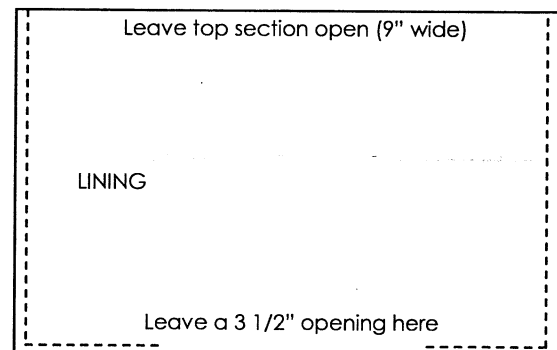
Step 3-Frosting Tops: Two of the frosting top pieces get fused with the PFF, the other two are considered lining pieces. The best way to fuse is to lay both pieces of PFF fusible side up onto the ironing board and cover with matching frosting top fabric pieces, also right side up. Cover with iron to fuse. Now match with the two frosting top lining pieces, right sides together and sew all the way around. Use diagram to make a cut in the lining piece, about 3 1/2" long. Using the cut you just made, turn the frosting top right side out, and press. Ignore the cut, it will be covered when you glue the frosting top to the bag later. Top-stitch about 1/4" around the frosting top. I glued tiny little buttons on to look like sprinkles. If this is to be used as a little girl's purse, I would sew them on using French knots, and this could be done prior to lining, that way the stitches won't show. Also...I think appliquéing small pieces of contrasting fabric, cut into little rectangles and sewn on would be cute too! Be creative, this frosting top is just crying for a cherry on top!



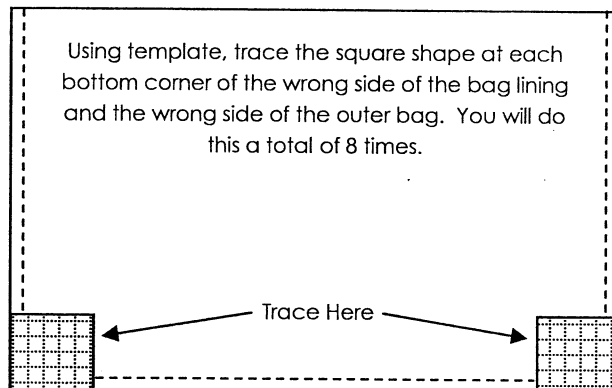
Note: Diagram not to scale, use template to trace onto fabric.

Step 4-Assembling the Bag and Lining: Place the bag pieces right sides together and stitch around the edge, leaving only the top open. Leave the bag in this position, inside out.

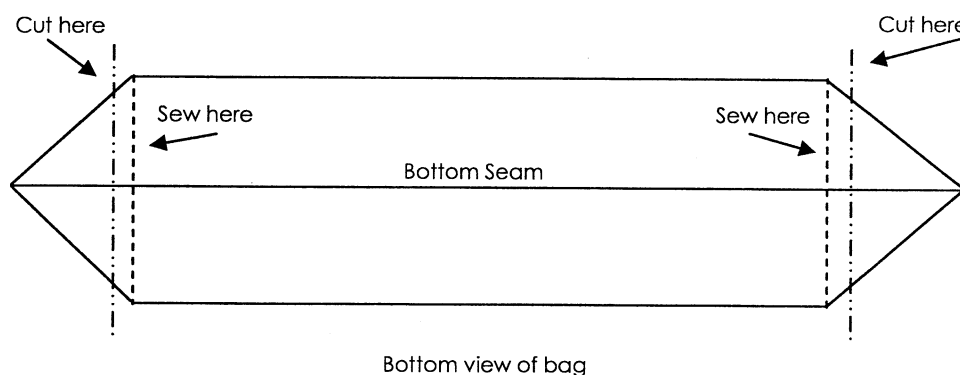
Next, place the lining pieces right sides together and stitch around (if using a directional print, make sure its facing the right way), leaving the top open and a 3 1/2" opening in the bottom middle for turning. Leave the lining inside out.



Step 5-Tracing the Template: This step is the same for both sections (bag and lining). With the bag and lining still inside out, cut out the template pattern and place it in the bottom corner aligned with the outside corner edge and bottom of the bag and trace onto the fusible with a marker. Do this in each bottom corner on both sides of the bag and lining. You will be tracing the template a total of 8 times!



Step 6-Boxing the Corners: With the bag and lining still inside out, align the side seams with the bottom seam to "box" the bottom of the bag. Stitch on the lines you traced. Repeat for the lining. Trim the points, leaving about a 1/2" seam.



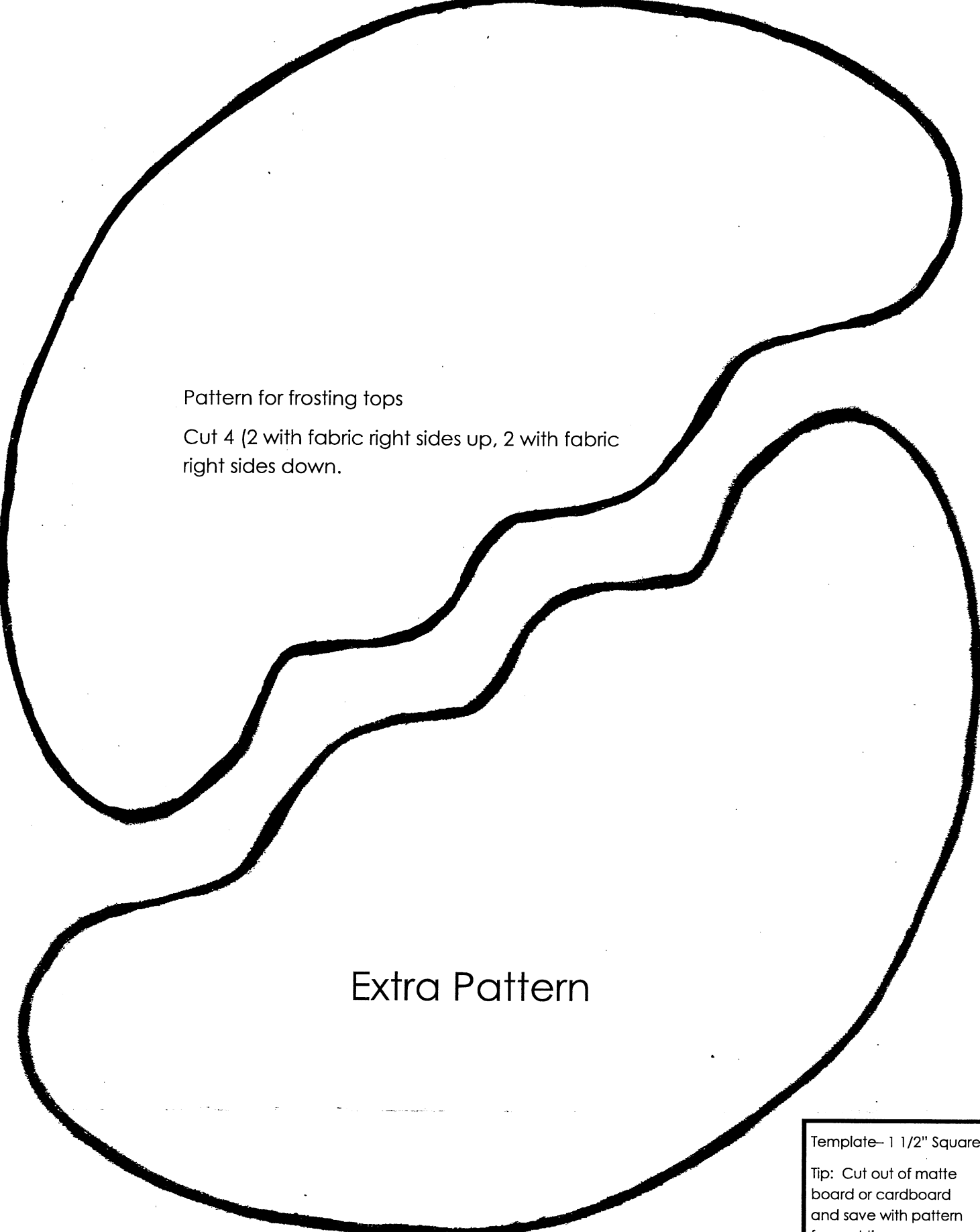
Step 7-Attaching Handles and Sewing Bag Together: Align the raw edges of the handle with the raw edges of the outer bag, at the side seams, centering the handle over the side seam. Be sure to do this with the handle to the right side of the bag. Stitch in place using a 1/8" seam.

Turn the *lining* right side out, leave the *bag* inside out. Put the lining inside the bag matching the side seams first and pin. Be sure the right sides of the bag and lining are right sides together and the handle is in between the bag and the lining. Pin all the way around the top opening, it should be nice and smooth, no tucks. Now stitch the lining to the bag, around the entire opening at the top.

Step 8-Finishing the Bag: This is the fun part! Reach inside and pull the bag through the opening in the lining. Hand-stitch the opening. Now push the lining back into the bag, pushing all the corners out. Tug on the handles a little. Now press the top edge of the bag, nice and crisp, so the lining is all to the inside of the bag. I put the bag over the pointed end of the ironing board and press with steam, paying attention to press the side seams too. Topstitch at the top of the opening of the bag being careful to keep the lining to the inside. Use a generous 1/4" seam. Press the side seam using steam to create a "square" look, creating definite sides for the bag.

I used fabric glue to glue the frosting tops to the bag. Be sure to glue the frosting tops low enough to cover the turning cut.

You're Done! Enjoy!



Pattern for frosting tops

Cut 4 (2 with fabric right sides up, 2 with fabric right sides down).

Extra Pattern

Template- 1 1/2" Square

Tip: Cut out of matte board or cardboard and save with pattern for next time.

Who doesn't love cupcakes? This one won't spoil your diet! Small and easy to make, these are perfect for little girls to carry around their playtime essentials. Try leaving the handle off and filling it with candy!

Little Cupcake is approx. 7" tall x 7" wide x 3" deep.

You will need:

- 1 fat quarter for the outer bag
- 1 fat quarter for the bag lining
- 1 fat quarter for the frosting top

The handle can be cut from the outer bag fat quarter or the lining fat quarter.

Bosal 326/426LF Light Fusible Batting is used for the bag, handle, and frosting top. This is the best fusible I've found and is perfect for this application. You will need about 1/3 yard.

You will also need a small amount of fabric glue to attach the frosting top to the bag.

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Thanks, *Penny*

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