

Blue wren's nest

"Blue wren's nest" mini tote is the perfect size to carry a small stitching project from place to place or pop inside something sweet and give as a gift.

- ❖ Fabric requirements are based on a fabric width of 42 inches (107cm).
- ❖ All seams are sewn with a ¼" seam allowance.
- ❖ Press seams as you complete each step, and remember – measure twice, cut once!
- ❖ Copy the stitchery design using a light source (window or light box) tape your fabric over the design and copy using a fine brown Zig pen or pencil.
- ❖ All stitching is completed with two threads of DMC cotton
- ❖ Stitches used in the design – back stitch, blanket stitch, running stitch, satin stitch and straight stitch.
- ❖ You may prefer to work the stitchery design on a larger piece of background fabric first and then cut to the correct size required however, you will need to adjust the amount of white linen fabric accordingly.

Fabric requirements



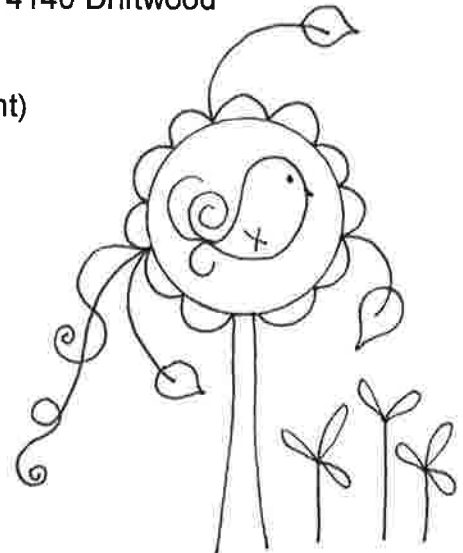
Completed size: 21½cm x 15½cm (8½" x 6") – not including handles
Sample pictured has been stitched using the Moda "Simplicity" range

Requirements: (fabric 'scraps' can be used)

23cm (9in) White linen fabric
5cm (2in) Blue with red spot fabric
8cm (3in) Green with white spot fabric
18cm (7in) Blue and red stripe fabric
31cm (12in) ½in wide white ric rac
10cm (4in) Weaveline or iron on pella
23cm (9in) Iron on interfacing (medium to heavy weight)
Matching cotton thread
Rotary cutter & mat
Fine Zig pen (brown color) or fabric marker/pencil

DMC threads:

94 Variegated khaki green
4030 Monet's garden
4130 Chilean sunset
4140 Driftwood



Cutting Requirements

A: To make the *bag front* you will need the following:

White linen fabric for stitchery cut:
One 5½in x 3½in rectangle

Green with white spot fabric cut:
Two 5½in x 2½in strips

Blue fabric with red spot cut:
Two 5½in x 1in strips

Blue and red stripe fabric cut:
Two 8½in x 1in strips

Weaveline or iron on pellon cut:
One 5½in x 3½in rectangle

½in wide white ric rac (optional)
Two 6in lengths

Iron on interfacing (medium to heavy weight for bag structure)
12½in x 8½in rectangle

B: To make the *bag back* you will need the following:

Blue and red stripe fabric cut:
One 8½in x 6½in rectangle

C: To make the *bag lining* you will need the following:

White linen fabric cut:
One 12½in x 8½in rectangle

D: To make the *bag handles* you will need the following:

Blue fabric with red spot cut:
Two 11½in x 1½in strips

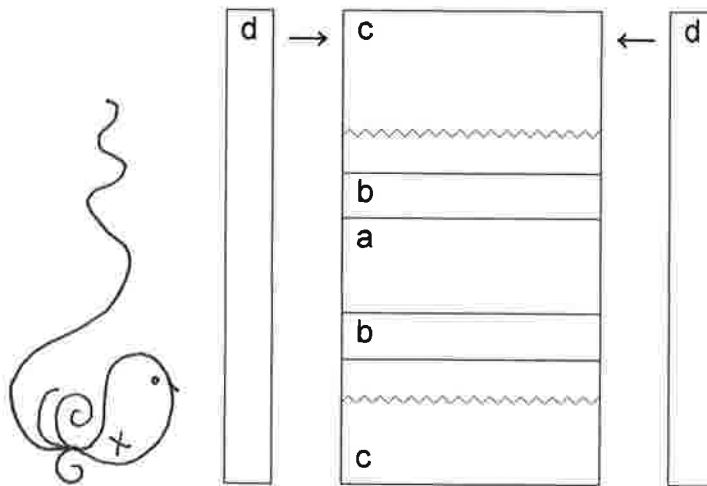


Making your “Blue wren’s nest” mini tote

As mentioned you may prefer to work the stitchery design on a larger piece of background fabric first and then cut to the correct pattern size required.

1. Print the stitchery design enclosed on your pattern sheet and centre your white linen 5½in x 3½in rectangle over the design, use masking tape to hold in place and trace using a Zig fabric marker or pencil. If the fabric is difficult to see through you may need to use a light box or window to see the image through the fabric.
2. Once the design is traced remove and fuse weaveline or iron on pellon to the back of the white linen fabric, this helps to stabilize the fabric before you start stitching.
3. Using the stitch and color guide enclosed complete the stitchery, press lightly when finished and set aside.

- Lay out the cut fabric pieces required for the bag front, the diagram below will help you with fabric placement before you begin sewing together.



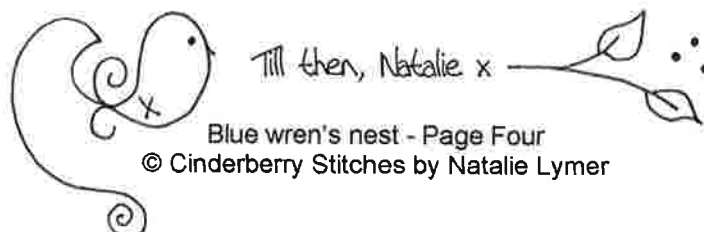
- a = White linen 5½in x 3½in rectangle
 b = Blue & red spot 5½in x 1in strips
 c = Green & white spot 5½in x 2½in strips
 d = Blue & red stripe 8½in x 1in strips

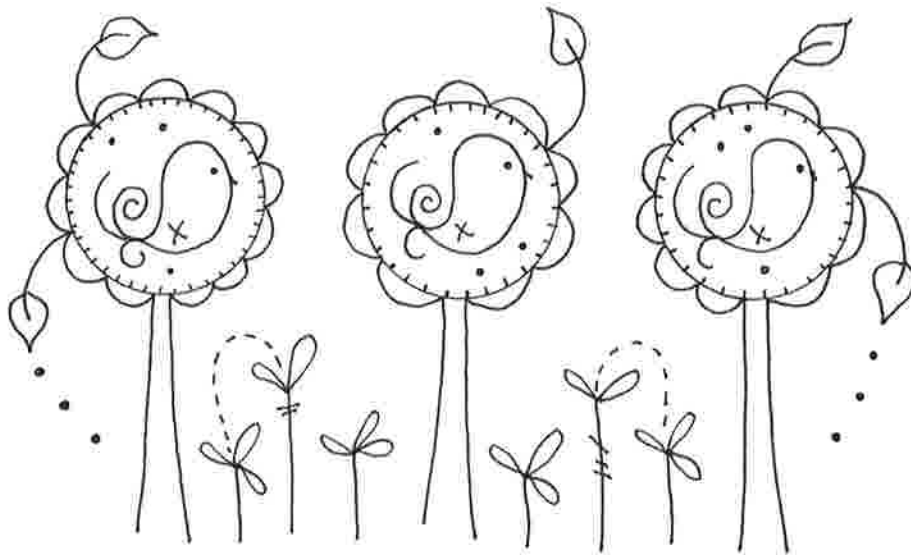
(zig zag line indicates ric rac placement)

- Sew a 5½in x 1in strip (b) to each side of the white linen 5½in x 3½in rectangle (a) press toward the darker fabric.
- Sew a 5½in x 2½in strip (c) to each side of the panel from step 5 and press in the same direction as the previous seam.
- If you wish to add the ric rac like the sample pictured take two 6in lengths of ½ in wide ric rac and lay across the bag panel so the edge of the ric rac just touches the seam line. The two lengths will be wider than the bag and will be trimmed once the side strips are added. Pin in place and machine sew down the middle using matching cotton thread.
- Sew the two 8½in x 1in side strips (d) to each side of the centre panel and press toward the sides. Turn the panel over and trim the excess ric rac if necessary.
- Place together with right sides facing the pieced bag panel and the 8½in x 6½in fabric you are using for the back of the bag. Match raw edges and sew down the length of just one side seam, press open.
- Following the manufactures instructions fuse the iron on interfacing 12½in x 8½in rectangle to the back of your bag panel.

11. Fold the bag panel in half with right sides together. Match side and bottom raw edges and pin to hold. Machine sew along the side seam and lower bottom seam. Clip the two bottom corners only, turn right side out and lightly press. Set aside while you make the bag handles.
12. Make the bag handles by taking the two 11½in x 1½in strips. Fold in half along the length of the strip with right sides together, pin to hold. Machine sew down the length of each strip to make a long narrow tube.
13. Turn the tube right side out and press with the seam to the side of the handle. Using a scant ¼in seam allowance sew along both edges of the handle – repeat to make two.
14. Note the handles can be made any length you prefer so adjust if necessary.
15. Take the bag panel (right side out) and one handle. Place the bag handle approx 1½in from the edge of the bag matching raw edges of both the handle and the top of the bag, pin and baste in place. Turn the bag over and repeat this step with the remaining handle.
16. The step for making the lining is the same and step 11 - Using the 12½in x 8½in rectangle chosen for your bag lining once again fold in half with right sides together. Match side and bottom raw edges and pin to hold. Machine sew along the side seam and lower bottom seam of the lining. Clip the two bottom corners only – leave right sides together.
17. If you have followed the steps above your bag lining should be right sides facing together and the bag panel should be right sides facing out with handles attached in place – so now we need to join them together...
18. Insert the bag panel into the bag lining, remember to tuck the handles in and match up the side seam and raw edge of both sections. Using lots of pins to hold in place and machine sew around the top edge of the bag joining the two together.
19. Unpick about 4in of the bottom lining seam and turn the bag right side out through the opening. When the bag is turned out machine stitch the opening closed.
20. Insert the lining into the bag panel and machine sew along the top edge of the bag using a scant ¼in seam allowance.

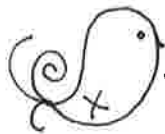
Your “Blue wren’s nest” mini tote is now complete and ready to fill with gorgeous goodies or to just hang in your nesting place!





Blue Wren's Nest
design sheet

Blue Wren's Nest Stitch & color guide



blue wren 4030 BS
eyes & beak 4140 SS

flowers 4130 BS & RS small spots 4030 S

tree tops 94 BS & BL spots in tree 4130 S

leaves 94 BS

tree trunk 4140 BS



BS - Backstitch
BL - Blanket stitch
SS - Straight stitch
S - Satin stitch
RS - Running stitch

94 green - variegated
4030 blue 'Monet's Garden'
4130 red 'Chilean sunset'
4140 brown 'Driftwood'