



Paper Doll Kids Tote Bag



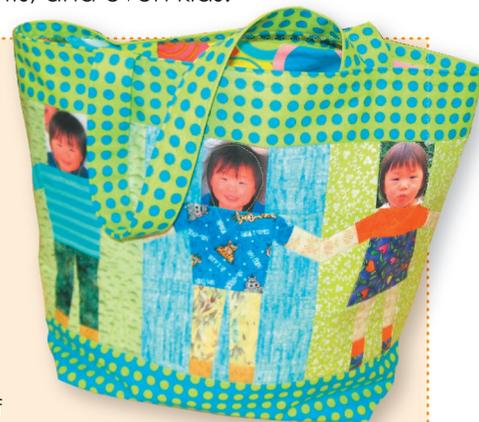
Thank you for purchasing EQ Printable Fabrics! We hope that you will enjoy this free pattern for making your very own Paper Dolls Kids Tote Bag. It's the perfect accessory for moms, grandparents, and even kids!

Materials:

- Assortment of scraps for foundation piecing kids
- Assortment of scraps for foundation backgrounds
- ½ yd for top border and handles
- ½ yd for bottom of bag
- Two 10" x 18" pieces of batting for quilting
- ¾ yd for lining
- ¾ yd canvas for interlining
- EQ Printables fabric sheets for kid's faces
- 6 EQ Printables foundation sheets

Preparation:

1. Print foundation patterns for boy and girl at 6" x 9" finished size. Print a total of six patterns on the foundation sheets.
2. Print the children's faces on printable fabric. Make the face image about 2" x 2" with background added to make printed image a 2 ½" square. Try to have the nose as the vertical center. If there is distraction in the background, add fabric later to cover it. Print six images. They can all fit on one printable sheet.
3. Foundation piece the kid blocks. Choose all kinds of prints for the clothes.



Bag Construction

Step 1

Sew three kid blocks together in a row. Put a piece of batting behind them and quilt around the kids. Make two of these. These are your side panels for the bag.



Step 2

Add 3 ½" x 18 ½" top border above the kids section. Add a 12 ½" x 18 ½" bottom section between the bottoms of the two panels (all right sides facing out). Be sure the kids' feet are touching the bottom panel. Press seams away from kids. The finished piece is 36 ½" long x 18 ½" wide.



Step 3

Cut a piece of canvas for the interlining that measures 36 ½" x 18 ½". Place the bag panels right side up on top of canvas interlining matching edges and baste close to the edge all around. Sew top and bottom first, then sides to keep it square. This makes the bag more sturdy.

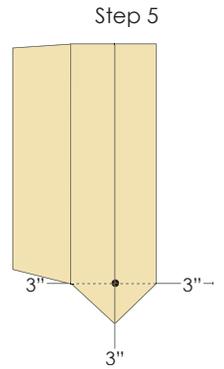


Step 4

Fold the bag panel/canvas piece in half, right sides together. Check to make sure the seams of borders and kid's hands meet. Sew the two panels together at the side seams with ¼" seam on both edges. Press seams open.

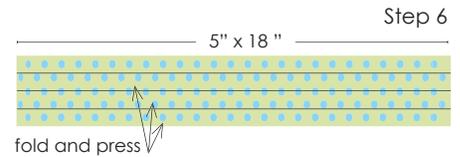
Step 5

To form the bottom, make a triangle by pinching together the side seam and the center fold on the bottom of the bag. Measure 3" up from the triangle's bottom point. Now mark a horizontal line going through that point 3" out on either side (a 6" long mark) and stitch on marked 6" line. Trim off the triangle, leaving 1/4" seam allowance. You now have a square bottom to your bag. Do this to both bottom corners of bag.



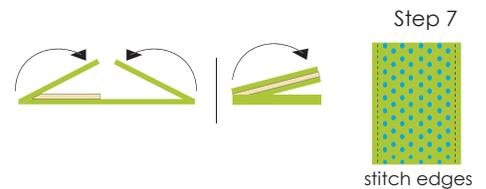
Step 6

To make the handles, cut two pieces of matching fabric 5" x 18". Fold in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press with a hot iron to mark the center. Unfold and fold both outside edges to center. Press. You should have three press marks and four sections. Repeat for second handle.



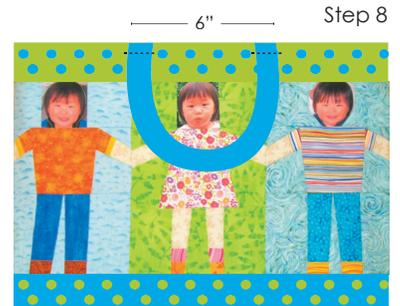
Step 7

With the outside edges folded into center, tuck a 1 1/4" x 18" strip of canvas interlining under one side fold. Fold handle in half again. The canvas should be snug inside the folds. Edge stitch both sides of handle. Repeat for the other handle.



Step 8

Turn bag right side out. Center the handle on the bag placing the ends of handle 6" apart at top edge of bag front with raw edges even. Baste across ends 1/4" from the raw edge to hold in place. Do this on bag back with the other handle as well.



Step 9

To make the lining, cut lining fabric 18 1/2" x 35 1/2" (1" shorter than the bag). Fold in half, right sides together and sew side seams leaving a 3" opening on one side for turning later. Form the lining bottom the same way you did for the bag in step 5.

Step 10

To sew lining and bag together, set bag which has been turned right side out, into lining which is wrong side out (the two right sides will be facing each other). Handles should now be tucked in between.

Step 11

Pin centers and side seams at the top. Stitch around top edge of bag with 1/4" seam. Turn bag through opening in lining side seam. Fold top edge of bag 1/2" to inside along with lining.

Step 12

Pull handles up. Top stitch at the edge of bag and also 1/2" from edge to hold handles in place. Close the opening in lining by hand.

Step 13

To make a firm bottom to insert in the bottom of the bag, cut cardboard to 6" x 11 1/2". Round the corners a little. Set aside.

Step 14

Cut a 12" square of lining fabric. Make a narrow hem on one end. Fold in half right sides together matching 2 long raw edges and stitch side and bottom closed. Turn right side out. You now have a fabric sleeve. Insert cardboard into sleeve and set in bag bottom.



