

## It's A Dog's Life Quilted Tote



Show your love of dogs with this tote made with vibrant colored whimsy dog fabrics, featuring a different block pocket on each side. It's created with *It's a Dog's Life* fabrics designed by Phyllis Dobbs for Quilting Treasures, by Cranston Printworks. The tote is fun and easy-to-make.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

**Size:** Width – 11 ¾", Height – 13"

#### Materials:

2 dog blocks  
3/8 yard - Orange bone fabric for outer shell  
3/8 yard - Green dog print for tote lining  
1/3 yard - Light aqua dog-words print fabric for pocket back  
1/4 yard - Aqua bird print fabric for straps  
4 lime green 5/8" buttons  
Cotton batting \*  
Coordinating thread

#### Optional:

Cutting Mat  
Rotary Cutter

\* Cotton batting from the Warm Company was used for the models.

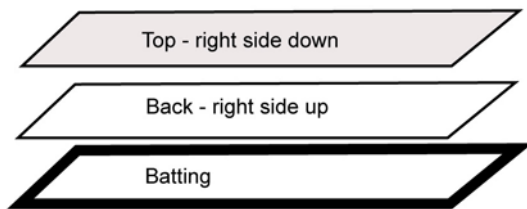
#### Cutting:

1. Cut 1 piece 12 ½" x 27" from each the orange fabric and the green fabric for the lining. Cut a piece of cotton batting the same size.
2. Cut 2 dog blocks, leaving ¼" all the way around the outside edge of the border. Cut 2 pieces the same size from the light aqua fabric for the block backing. Cut 2 pieces the same size from the batting.
3. Cut 2 pieces from the aqua bird fabric 3 ¼" x 24" for the straps. Cut 2 strips from batting 1" x 23".

## Sewing Instructions:

**General – sew using ¼” seams. Sew right sides together, unless otherwise instructed.**

1. Sew pockets - Layer a dog block, right side down on the backing block which should be right side up, and place both on top of the batting. Sew together around all 4 edges, leaving a 3 inch opening. Trim the corners and the batting. Turn right side out and press. Slip stitch the opening closed. Repeat for the remaining block



2. Lay the orange fabric, right side up, on top of batting, and baste or pin together. Quilt in a stipple quilt pattern (See instructions at bottom). Fold in half, right sides out, to mark the bottom edge for the tote. Pin a pocket on each side, centered crosswise and 1” above the bottom edge. Sew pockets around the side and bottom edges, next to the inside edge of the block border.

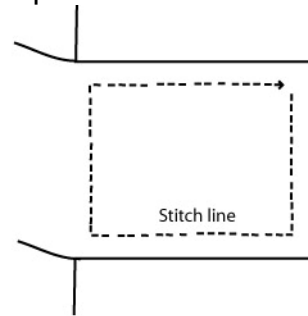
3. Fold the quilted orange unit in half crosswise, this time with the right sides together (rst), and sew the side edges. Turn right side out. Fold the green lining piece in half crosswise, rst, and sew the side edges.

4. Place the orange unit, right side out, inside the green lining, wrong side out. Align the top edges matching the side seams and pin. Sew together with 3/8” seam allowance, leaving a 3 inch opening. Turn right side out and press. Slip stitch the opening closed.

5. Sew straps – Fold a ¼” hem on a long edge of each strap. Wrap the fabric, right side out around a batting strip, leaving ½” of extra fabric on each end. Fold the ends back over the batting. Adjust fabric so that the raw edges are covered and the folded edge is on top and next to a side edge of the strap. Top stitch all the

way around the strap, stitching 1/8” from the edge. Repeat with the remaining strap.

6. One strap is sewn to each side of the tote. Pin one end of the strap on the top edge, 1 ¼” from the side seam, and 1 ½” down from the top of the tote. Sew the strap with a square block topstitch. Repeat to sew the other end. Sew the strap to the other side of the tote. Sew a button in each square.



**Fabric Source – *It's A Dog's Life*** is available through independent fabric and quilt stores. Check with your local stores or online stores. If you are unable to find *It's a Dogs life*, please contact Phyllis for a source. This fabric is manufactured by Quilting Treasures and can be viewed at <http://www.quiltingtreasures.com/content247.html>

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Stipple quilting

Quilt in a random free form movement. Use an embroidery or darning foot. These allow for free movement.