

## Small Project Quilted Tote Bag

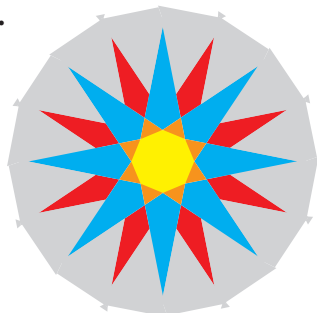
Made using the Small Project 14" Skinny Robin or Fat Robin Compass Sunflower block.

Extra yardage needed in addition to Compass Sunflower found on Page 4 of this pattern.

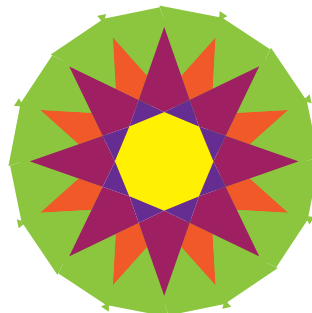
### Construction

- 1 Make the Skinny Robin OR Fat Robin 16-point 14" Compass Sunflower Block following the instructions starting on Page 2 in the **Companion Compass** (2nd) chapter of my Skinny Robin or Fat Robin 16-Point Book. **Note: Strips are cut for a 14" OctaCompass Sunflower from Page 4 of the OctaCompass (4th) chapter of your Skinny Robin or Fat Robin Book for an OctaCompass Sunflower. Center finished using the reverse appliqué technique.**

14" 16-Point Skinny Robin Compass Sunflower Block



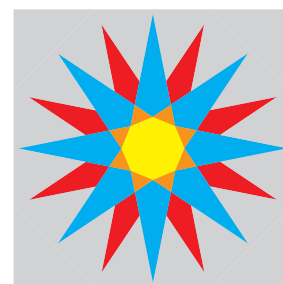
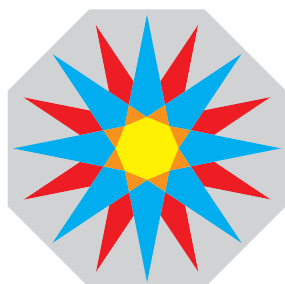
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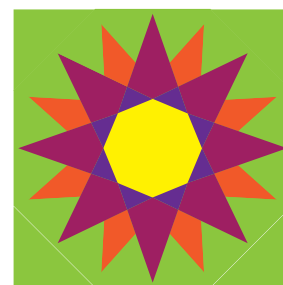
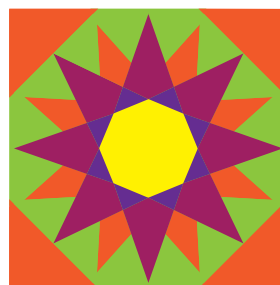
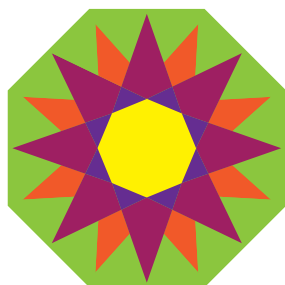
14" 16-Point Fat Robin Compass Sunflower Block

- 2 Use OctaCompass instructions found on Pages 2 and 3 of the OctaCompass (4th) chapter of either your Skinny Robin or Fat Robin Book. You will need two  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " squares cut on the diagonal to finish the corners of your block. Examples below show if you use the same or contrasting fabric for the corners.

Skinny

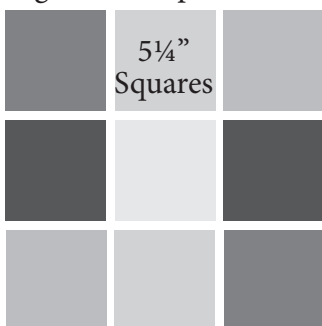


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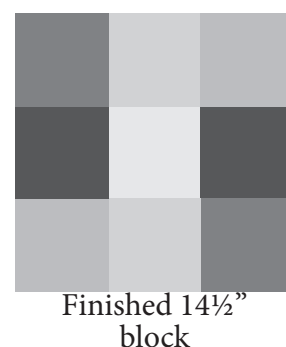
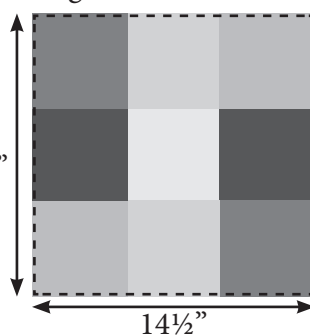


- 3 Piece together your tote bag back and cut the gusset. For the pieced tote bag back, cut nine  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares and sew them together into a 9-patch. Trim finished block to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Cut the gusset  $5$ "x  $43\frac{1}{2}$ ". You may need to piece together two pieces of fabric to get the  $43\frac{1}{2}$ " length.

Skinny or Fat



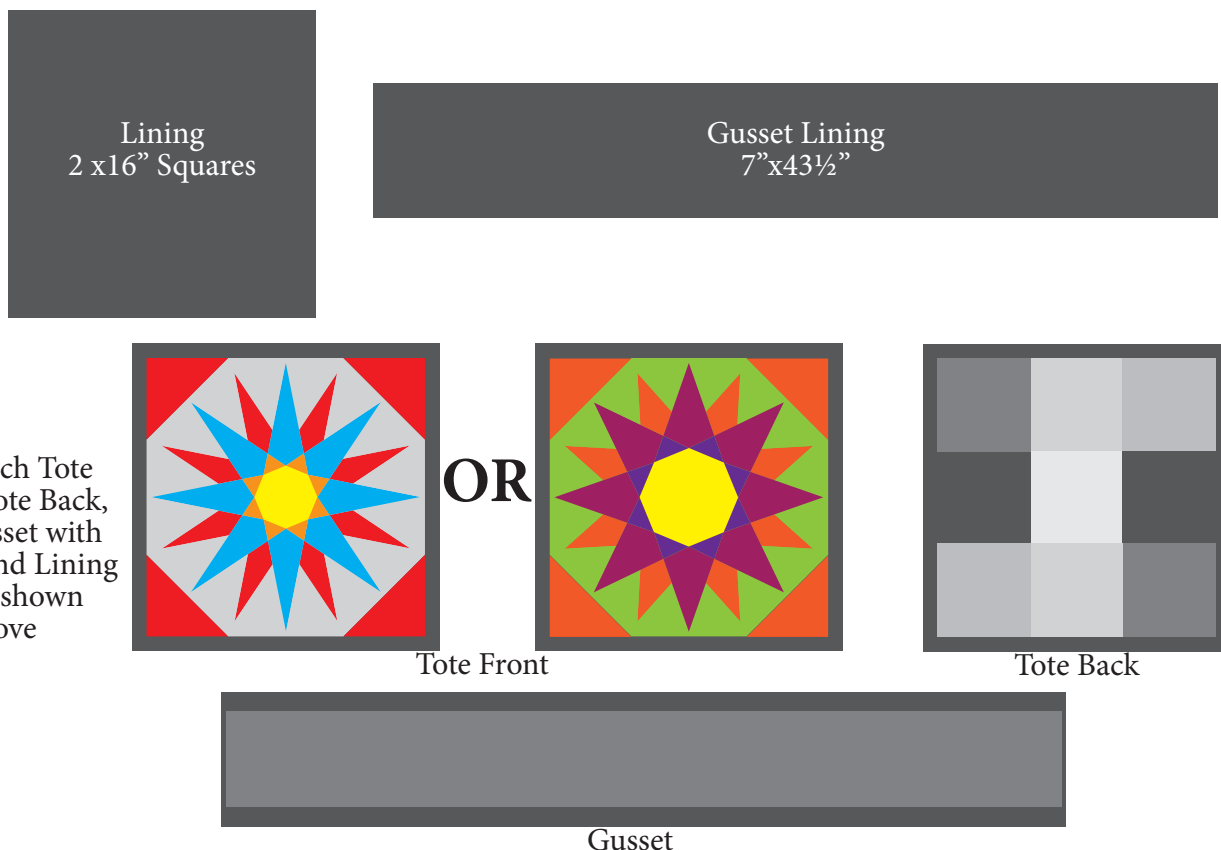
Trim pieced block to 14 1/2"



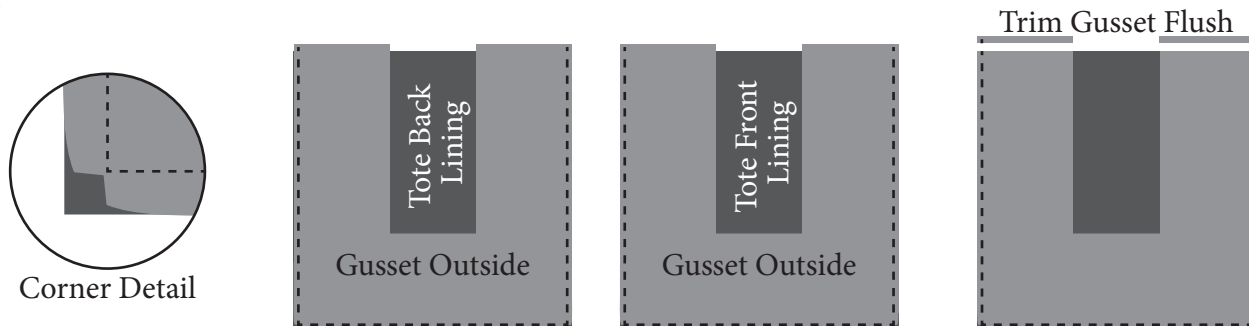
Gusset 5"x43 1/2"



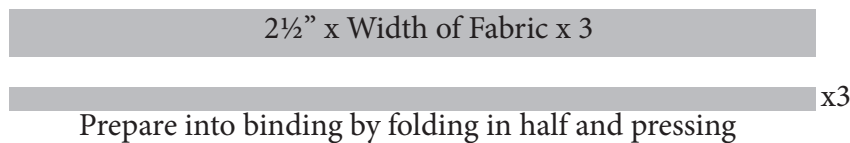
- 4 Cut your lining fabric. I like to cut these a bit wider for quilting. You will need two 16" squares to line the front and back of the tote and a gusset lining that is at least 43½" x 7". Next you will make a quilt sandwich with the lining pieces, some batting, and the blocks and gusset from Steps 2 and 3. All fabric should be right side out for quilting. You can quilt these pieces by hand, on your domestic machine, or on your longarm. Note: If quilting on your longarm, use a yard of fabric for the lining and then place the outside blocks and gusset on top with batting to quilt. **Trim lining and batting flush with fronts from Steps 2 and 3 when done quilting.**



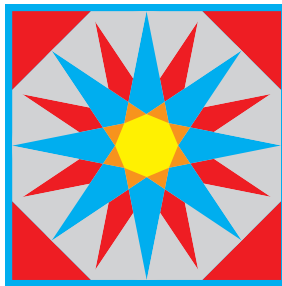
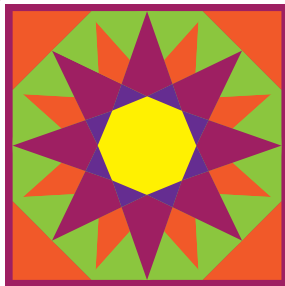
- 5 With lining sides together (this is so the binding will be on the outside of the tote), center and pin one side of the gusset to the Tote Back. The gusset will be a little longer than needed and can be trimmed after sewing in. Clip the gusset edge at the bottom corners (see Corner Detail below) to make it easier to go around the corners of the bottom of the tote and stitch using a ¼" seam. Attach the gusset in the same manner to the Tote Front. **When you are finished, the seams will be on the outside of the bag.** Trim the gusset flush with the top of the Tote Front and Tote Back.



- 6 Cut three full width strips that are 2½" wide for binding. Prepare each strip separately into binding by folding in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and pressing.



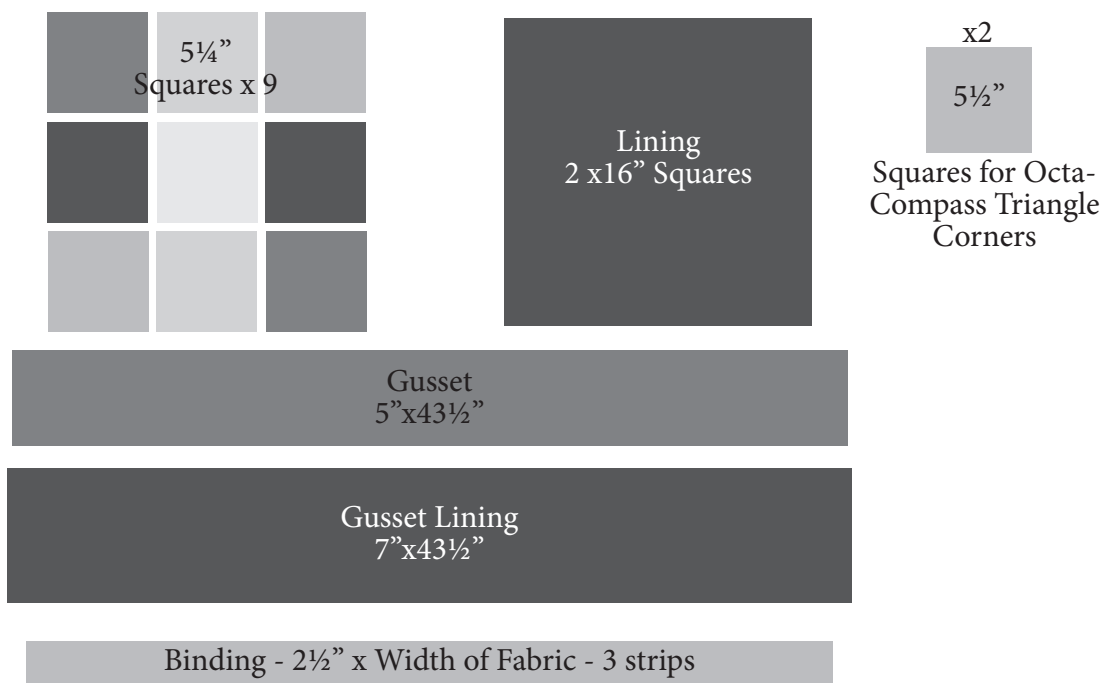
- 7 Sew a binding strip to each side of the Gusset to cover each of the gusset seams, sewing them on the Tote Front and Tote Back side and using a fat  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Fold binding around seam toward Gusset and sew into place either by hand or machine. Trim binding flush with top of tote. Then sew the third binding strip around the top of the tote on the outside, pushing the binding seams toward the gusset on the sides. Fold binding to inside lining and sew into place either by hand or machine.



- 8 Add the handles. I used 1" webbing straps and cut each one 26". Fold them under 1" where they attach to the bag and sew them on as illustrated below.

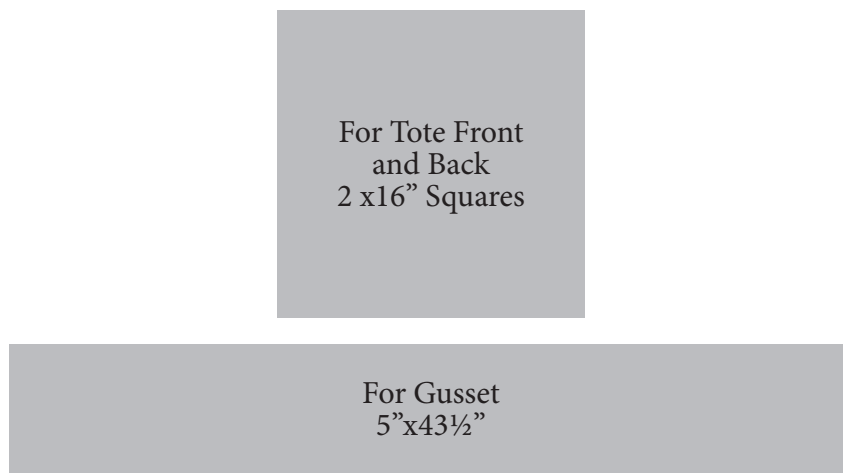


## Yardage needed for Quilted Tote in addition to Compass Sunflower Block



### Batting needed for Quilted Tote

If quilting on your longarm, I recommend using 1 yard.



### Tote Handles

2 straps - 1"x26"

Use 1" webbing straps or make 1" fabric straps.

