

## FOUNDATION PAPER PIECED - TOTE BAG

Make a tote bag in 8 easy steps, with an outside pieced pocket and an inside pocket divided into three sections. Here is a chance to use some bright fabrics to make an eye-catching tote bag.

### Supplies:

- [1 yd fabric for outside and handles](#)
- [1 Jelly Roll with colors of your choice for the pocket](#)
- 1 yd fabric for lining
- 1 pkg. (22" x 36") fusible fleece, Bosal Fusible Foam Stabilizer (24" x 58"), or Pellon Flex Foam FF78F to add stability
- Thread to coordinate
- Sewing machine with new needle, 80/12 or 90/14
- [Paper for printing foundations](#) (See Lesson #1 for paper options)
- [Marking pencil](#) (Sewline is recommended)
- [Straight pins or Wonder clips](#)
- Scissors
- [50wt Thread](#)
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- 12" metal ruler or 2" x 12" piece of card stock to use for folding
- [12" Add-A-Quarter Plus Ruler](#)
- Wallpaper roller for pressing
- [Iron](#) and ironing surface
- [Lighting](#)
- **Optional:** Colored pencils for marking pattern

### Step 1: Cut Fabric

- Use 2½" wide Jelly Roll strips or cut 2½" wide strips from a fat quarter to paper foundation piece the blocks for the outside pocket
- Cut 2 pieces, approximately 2" x 8½" to add to the pieced blocks (do not cut these until you have measured the pieced blocks during the bag assembly)

**Outside fabric:**

- Cut one 20" x 34" for outside of bag
- Cut two 4" x 30" for handles of bag or lining fabric

**Lining fabric:**

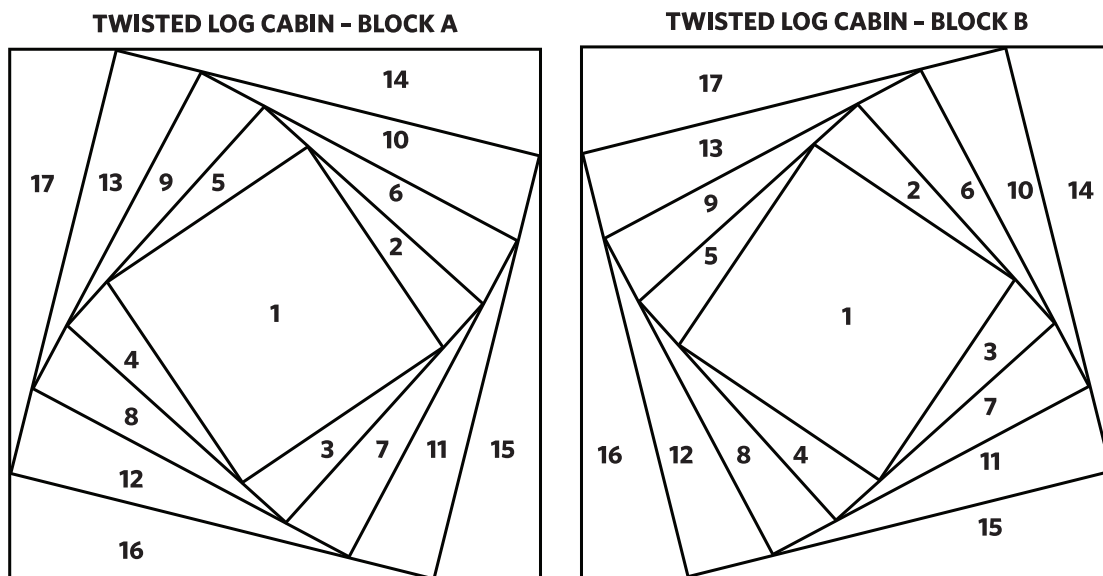
- Cut one 20" x 34" rectangle for the bag lining
- Cut one 20" x 8½" rectangle for the lining of the outside pocket
- Cut one 20" x 16" rectangle for the inside pocket

**Fusible fleece, Bosal Foam Stabilizer, or Pellon Flex Foam:**

- Cut one 20" x 34"

**Step 2: Sew the FPP Pocket**

Print 2 of the Twisted Log Cabin blocks to create the paper foundation for the pieced blocks for the outside pocket. Mark the colors on the foundation using colored pencils or words.



[Printable Twisted Log Cabin Blocks](#)

- Create two 8" finished (8½" with seam allowances) blocks.
- Measure the blocks after you have sewn them together.
- You will need to add fabric to both ends of the blocks; the pocket should measure 20" x 8½" to fit across the outside fabric. You will need to add about 2" on each end of the pocket.
- Place the pieced pocket, right sides together, with the 20" x 8½" lining.
- Using ¼" seam allowance, stitch the top and bottom edges of the pocket. Turn the pieced pocket right side out. Press.



Next Lesson: Assemble the Tote Bag

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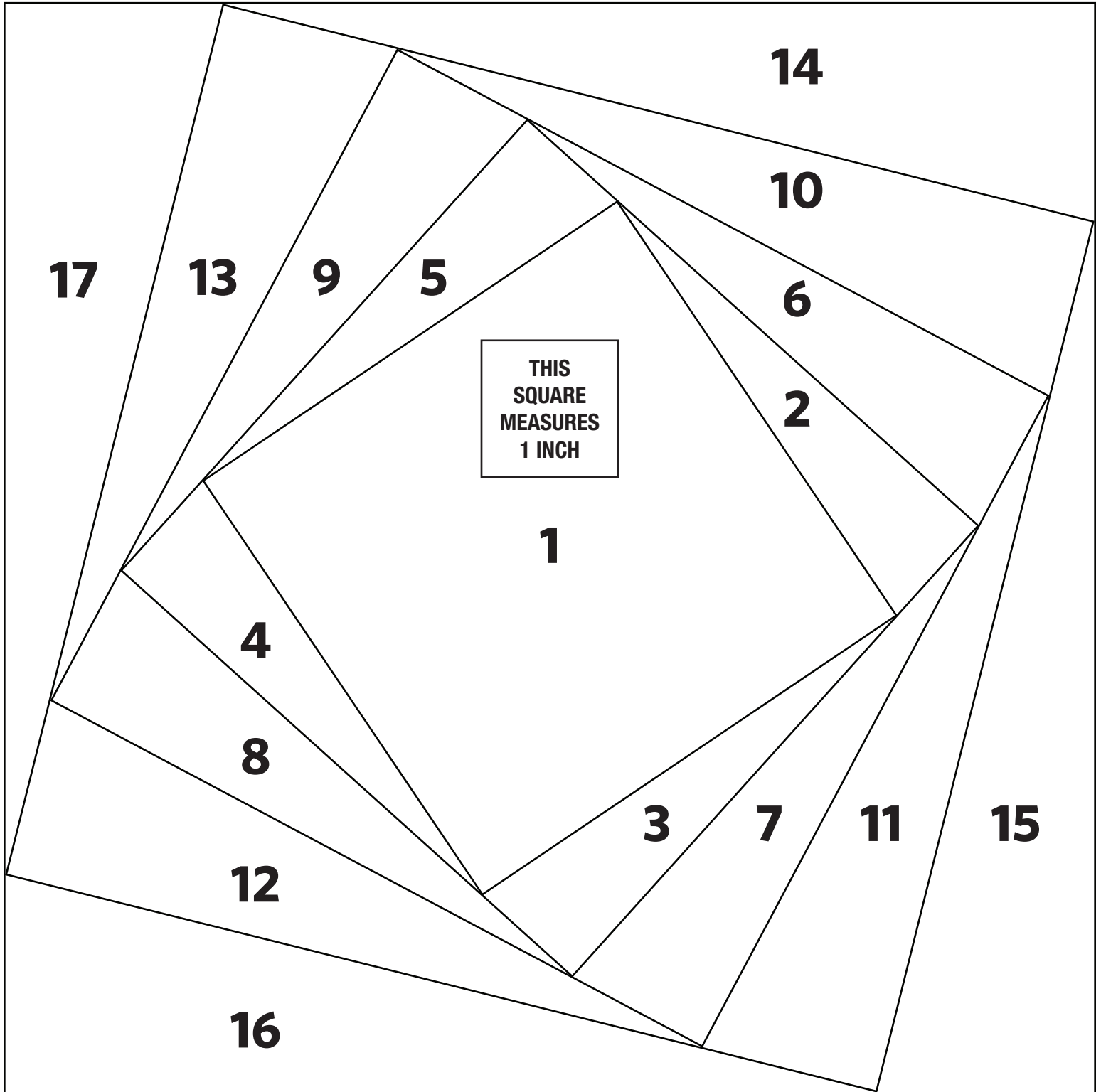
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# TWISTED LOG CABIN - BLOCK A



# TWISTED LOG CABIN - BLOCK B

