Simple Orphan Block Open-Top Tote Bag

Fabrics & supplies:

- (2) 12.5" orphan blocks (front & back of Tote bag)
- (2) 12.5" Pellon fusible batting
- (3) 12.5"x 3.5" rectangles for sides/bottom of bag
- (3) 12.5" x 3.5" rectangles of Pellon fusible batting
- (3) 12.5" lining fabric (front & back lining)
- (3) 12.5" x 3.5" lining rectangles for sides/bottom of bag
- (1) 30" x 3.5" fabric for handle
- (1) 30" x 1" Pellon fusible batting for handle

(1) Front Orphan Block
(1) Fabric Lining

2.5" square

(1) Back Orphan Block
(1) Fabric Lining

12.5" square

(3) 12.5"x3.5" fabric rectangles for sides/bottom

(3) 12.5"x3.5" lining rectangles

(3) 12.5"x 3.5" Pellon fusible batting

1. Fuse (or quilt) the Pellon batting to the orphan blocks **and** to (3) of the 12.5" x 3.5" fabric rectangles.
2. Sew the rectangles on the sides of the Front Orphan and then attach those rectangles to the back orphan block. WATCH VIDEO for details!
3. Sew the third rectangle to the bottom of the inside of the bag... again watch video for details.
4. Create the Lining of the bag using the 12.5" Lining front and back and (3) lining rectangles. Follow same steps as outer bag EXCEPT retain a 6" opening at the Bottom of the lining for turning.
5. Create handle for tote by pressing the 30" x 1.5" fabric around the 1" Pellon fusible, using a ¼" fold to stitch down the entire length of the handle. Then top stitch ¼" from both long edges.
6. Place the handles on each side of the bag and pin in place (with the handles tucked down and around the bottom of the bag. (SEE VIDEO).
7. Tuck the tote bag/handles INSIDE the lining (be sure the WRONG side of lining is facing out so that the right sides of the bag and right sides of the lining face one another on the inside.
8. Stitch around the entire top of the tote bag securing the handles on each side as you stitch.
9. Turn the bag right side out and tuck the lining down inside the bag.
10. TOP STITCH around the top of the bag to secure the lining in place.