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Happy Thoughts Calendar

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FREE PATTERN • **Happy Thoughts Calendar Tiles**
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Finished Size of each tile: 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " square

wof = width of fabric

Fabric requirements	Yard	Cutting Instructions
Fabric A - #DP21496-11 Calendar Panel	1 panel	Fussy cut each calendar panel (12) and quote panel (12). They will measure approximately 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Please refer to the Tip of the Month on Trimming Panels in the Northcott Resource Section if you're having trouble
Fabric B - #9020-64 Binding	1/8 yard	Cut 1 strip measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by wof
Fabric C - #9020-221 Binding	1/8 yard	Cut 1 strip measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by wof
Fabric D - #9020-711 Binding	1/8 yard	Cut 1 strip measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by wof
Fabric E - #9020-84 Binding	1/8 yard	Cut 1 strip measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by wof
Peltex 72F	1 yard	Cut twelve (12) pieces of Peltex 72F. NOTE: The Peltex is 20" wide. To be economical, cut the Peltex into 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ " squares which will allow you to cut three across the width of the Peltex. You'll be trimming the tiles before they get bound so if the sizes of the panels and the Peltex are a bit off don't worry about it.

Assembly:

Peltex 72F has fusible on BOTH sides.

Take one calendar panel and one quote panel and place one on either side of the Peltex 72F square. If the panel pieces aren't quite square, it's easy enough to manipulate the fabric to make the panel completely cover the Peltex 72F square.

Follow the instructions that came with the Peltex 72F and fuse both panel pieces. Make sure the panels are well fused.

Trim the tiles to get a clean edge. Mine were trimmed slightly to 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". Machine stitch the binding in place.

Here are some options to consider when making your calendar tiles:

1. Put a quote on one side and a calendar on the other. Make 12.
2. Put a quote on both sides of each of 6 squares and a calendar on both sides of 6 different squares. Once the year is over, you won't need the calendar tiles, but you will still have the quote tiles.
3. Send the tiles as birthday cards or another big event with the day circled.
4. Use the tiles as mug rugs.
5. Use the tiles as small wall hangings.
6. Make the small basket with the leftover binding bits (and some yardage for the lining) to keep the tiles in one spot. The basket is a modified version of the Everyday Basket.
7. Come up with your own idea and let us know so we can share!



NOTE: It is best to NOT prewash preprinted fabrics such as panels and border prints. The fabric goes through many processes to be delivered to the consumer and there may be some size variations. If you're unable to cut the panels to the size mentioned above, cut the pieces to a size that works for your panels and adjust any other measurements accordingly.



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Use ¼" Seam Allowance unless otherwise stated

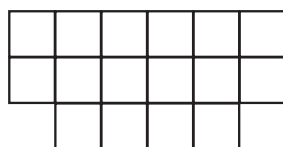
Outer bag

- Lay out the 2 ½" squares to create two rectangles for the outer bag that are six squares by two squares. Add four squares for the bottom as outlined on Diagram One.
- Sew the squares together.
- Fuse a piece of fusible fleece to the wrong side of each of these outer bag pieces.
- If you want, quilt the outer bag by stitching in the ditch, using a decorative stitch or a free motion design.
- Using scissors, cut the fusible fleece away from the cut-outs in the bottom of the outer bag. Each piece should measure approximately 6 ½ by 12 ½". They may have shrunk slightly in the quilting process.

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Finished Size of each tile: 4" W by 8" L by 4" H		
Fabric requirements	Yard	Cutting Instructions
32 – 2 ½" squares	Use the leftover binding strips from the calendar tiles.	Required: Thirty-two (32) 2 ½" squares
Lining, handles, and insert cover	1/4 yard	Lining: cut TWO pieces 6 ½" by 12 ½" Handles: cut TWO pieces 3" by 6 ½" Insert cover: cut TWO pieces 4" by 9"
Fusible fleece	1/4 yard	Cut TWO pieces 6 ½" by 12 ½"
Décor Bond (stiff fusible interfacing)	1/4 yard	Cut TWO pieces 6 ½" by 12 ½" Cut TWO pieces 2 ½" by 6 ½"

Lining

- Fuse the Décor Bond to the wrong side of the lining pieces. Make sure the Décor Bond is well adhered. Sometimes, this process requires high heat and a lot of steam.
- Using the outer bag piece as a guide, mark the cut-out squares on the bottom of each of the lining pieces and cut the corners away using scissors.
- Trim all pieces so that the two outer bag pieces and the two lining pieces are the same size with cut-outs in the two bottom corners of each piece.

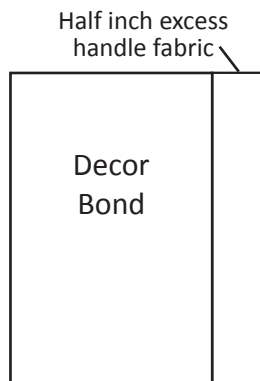


Handles

- Fuse the Décor Bond to the wrong side of the handles. Note the Décor-Bond is ½" narrower than the width of the handles.
- Press the excess ½" of handle fabric back over the Décor Bond to create a folded edge.
- Fold the handle in thirds lengthwise, keeping the folded edge on top and the long raw edge of the handle inside.
- Using a matching or decorative thread, top stitch the folded edge in place through all layers. Stitch a matching line of stitching on the opposite side of the handle. Add additional lines of stitching if you wish.

Bag Assembly

- Place the two outer bag sections together (right sides) together and sew along the two sides and the bottom. DO NOT sew in the cut-out corner sections. Do the same with the two lining pieces, but leave a 3 inch opening in the bottom of the lining.
- Using a ½" seam allowance, sew the bottom corner seam, by squeezing the cut-out section together so the seam from the side and the seam from the bottom are matched up. Sew the two corner seams on both the outer bag and the lining. To reduce bulk, you may want to trim this seam to ¼".
- Baste the handles to the ENDS of the outer bag. Make sure that they are positioned over the TWO squares on the ends and not beyond.



- Turn the outer bag right-side out and leave the lining right side in. Place the outer bag inside the lining and match up the side seams. You may want to pin this. Stitch around the top of the bag and then turn the bag inside out through the opening in the bottom of the lining. Tuck the seam allowances inside the opening, matching up the edges of the opening and machine stitch (top stitch) the opening shut. The bottom insert will hide this top stitched seam.
- Press the top edge well and top stitch around the top edge of the bag. A denim needle will help go through all the thicknesses. If you want to get a nice definition on the corners, you can also top stitch the corners. Making sure the lining fabric is tucked well into the corners, fold the bag along each of the four corners and top stitch a narrow seam through all layers. This gives the bag a nicely defined shape.

Insert cover

- Stitch the two pieces of the insert cover together leaving an opening in one of the narrow ends. If you want, you can hem this narrow opening. Turn right-sides out, insert a piece of plasticore into the insert cover, tuck in the open end and place the insert into the bag.

Enjoy!

Note about plasticore: I've seen all kinds of material used for the bottom of bags. However the best solution I've come up with is plasticore. It's lightweight and it's strong (no saggy bottoms). The only downfall is that it can be costly. So I've been known to recycle election signs and real estate signs which are often made from plasticore. Use a craft knife and a metal ruler to cut the plasticore. Once the basket is complete, use a ruler to measure the bottom – the bottom of this basket should be approximately 4" by 10". I would cut the plasticore 3 ½" by 9 ½", leaving a bit of space so it is easy to get the bottom insert into the bottom of the bag. Round the corners of the plasticore with scissors to remove the sharp edges and cover all edges with some kind of tape like painter's tape to prevent the plastic from cutting through your bag insert. Put the plasticore inside the bag insert and put into your bag.

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