

## Toolerrific Tote

*Customize pockets to make our tote your very own*

The pockets in our *Toolerrific Tote* fit the following:  
a 17" x 17" rotary mat, a 6" x 24" ruler, a 12½" x 12½" square ruler, a 6" x 12" ruler and a 6" triangle ruler.

Here we show you how to make pockets for your favorite rulers or mats of other sizes. Complete directions for *Toolerrific Tote* appear in *QUILTMAKER* Nov/Dec '09 (No. 130). If you cannot find this issue at your local quilt shop, order back issues at [quiltmaker.com/shop](http://quiltmaker.com/shop).

Before making your pockets, use this grid to determine how your tools will fit within your tote. Each square of the grid represents one square inch. The red lines indicate the placement of the vinyl pocket and the thread holders. We've grayed out these areas and a 3" perimeter which will be needed to add the zippers.

Using your tool dimensions and a pencil, outline the placements on the grid leaving a couple of inches of space between tools. (Our layout was designed so that all the pocket openings were on the tote's right or left sides to help keep the tools from slipping out.)

Once you determine your tool layout, use this grid to mark the placements on your actual bag interior. (Refer to the *Toolerrific Tote* placement diagram on page 35 of the pattern for a guide.)

To figure the size of the fabric panel needed to make a pocket, add 1½" to the width of the tool and double the length of the tool.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{width of fabric panel} &= \text{width of tool} + 1\frac{1}{2}" \\ \text{length of fabric panel} &= 2 \times \text{length of tool} \end{aligned}$$

For example, a 6½" x 6½" ruler would need:  
(6½" + 1½") and (6½" x 2) or 8" x 13".

Follow Step 3 in the *Toolerrific Tote* pattern to make the pockets.

