



**fig. 2** Template is actual size.

Finished size of panel is 8" × 4" (20.5 × 10 cm).

**4** Place one solid gray piece (3) onto the right side of the patchwork panel. Turn it to the wrong side and sew along the line between pieces 1 and 2 on the paper. Trim the seam allowance to  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3 mm), and press to bring the gray solid next to the pencil tip. Repeat the same process to add a gray piece (4) to the other side of the pencil tip. Next, sew the cotton print whose color matches the pencil tip solid (5) to the bottom of the light beige. Use a ruler and a rotary cutter to cut precisely along the four edges. This piece [ $1\frac{5}{16}$ " ×  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " (24 mm × 4.5 cm)] has a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance.

**5** Repeat the same process to create a total of five paper-pieced pencil tops and sew these together in the same order as Step 1 to create a patchwork panel that will be on the right window on the pencil case. Set aside.

**6** Complete the front exterior rectangle, following the piecing order in fig. 2: A - left window - B - right window - C - D - E.

**7** Place a fusible batting rectangle fusible side down onto the back of the pieced panel. Center the batting so that the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance is visible on all sides. Fuse batting to back side of patchwork panel.

**8** Edgestitch closely around the two windows with a thread that matches the color of the **cotton**. Use decorative running stitch with embroidery floss to handstitch around the two windows if desired.

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## assemble back exterior

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**9** Place the second rectangle of fusible batting fusible side down against the wrong side of the back exterior piece. Center the batting so that a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) seam allowance is visible on all sides. Fuse batting to wrong side of back exterior piece.

**10** Using thread to match cotton, quilt back exterior piece to batting by sewing parallel to long edges,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3 cm) apart (see photo on page 119).



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## assemble pen case

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**11** Fold each of the two linen zipper tab pieces in half widthwise, wrong sides together, and press.

**12** Open one of the zipper tab pieces and place the fold about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) to the inside of the zipper stop. Sew along the folded line. Cut off the zipper end (including zipper stop), leaving a narrow seam allowance. Fold back the lining piece and topstitch the folded edge. Repeat on the other short edge of the zipper with the other zipper tab piece.

**13** Using a zipper foot, baste the top long edge of one lining piece and one long edge of the zipper with the right side of the lining against the wrong side of the zipper panel using a seam allowance a bit less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm).



**14** Sew the top edge of the front exterior piece to one long edge of the zipper panel, with right sides together. Repeat with the back exterior piece and the other long edge of the zipper panel.

**15** If desired, place a folded decorative ribbon on the right side of the front piece close to the corner on the left, raw edges together. Stitch along edge to baste into place.

**16** Place right sides of exterior pieces together and pin in place. Repeat for the lining. Sew all edges, leaving approximately 2" (5 cm) opening at the bottom edge of the lining. Turn the right sides out from the opening and handstitch to close.