

SEWING PROJECTS

PRETTY HANDY BASKETS

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Create a set of these fabric baskets to organize a table or work area. This quick and easy project is a great beginner project and makes a fun gift when filled with treats or supplies for a favorite hobby – like sewing!

SUPPLIES:

- Coats Dual Duty XP General Purpose thread
- Coats Metallic Embroidery Thread
- Fabric – medium or home dec weight in two coordinating prints*: $\frac{3}{8}$ yd each
- Ribbon: 3 yards
- Fusible Polyester Fleece: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard
- Marking pen or pencil

*August Fields Morning Mist by Amy Butler for Rowan Fabrics was used for the sample.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

10" Square basket (shown):

Cut an 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square from each print and from Fleece

Cut four (4) pieces of ribbon, 22" each

Variation:

10" x 12" Rectangular basket:

Cut a 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle from two prints and from Fleece

Cut two (2) pieces of ribbon 22"

Cut two (2) pieces of ribbon 24"

STEPS:

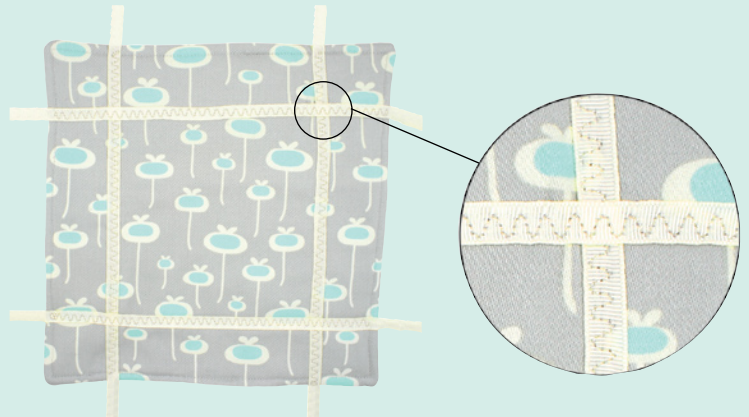
1. Thread machine with all-purpose thread on top and in bobbin.
2. Fuse fleece to the print selected as the outside of the basket.
3. Place prints, right sides together and pin. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, stitch together on all sides leaving a 3" to 4" space open on one side for turning.
4. Clip corners diagonally to reduce bulk. Turn. Press, turning edges of opening to inside. (This will be sewn closed when topstitched.)
5. Topstitch all four sides of basket.



6. Measure and mark a line on fabric 2" from each edge.



7. Measure 6" from end of ribbon, then place ribbon over marked line and pin. Pin ribbon to two of the parallel lines. Thread machine with Metallic thread on top and general purpose in the bobbin.
8. Select a decorative stitch. Starting at fabric edge, stitch ribbon in place. Repeat with intersecting parallel lines.



9. Bring ribbons together at each corner and tie to form basket.

To create other sizes of baskets:

Any size rectangle or square can be used. When making a set, increase the size in 2" increments, i. e. 8 x 10, 10 x 12, 12 x 14 . Always mark the placement of the ribbons 2 inches from the finished edges. The length of the ribbon is the length or width of the basket, plus 12 inches.

