

Easter Basket



Finished size: Height: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " excl. handle, 6" incl. handle

Diameter: 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "



You need:

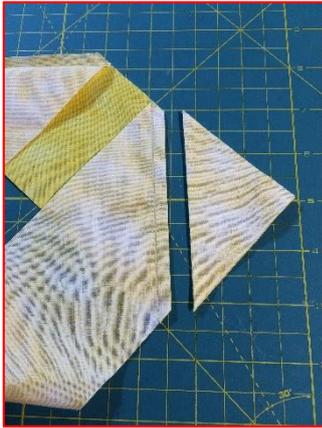
- Outer fabric; 10" circle
- Fabric for binding; 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 21"
- Fabric for handle: 2" x 11"
- Fabric for lining; 10" circle
- Batting; 10" circle
- Iron on woven interfacing; 2" x 11" (for handle)
- Sewing Machine
- General Sewing Supplies



Baste the three circles together by placing the batting on the wrong side of the lining, and the outer fabric on top of the batting right side facing up. Sew two rows of gathering stitches about $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge. A gathering stitch is the longest straight stitch you can get on your sewing machine.



Gather the stitches, by pulling the bobbin threads gently, until the opening of the basket measures 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Sew the binding strip together into a circle with a diagonal seam.



Fold the binding circle lengthwise with wrong sides together so raw edges are even, press.

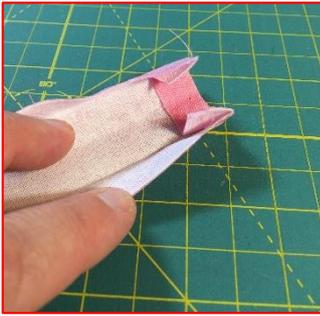


Pin the binding on the outside of the top edge of basket so the raw edges of binding and basket are even. Adjust the gathering stitches and stitch with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.



Fold the binding over the edge towards the lining, so the folded edge of the binding just covers the seam on the lining. Pin and remove any visible gathering stitches. Hand stitch in place with a slip stitch.

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Make the handle by fusing interfacing to fabric. Fold the handle lengthwise with wrong sides together and press. Unfold and fold the raw edges towards the first fold and press. Refold the first fold and press. You should now have a $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of fabric. Unfold the short ends and fold a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem and refold the strap.



Press and top stitch all for edges of the handle.



Attach the handle by placing the ends on the inside of the binding, and stitch from the outside on the binding. See picture.



Enjoy your Easter Basket!