



Technique:	Machine Sewing, applique
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Skill Level:	Beginner/Easy
Crafting Time:	An Evening

Fabric planters are easy to make and freshen up a room with lively fabrics. These planters have a clear vinyl bottom liner and a removable vinyl sleeve to protect surfaces.

Finished Size of Project: Designed to fit a 4", 6" and 8" flower pot. Small – 4" w x 4" h (10.2cm h x 10.2cm), Medium – 6" w x 6" h (15.3cm h x 15.3cm), Large - 8" w x 8" h (20cm h x 20cm)

Supplies

Dual Duty XP® All Purpose Thread – 1 spool contrasting thread
3 coordinating fabrics *in prints and solids:
 Planter fabric, small and medium ½ yd (.46m), large ¾ yd (.69m)
 Lining fabric, small and medium ½ yd (.46m) large ¾ yd (.69m)
 Floral fabric for appliques – fussy cut motifs as desired
 Medium weight craft interfacing, 22" (56cm) – small ¼ yd (.23m), medium ¾ yd (.69m), large 1 ¼ yd
 Paper backed fusible web – ¼" yd (.23m), or enough for appliques
 20 Gauge clear vinyl, ¾ (69m) yd

***We used fabrics by Kaffe Fassett for Rowan and FreeSpirit Designer Essential Solids.**

Additional Requirements

Sewing Machine
 Basic Sewing supplies
 Iron, ironing board

Cutting Instructions

From Planter fabric, lining and interfacing cut:

Small – 6¼" x 15½" (16cm x 39.5cm) rectangle - 5" (12.7cm) circle

Medium – 9" x 21½" (23cm x 54.5cm) rectangle - 7" (17.8cm) circle

Large – 11½" x 28¼" (29cm x 72cm) rectangle - 9" (23cm) circle

From Clear vinyl cut:

Small – 3½" x 15" (9cm x 38cm) rectangle - 5" (12.7cm) circle

Medium – 5 ½" x 21" (14cm x 53cm) rectangle - 7" (17.8cm) circle

Large – one 7" x 27¾" (18cm x 70.5cm) rectangle - 9" (23cm) circle

Assemble planters

Note: All seam allowances are ½" (1.3cm).

1. Fuse interfacing to wrong side of lining rectangle for planter and wrong side main fabric for bottom circle.
2. Stitch one long side of main fabric rectangle to a long side of lining rectangle right sides together. Trim seam to ¼" (.6cm) and press seam down toward lining. Open out fabric and lining. This is the point where any appliqués will be attached.
3. Small Planter - use six 1¾" (4.45cm) flowers placed evenly around bottom of main fabric rectangle ¾" (1.9cm) from cut edge. Medium planter - center one 4¼" (10.8cm) flower ⅝" (1.8cm) from cut bottom edge of rectangle.

4. For appliqués, cut around a flower leaving about ½" (1.3cm) extending from outer edge of flower. This does not have to be neat. Cut a piece of fusible web about the same size. Following manufacturer's instructions use press cloth and fuse rough side of fusible web to wrong side of flower. Let cool and peel off paper backing. Cut neatly around flower with smooth curving lines leaving about ⅛" (.3cm) fabric extending from outer edge of flower. Fuse onto main fabric rectangle above cut bottom edge of flowers using placement in **Step 3**. With a straight stitch, follow along the flower ⅛" (.3cm) from the edge.
5. With main fabric and lining opened out, pin right sides of main fabric and lining together matching seam at side. Stitch, forming a tube and trim lining seam only to ¼" (.6cm). Press seam open and fold on top seam line so lining is on outside. Press again.
6. Using a long stitch, baste bottom edges of lining to main fabric wrong sides together ⅜" (1cm) from edge, matching up side seams. Clip to line of basting every 1½" (3.8cm) inches or so.
7. Place main fabric circle right side down. Place lining fabric circle right side up and clear vinyl on top. Pin around the outside edge within the seam allowance so there will not be any pin holes showing in the vinyl. Baste around outside edge ⅜" from edge.
8. Pin main body of planter to circle with right sides together. Stitch seam on top of main body lining to get a smooth seam with no pinches in fabric as it is attached to circle. Trim seam to ¼" (.6cm).



9. For medium and large planters, make clear vinyl sleeve by folding in half with shorter sides matching. There is no need to pin. Stitch sides together and finger press seam open. Stitch each side of seam down ¼" (.6cm) beside seam. For small planter fold one short side's seam allowance ½" (1.3cm) and overlap other side. Edgestitch folded side down onto opposite side of sleeve. Insert sleeve into planter with seam facing planter. Fold down top of planter on outside to make a cuff with top edge slightly above clear vinyl sleeve.