

SUPPLIES

Fabric: Fabrics or fabric scraps in medium weight cottons.

Fabric Yardage (based on fabric width of 42"): Approximately 1/2 yard for the small basket, 1 yard for the big basket.

Interfacing: Fusible fleece or interfacing with thickness of around 2mm. Approximately 18"x35" for the small basket, 26"x42" for the big basket.

Patterns: The pattern pieces are attached below the tutorial - pages 9 to 16.

Sewing Essentials: Thread, scissors, pins, fabric marker, iron.

PART A - PATTERN CUTTING AND FABRIC PREPPING

This pattern includes 2 basket sizes :

Size SMALL: 6" in height with a round bottom diameter of 5" Size BIG: 9.5" in height with a round bottom diameter of 7"

For size SMALL, use pages 9, 10 and 11. Attach as shown below and cut out the pieces. For size BIG, go to pages 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Attach as shown below and cut out the pieces.



Place the pattern pieces onto the fabrics that you wish to use and cut them out. In case you are using fabric scraps, it would be best to first patch them together in approximately similar sizes as that of the pattern pieces. Once that is done, the patterns can be placed over, traced and cut.

The patterns are drawn with 1/2" seam allowance. Cut the interfacing for the straps to the actual size, without the seam allowance. Cut the lining or the inner fabric 1/4" smaller than the outer fabric to get a more taut result.

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Once cut, you should have the following pieces :

- 6 rectangular body pieces : 2 outer, 2 inner fabric pieces & 2 interfacing
- 3 circular pieces for the bottom : 1 outer, 1 inner & 1 interfacing

• 4 strap pieces : 2 outer & 2 interfacing . You can choose to only add a strap to the outer fabric, but since this is a reversible basket, you can of course add handles to both sides. In this case, cut 2 inner pieces + 2 extra pieces of interfacing.

Fuse the interfacing on the 3 outer pieces and the straps. Don't forget to add the markings on the fabric.





PART B - SEWING

STEP 1

Let's start with the straps.

To create the strap, take the rectangular strap piece and fold it in half lengthwise with the right sides of the fabric facing each other. Stitch down along its length and use $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.







Move the seam towards the center back and iron the strap. Add decorative stitching if you like. I've added three parallel top stitches.





Repeat this process for the remaining strap pieces. If you want handles on the inside as well, you will need 4 pieces.



STEP 2

Now attach each of these strap pieces onto the rectangular body pieces. To do so, refer back to the paper pattern pieces which have the strap placement marked on them. Please use the pattern as a guide. Mark the placement of your straps using the pattern, fold the seam allow-ance inward, and pin the strap in place. As depicted in the image below, the strap will be attached with the seam allowance folded inwards.

Topstitch the strap at ¼" from the fold.



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Now trim the edge $\frac{1}{4}$ and secure it down with another row of top stitches to seal in the raw edges.





Attach the remaining strap(s) in the same manner



STEP 3

Next, sew the body parts together.

Place the right sides of each of the 2 fabric pairs (outer + outer body piece and inner+inner body piece) together and stitch down vertically on both sides.

Leave an opening of around 2.5-3 inches on one of the seams of the inner fabric. Since all of the seams will be hidden this opening is necessary to turn the right sides of the fabrics out later on. You now have 2 tubes.





STEP 4

Next, attach the circular bottom piece onto the tube (which is made of the 2 body pieces you just sewed).

For this step, use the notches shown on the pattern pieces.

Pin the bottom piece onto the body piece with the notches matching each other. Use as many pins as you need and flatten out the circular bottom piece onto the tube.

Stitch all around, removing the pins as you go along.





Make sure that there are no small gathers being formed as you stitch along. Both the sides should lie flat.

Once stitched, cut notches in the seam allowance of the circular seam to make sure that the fabric lies down flat once it is turned over.

Repeat this process with the remaining circular bottom piece and tube





We now have the two sides of our basket ready.

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STEP 5

Insert one basket into the other, right sides facing. The wrong sides are facing outward. Pin the side seams together so that they match up. Pin the top seams together. Add more pins if necessary to avoid the fabric from slipping or moving when you stitch them together.





Once secured, stitch all around along the top edge at 1/2" seam allowance.

Locate the opening on one of the side seams of the inner fabric and slowly pull the right side out.





Place one basket inside the other and press the mouth of the basket with your hot iron to make the seam lie down flat. Add a top stitch all around at 1/4".

Close the opening with an invisible stitch and iron both sides for the final finished look.



Our reversible fabric basket is now ready!



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Pattern Pieces

SCALE:

1 inch

1 inch



NOTE :

The seam allowance added onto the pattern is 1/2". The outer border of the pattern pieces is with the seam allowance. The inner border is the actual pattern size.

For size SMALL : Cut out and use the 3 pattern pieces on pages 9, 10 and 11.

For size BIG - Cut out and use the pattern pieces on pages 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

















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BODY PIECE BIG - BOTTOM - LEFT



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BODY PIECE BIG - BOTTOM - RIGHT

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