

Patchwork Fabric Basket



Finished size: 5 ¼"W x 3 ½"H (excluding handles) X 4"D

How about making a little cute, cozy fabric basket for your home accessories? Not only that it can be a great, decorative organizer for your home but that it will make a perfect gift basket filled with other little things.

Materials needed

Fabric:

Natural Linen: 1/4 yard for Basket Exterior and Handles

Pink Polka Dots Print: 1/8 yard for Basket Exterior

Pink Geometric Print: 1/8 yard for Basket Exterior

Flower Print: 1/8 yard for Basket Exterior

Green Rabbit Print: 1/2 yard for Lining

Other Materials:

Fleece Batting: 1/2 yard

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Instruction



Cut out 2" squares from 3 different kinds of fabrics: 8 squares from each.



Sew together two squares, making sure each set consists of two different fabrics. (I made equal numbers of the sets like in the picture: 4 for each set.)



Press seams in one direction in the way that it isn't on top of each other.



Now sew together pieces to create 2
6x2 patchwork layer.



When 2 panels are completed, press
seam open.



It should look like this when you flip
them over. When the same fabrics are
not next to each other like this, it might
look a little interesting.



Sew the patchwork layers to a 6"x9 1/2" piece of linen fabric.



Place a fleece batting underneath it. Fleece batting is stable and great for this purpose. Make it a little bigger than the top layer.



Pin the layers and sew along the line that separates the patchwork part and the linen part. Repeat this for the other side too.



Sew very close to the top edges.



Cut off the excess batting.



Fold it in half right sides together and sew the two edges like this.



Box corners. Sew the line: along the seam from the pointy end to the needle it is 1 3/4". Repeat this for the other corner too.



Trim excess.



Let us move on to making handles. Cut out 2 - 2"x10 1/2" pieces of fabrics. (One for linen and the other for pink polka dots print.)



With right sides together, sew them together along one of the long edges and press seam open.



Fold each long side to the middle just like when you make a bias tape.



Fold in half and top stitch the long edges like this.



Cut in half. Now you have two handles.



Sew the handles to the main basket.



Now let's make a basket lining. Fold in half a 12"x9 1/4" piece of fabric right sides together and sew the two short edges, leaving a lining opening (about 2").



Do the same as you did for the main basket.



Sew outer basket and lining together.



Turn the basket right side out through the lining opening and pin in place.



Top-stitch the top edge. Hand-stitch opening closed.



Now your fabric basket is complete!

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