

Simple Fabric Basket

Supplies:

- ◆ (1) piece of outside cotton fabric
- ◆ (1) piece of inside cotton fabric
- ◆ (1) piece of fusible web EACH
 - 15" x 20" for the large basket
 - 13" x 16" for the small basket
- ◆ (2) pieces of fabric for the handles
 - 2½" x 7" for the large basket
 - 2½" x 6" for the small basket
- ◆ Floral wire (1 mm)
 - approx. 30 inches for the large basket
 - approx. 24 inches for the small basket
- ◆ Tools: quilting ruler, zigzag rotary cutter, disappearing marking pen, wire cutter, scissors, pins

Instructions:

1. Place the piece of fusible web rough side down on the wrong side of the outside fabric and iron on, using the manufacturers instructions. Remove the backing paper. Next place the inside fabric wrong side down on the sticky side of the outside fabric.

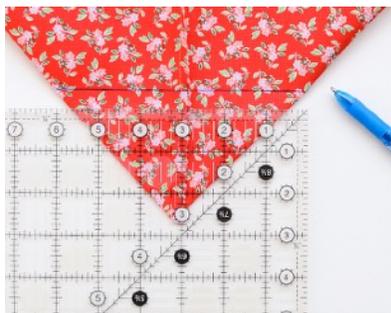
2. Trim the piece to 14" x 19" for the large basket and 12" x 15" for the small basket using the zigzag rotary cutter.

3. Fold the piece outside fabric together and sew shorter sides using a ¼" seam allowance.

4. To create a rectangular bottom for the basket: Make sure the fabric is flat and the side seam runs down the **center of the triangle**. Mark the corners as shown, measuring 6" for the large basket and 5" for the small basket from the edge. These marks create the sewing lines for the tucks. Now sew along the drawn lines and backstitch.

5. Trim off the corners using the zigzag rotary cutter.

6. Turn the basket and iron.



7. Fold the handle fabric pieces lengthwise, right sides together and stitch the sides using a ¼" seam



allowance. Turn the tube right side out, iron and topstitch fairly close along the edges. Trim the handles for the 6½" and 5½" small basket. Fold over the short ends ½" inch and press.

8. Mark the position of the handles. Measure 2" from each side of the small basket and 2¼" from each side for the large basket; and center vertically.

9. Pin the handles in place ... and attach the ends to the basket by topstitching a ½" rectangle.



10. Fold over the top edge of the fabric basket ½" to the inside and topstitch leaving a 2½" wide opening for the wire.



11. Bend each end of the wire into a small u-shape.

12. Push the wire carefully into the fabric fold. Both ends of the wire should overlap.



13. Hide the wire ends on the inside and adjust to desired shape, then carefully stitch up the opening.

14. Shape the fabric basket - and you're done!