

## HOW TO MAKE A FABRIC BASKET BY DARINA



**Fabric Suggestions:** Furnishing, drill, linen, craft, velvet.

**Batting Suggestions:** Matilda's Own Quilt Wadding - you need a substantial batting so your bag sides are nice and firm and don't collapse.

Designs used in this Sample - [Free Bunny Applique Set](#)

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**FINISHED SIZE**

This is a project that you can pretty much make to any size you like. As a guide, Darina has included the following cutting guide. But once you have made your first test sample, you can then adapt your cutting sizes to fit your needs.

All sizes are in inches

Finished size	W5xD5 xH6	W5.5xD5.5x H6.5	W6xD6 xH7	W7xD7 xH8.5	W8xD8 xH10	W9xD9 xH11
Cut two square pieces each of main, lining & batting.	11x11	12x12	13x13	15x15	17x17	19x19
Corners	2.5x2.5	3x3	3x3	3.5x3.5	4x4	4.5x4.5
Base size	5x5	5.5x5.5	6x6	7x7	8x8	9x9
Maximum Embroidery size	4x4	4.5x4.5	5x5	6x6	7x7	8x8

### STEP ONE - OPTIONAL

Pre-quilt your fabric - Instructions included in the Free Bunny Applique Set

### STEP TWO

Cut your fabric squares to desired size.



### STEP THREE

Embroider your design in the centre of your block. You may choose to embroider on both sides of your basket or just the front.

## TIPS

Be mindful of where you position your embroidery.

The size of your corners (plus seam allowance) will be the bottom of your Basket, and the top of your basket will have the Lining folded down.

Darina started with the 12x12 blocks and used the 5x5 Free Applique Bunny

If you are not sure where to position your embroidery, then you can mark the corner size on your fabric, plus 1/2-inch seam allowance and that will be the bottom of your basket i.e. corners are 3 inch - mark 3.5 inch from the bottom



## STEP FOUR

Cut the corners to the appropriate size. Your see-through plastic ruler makes this easy.



#### STEP FIVE

Place your two panels right side facing and stitch the two side seams and the bottom seam.  
Press seams open.





## STEP SIX

Fold the base to the sides to match the seams, and stitch as pictured. This creates your boxed corners.



## STEP SEVEN

Make your lining in the same way. I do slightly deeper seams on the lining as your internal measurement is always slightly smaller.



## STEP EIGHT

Place your two baskets inside one another with wrong sides facing. Your lining could end up slightly taller than the outer fabric so you can either trim a little off first or stitch together and trim later.



STEP NINE

Zig zag or serge the top edge





#### STEP TEN

Cut two pieces of fabric the width of your original panels for the top band. I did 5" high for my sample but can easily do it deeper.



#### STEP ELEVEN

Join the side seams then fold in half with wrong sides together.





## STEP TWELVE

Pin on the inside of the basket top. If you have used a directional fabric make sure it is up the right way for when you turn it over. Stitch then turn over.



## OPTIONAL HANDLE

I have used a piece of foam bag wadding cut @ 1.5" x required length.

Cut a piece of fabric same length and 4" wide



Either overlock/serge the edges or turn over and narrow hem one long edge.



Lay the foam or batting down the centre. Good to spray some temporary glue along it then bring the fabric in from both sides. Stitch down the centre. Add 2 more rows of stitching towards the edge.





Attach handles to the inside of the bag as pictured.



## VARIATIONS

Make a taller top, and incorporate the fold down in the body of the bag



When you stitch the sides of your lining, Leave a gap along the side, so you can turn the bag



As before, even up the top edge and stitch along the top



Turn to right side, and top stitch as pictured.





Fold down the top edge



## BOUND EDGE

If your fabric is thick (or you prefer the look) you can do as Darina did for this sample

- Overlock the top edge
- Add a piece of binding
- Fold over and secure by top stitching on the front



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This is such a cute and easy project that you could use any design or fabric to make.

I cannot wait to see what you come up with!!



Darina shared these samples.

- Left: Heart Quilting from [Hearts, Stars and Circle Set](#)
- Top Right and Bottom: Heart Quilting and [Easter Delight Designs](#)
- Middle: pre-quilted fabric with [Free Easter Basket designs](#)



Thank you so much Darina for sharing your ideas – you are an inspiration!!

