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Fabric Basket with Divider Craft interfacing keeps the box in shape!



Size: 5" x 10" x 5 1/4" tall

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Supplies



HeatnBond® Craft Extra Firm Non-Woven Interfacing
Henry Glass Shop Hop Fabric
Aurifil Thread 50 wt. thread #2024 white

Fabric Cutting:

Cut 6 "A" $-5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for outside of box

Cut 1 "B" $-5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle for bottom outside of box

Cut 8 "C" $-5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for inside of box

Cut 2 "D" -5" x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for inside of box divider

Cut 2 $-2 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for handles

Cut 1- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x WOF (width of fabric) for binding

Interfacing Cutting:

Cut 14 $-5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Cut 2 -5" x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Cut 1 $-5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

Cut 2 $-1 \frac{3}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for handles

Sewing Instructions:

*1/4" seams are used throughout and backstitch at beginning and end to lock all seams

Step 1:

Following the package instructions, fuse all 5 ½" x 5 ½" HeatnBond® Craft Extra Firm Non-Woven Interfacing pieces to the wrong side of all of the 5 ½" fabric squares. Also bond the 5" x 5 ½" interfacing pieces to the wrong side of the two-corresponding fabric pieces and the 5 ½" x 10 ½" piece of interfacing to the wrong side of the same sized fabric.



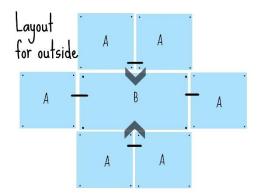
Step 2:

On all pieces, mark a dot in all four corners on the wrong side of fabrics where the ¼" seams will meet.



Step 3:

Following the layout for the outside fabric, stitch ¼" seams from dot to dot. When stitching the side panels, A to A, stitch from the edge to the edge.



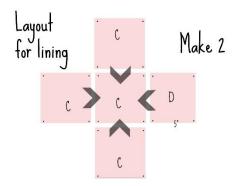
Once the flat layout is stitched as shown, sew the corners by matching the dots and with right sides together, stitch from the top edge to the dot in the corner. Do this on all 4 corners to make a box.



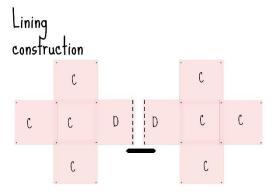
Turn the box right side out and push all corners out. Set this aside.

Step 4:

Prepare the lining by first making 2 of the sections shown on the lining layout diagram. Note that one of the squares "D" is the $5" \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$ " square. This will be half of the divider in the lining.



Next sew the two units together by stitching the "D" squares right sides together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam where indicated.



On right sides, pin the "D" squares wrong sides together. Topstitch along the top edge and on the seam where the "D" squares meet the "C" squares.



Sew the middle seams of the lining by sandwiching the "D" flap in the seam of the side panels. Pin the seams first and then start at the top edge with right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam to the dot. Repeat on the other side.



Now sew the lining corners just as the outside corners were sewn in step 3.

Step 5:

Slip lining into the outside with wrong sides together. Pin around the top, matching all seams.

Baste 1/8" from the top edge all around the top.

Step 6:

Prepare the binding by pressing the 2 ¼" strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

On the lining side of the basket, stitch the binding ¼" from the edge with all raw edges lining up.

Start the binding on one of the narrow ends of the basket leaving a 7" tail before starting.

Stitch around the basket to the start end of the basket about ½" from the corner and backstitch.

Remove the basket from the sewing machine. To finish the binding, fold the binding tails back and press.



Trim the ends 1 ½" from folds. Unfold the ends and place them at 90 degrees, right sides together and stitch across as pictured.



Trim the seam allowance to ½", press, refold the binding, and stich in place. Fold the binding around the edge and stitch by hand or machine.

Step 7:

The handles are made by fusing the interfacing pieces to the center of the wrong side of the 2 ½" x 5 ½" fabrics. Fold the unfused edges of fabric over the interfacing and press. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise, enclosing the interfacing inside, and edge stitch around the strips. Find the center of each narrow end of the fabric basket and measure 1" down from the top. Mark a line and pin the ends of the handle on the line.



Stitch the ends of the handle to the basket $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the ends. Finally, stitch a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " button to cover the ends.

