HOW TO SEW
FABRIC BASKETS



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How to Sew a Fabric Basket with Snaps

I love these baskets because you can make them in any size you need *AND* flatten them for easy storage.

SUPPLIES

- Two squares of Cotton Fabric
- Medium Weight Fusible Fleece
  (I used Pellon® 987F)
- 4 sets of snaps



CUTTING CHART

FINISHED BASKET SIZE		CUT FABRIC & BATTING
BOTTOM	SIDE HEIGHT	
9½ inches	2½ inches	15 inch squares
7½ inches	2 inches	12 inch squares
5½ inches	1½ inches	8 inch squares

CUT the fabric and batting based on the chart above.

FUSE the batting onto the wrong side of one of your fabric squares, following the manufacturer's instructions.

If you are making a basket with 2 fabrics and not creating the turkey block, *SKIP TO STEP 2.*

TURKEY BLOCK SUPPLIES

Fabrics and Codes refer to the November Monthly Placemat Program fabrics shown, from Riley Blake Designs. Ask for them where you love to buy fabric.

- November Placemat Panel (PD12420-NOVEMBER)
  - **CUT** a 10" square from the placemat panel, centering the turkey. (fig. 1)
- Brown November Text (C12421-BROWN) (fig. 2)
  - **CUT (2)** 10" x 3 1/4" strips* to go across the top and bottom of the square
  - **CUT (2)** 15" x 3 1/4" strips* to go on the sides of the square
  - **CUT (1)** 15" square (for the back)
  - * I usually cut 1/4 - 1/2" longer and wider and trim to size as I sew the opposite sides on to ensure a well squared result.
- **Fusible Fleece** (I used Pellon 987F)
  - **CUT (1)** 15" square



figure 1



figure 2

STEP 1: MAKE THE 15” TURKEY BLOCK

SEW the top and bottom strips of fabric on the turkey square. (fig. 3)

If you cut slightly larger sashing pieces like I do, **TRIM** sides even with the turkey - so the fabric is 10” wide. (fig. 4)

SEW to other 2 sides onto the turkey block.

TRIM block to be 15” square.

FUSE the fleece onto the back of the turkey square, following manufacturers instructions.



figure 3

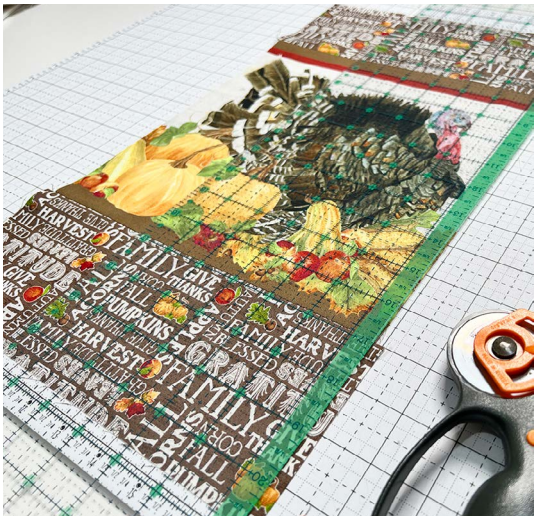


figure 4

STEP 2: SEW YOUR FABRIC SQUARES TOGETHER

Place your fabrics right sides together.
CLIP or PIN together.
SEW around the outside using a ¼” seam allowance and leave 3-4” open for turning. (figure 5)
TRIM corners to reduce bulk.

TURN right side out and iron flat, folding in the raw edges.

TOPSTITCH around the entire square 1/8” from the edge. For a more professional look, match your bobbin thread to the main color of the bottom fabric and your main thread to the top fabric.



figure 5

STEP 3: SEW FOLD STITCH LINES

SEW the length of the square on all 4 sides (figure 6)
Sew same distance from each edge as the height of sides of the basket noted in the second column of the cutting chart.

> For example, if you cut 15" squares of fabric, the sides of your basket will be 2½" high so sew 2½" from the side of the basket square, on all 4 sides. (see figure 4 - dashed lines are stitch lines)



figure 6

STEP 4: ADD THE SNAPS

Using the stitch lines, mark where your snaps will go.

PLACE a snap piece on the fabric that will be on the inside of your basket, so it is just inside the edge. (KAM® Snaps are shown here)

Use a hem gauge or ruler and determine how far from the edge you need to poke the hole to install the snap *OR* where you will sew the snap on, depending on the kind of snaps you choose. (figure 7)

MARK the same distance to the side of the stitching in all 8 corners. (figure 8)

INSTALL the snaps per manufacturer's instructions. (figure 9)

Once you've installed all 4 snap sets you simply snap each corner and your basket is ready! (figure 10)



figure 73

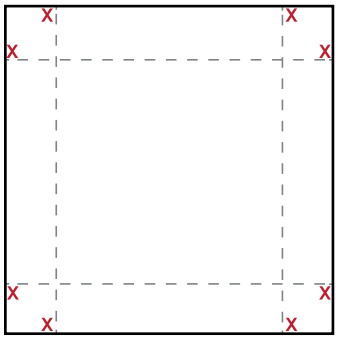

figure 8


figure 9


figure 10

[Click here to watch a video tutorial on my YouTube channel >]

The video shows how to make a basket from step 2 and doesn't include how to make the turkey block.

In case we haven't met before...

Hi! I'm Tara Reed and I've been creating art and design professionally since 2000.

Back in 7th grade (in the 80s!!) I learned to sew when my friend's mom taught us to make wrap-around skirts. From there we moved onto Bermuda Bag covers - button holes were a lot harder back then!

I design fabric for Riley Blake Designs and love everything about it. From creating the coordinating prints in repeat to seeing how YOU the end-user decides to take the fabrics and make something amazing.

If you are a Cricut, Silhouette or Scan 'N Cut creative as well as sewist or quilter I also design themed bundles for you too! Be sure to check out my online shops below.



If you make and post things that include my fabric I'd love to see!
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