

Tied fabric basket -

Pattern Instructions
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using just one fat quarter of fabric - Basket size: 8 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Free pattern courtesy of Kiwiquilts

I remember making these tied baskets as a child along with crocheted greeting card baskets (I've still got one of those in my treasure box!).

Once you have made one you can experiment with other sizes depending on the size of your fabric scraps.

Requirements:

One fat quarter of fabric.

2 metres of ribbon for ties (or make your own from the excess fabric).

Thick cardboard -

Cut 2 pieces 8 1/4" x 1 3/4"

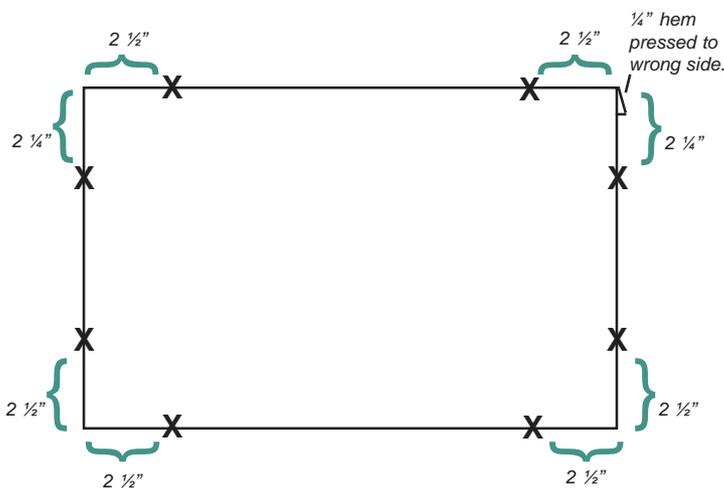
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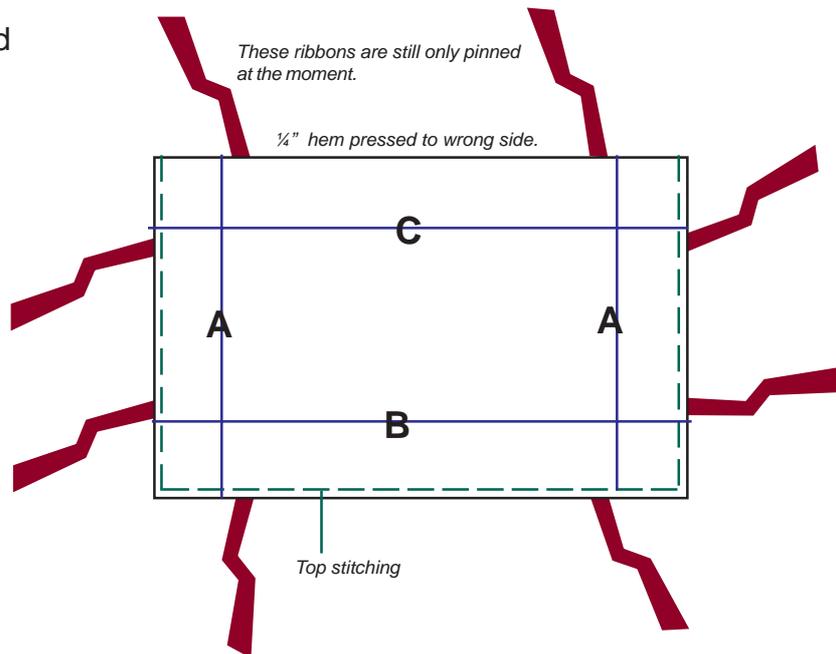
Method:

Cut two rectangles 10 1/2" x 13 1/2" from the fabric. Press under a 1/4" hem on one long side of each of the rectangles.

Cut your ribbon into 8 x 10" lengths. With right side of your fabric facing up, pin a ribbon on the marked X.



Lay the other piece of fabric right sides together and sew around the three sides (leave the edge with the pressed hem open). Turn in the right way and press carefully and top stitch 1/8" around the three sides.



Your basket will now look like the above. Mark with a chalk liner or pencil the blue lines with are 2 1/8" from the edges.

Sew the lines marked A through all thicknesses.

Slip your cardboard piece 8 1/4" x 1 3/4" down to the bottom and then sew line B using a zipper foot.

Now slip in cardboard pieces 5 1/4" x 1 3/4" down the sides and cardboard piece 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" into the middle. Sew line C and slip in the last piece of cardboard 8 1/4" x 1 3/4".

Sew across the opening using the zipper foot, 1/8" from the edge, catching in the last two ribbons.

NB: If your stitching is a little wonky just trim down the cardboard shapes a whisker to fit them in.

No need to unpick.

Finishing:

Tie the ribbons into a bow and you have a wonderful fabric basket just waiting to be filled with Christmas goodies.

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