

How to Create Your Own Hidden Pockets Basket



A step by step guide by Fabric Designer, Christine Zane

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The Hidden Pockets Basket is a fun and simple basket that can be used for storage, gift packaging, as a purse or diaper bag, home décor accents, and much more. You will find there are many ways to customize and embellish this item to suit it to your own style and function.



Materials You Will Need:

1/2yd

Cotton fabric for outer basket and pockets

1/2yd

Cotton fabric for basket lining, scallop trim, and handle ties

3/4yd

Medium weight nonwoven iron-on interfacing

1/2yd

Pellon fusible fleece (Adds body to the basket.)

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3" x 17" scraps of fusible web

Sewing machine needles size 90/14 Denim

Signature 40wt, 50wt, and 60wt Cotton thread

Pattern provided

Optional Items:

Any additional appliques or embellishments that you wish to add to your basket.

Cutting Instructions

Outer Basket:

Cut 2 pieces 17" x 9"

Cut 2 pieces 17" x 9" of non woven interfacing

Measure (2) 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " squares from the bottom corners and cut away as in photo from both basket pieces and the interfacing. (See photo on right).



Cut 2 pieces 3" x 17" for the top of the basket.

Cut 2 pieces 3" x 17" from the non woven interfacing.

Pockets:

Cut 4 pieces 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long from the outer basket fabric

Lining:

Cut 2 pieces 17" x 11" of Cotton fabric.

Cut 2 pieces 17" x 11" from the Pellon fusible fleece.

Cut (2) 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " squares from the bottom corners of each lining pieces. Repeat measuring and cutting squares from both Pellon pieces. (See photo on right.)



Scallop:

Cut 2 pieces 3" x 17" from Cotton fabric.

Apply your favorite fusible web to the wrong side of both strips.

Basket Ties:

Cut 4 pieces 4" x 12" of Cotton fabric.

Step by Step Instructions

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Iron the interfacing to the wrong side of the exterior basket pieces including the strips. Iron the Pellon fleece to the wrong sides of the basket lining. Apply fusible web to the wrong side of scallop strips. (Photo 1)



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Transfer the scallop pattern to the 2 strips with the fusible web and cut out scallop on one edge. Fuse the scallop to both tops of the outer basket pieces. (Photo 2)



With Signature 40wt Cotton thread in the needle and Signature 60wt Cotton in the bobbin, add decorative stitching of your choice along the raw edge of the scallop. Add other decorative stitches to the basket wherever you desire. (Photo 3)



Basket Handle Ties:

For each of the 4" x 12" strips, fold one end $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the inside and press. Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press. Open up the strip and fold the 2 long edges to the center. Press.

Using Signature 40wt Cotton thread in the top needle and in the bobbin, stitch close to the edge of the strip and add decorative embroidery or stitching to each strip. (Photo 4)



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Pockets:

Center one pocket piece to the top strip and another to the upper part of a basket exterior piece. Stitch pieces with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance using Signature 50wt thread and press toward pocket. Repeat on the other side. (Photo 5)



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With right sides together, pin the top strip of the basket to the bottom scallop piece, pinning the pockets together in the process. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and 50wt thread, stitch the pieces as shown (Photo 6), going all the way around to create the pocket. Clip the seam allowances where the pocket meets the basket. Press basket seams open and pocket downward.



With right sides together, using Signature 50wt, sew the basket sides and bottom together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. (Photo 7)



Form the bottom of the basket by joining the side with the bottom. Using the 50wt thread, stitch with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

Repeat on the other side. (Photos 8-9)



Repeat the process for the lining except use a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance. Leave a 4" opening in the bottom for turning the basket right side out.



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Attach the handle ties $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the side seam using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance and the 50wt thread. (Photo 10)



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Slip the basket into the lining so right sides are together and pin along the top edge. (Photo 11)



Be sure the ties are clear of the seam. Sew all the way around the top stitching slowly around the bulk where the ties are and seam allowances.

Turn the basket right side out and stitch the seam closed on the bottom of the lining. To finish, with Signature 40wt Cotton thread in the top needle and in the bobbin, topstitch $\frac{3}{8}$ " all the way around the upper edge of the basket.

Tie the end straps together as a handle and add any additional embellishments at this time.





About the Designer

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A self-diagnosed thread addict, Christine has been sewing as far back as she can remember. She started with hand sewing and was making her own clothes by the time she was in junior high school.

For the past 25 years the sewing industry has been Christine's second career after retiring as a hairstylist.

Her employment includes working at sewing, quilting, and fashion shows. She enjoys teaching and wearing many hats on the business side of the industry. The most rewarding part of her job is thinking out of the box, being creative at the sewing machine and sharing her ideas with others.

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