

Large 1 Hour Basket Tutorial

The instructions below will walk you through creating a 1 Hour Basket. There are two sizes possible. See separate document for the smaller version. This version of the basket features a decorative lip around the edge, created by the lining.



Large Basket: finished size roughly 10" x 6" x 7 1/4" high

Design Option

Use the interior fabric as the handles for a contrast.



Materials

Exterior Fabric	Interior Fabric	Pellon/Fusable Fleece	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/3 yard if doing handles in exterior fabric• 1/3 yard if directional fabric• If doing design option for handles: 1 fat quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/3 yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/2 yard• Use a heavier weight Pellon, such as 70• Fusible fleece is too soft for large baskets, and is not recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fat quarter will not be enough for handles too. Be sure to get the yardage indicated (or an extra FQ) if you want handles in that fabric.

Cut

Large basket:

- Exterior Fabric: (2) 10" x 16" rectangles for the basket
 - The top of the basket is along the 16" side, so if you have a directional print, be sure the top of the print runs along the 16" side.
- Interior Fabric: (2) 11 1/2" x 16" rectangles for the basket
- Handles
 - **Standard:** (2) 5" x 9" rectangles of exterior fabric
 - **Design Option:** (2) 5" x 9" rectangles of interior fabric
- Pellon
 - (2) 10" x 16" rectangles
 - The width of fabric for Pellon is roughly 20", so you can get 2 pieces per WOF by cutting to 16" long and then cutting that piece in half. It's okay if your Pellon is just under 10", as you'll be sewing a 1/2" seam.

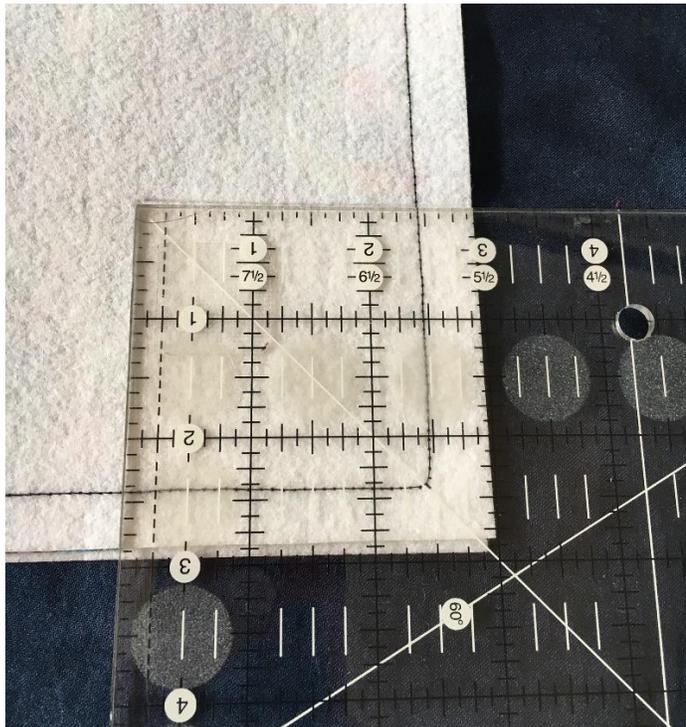
Sew

1. Fold one of the handle rectangles in half lengthwise (wrong sides together) and press. Open it up, then fold in both sides 1" toward the center crease. Press. Repeat for the second handle. Note: you are NOT folding the edges all the way to the middle. Your finished handle should be about 1 1/2" wide when folded.

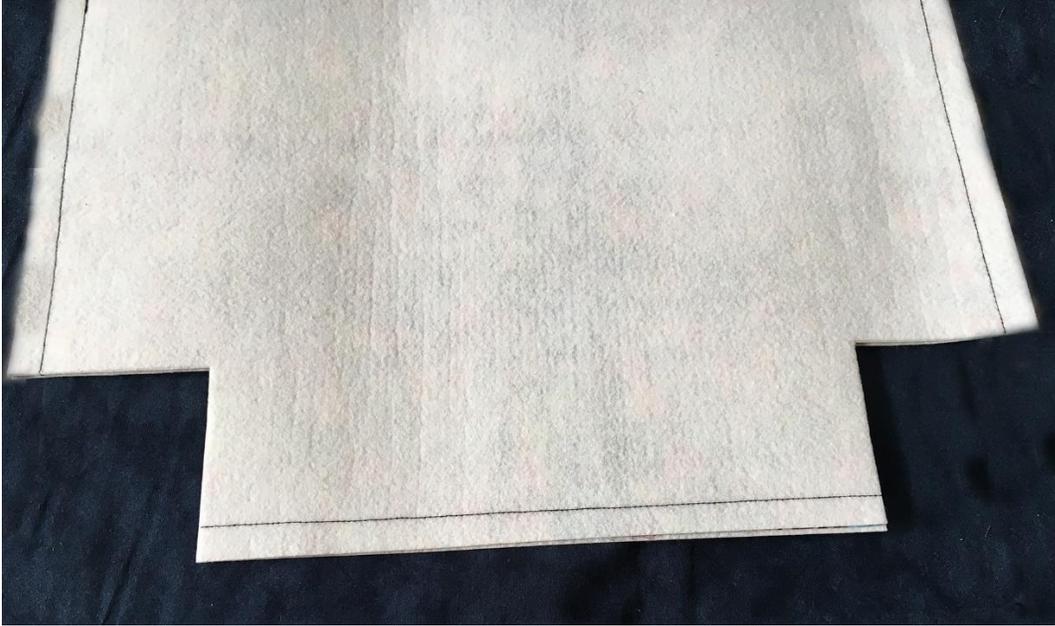


2. Top stitch down both long sides of each handle with your choice of 1/8" – 1/4" seam. Set handles aside.

3. Pin the interior rectangles RST. Using a **5/8" seam allowance**, sew down both 11 1/2" sides. Sew along ONE 16" side. Be sure to back stitch at each end of the opening. This piece will be your lining. If using a **directional** print, be sure to stitch along the **BOTTOM** of the print.
4. If using Pellon or other non-fusible interfacing, layer the exterior basket pieces in this order and clip or pin: 1 layer Pellon, 2 layers exterior fabric RST, 1 layer Pellon. (The wrong sides of the fabric should be against the Pellon.)
5. Using a **1/2" seam allowance**, sew down both 10" sides of the exterior pieces, and ONE 16" side. If your print is **directional**, be sure to sew along the **BOTTOM** of the print.
6. Draw a **3" square** in the bottom corners of your exterior piece. This should be in the corners that are completely sewn shut. Repeat for the lining/interior piece.
 - a. If you are using a directional fabric, check to make sure the top of the print is along the open side **before** moving to the next step. If it is not, tear out your seam(s) and resew to close the bottom of the basket.



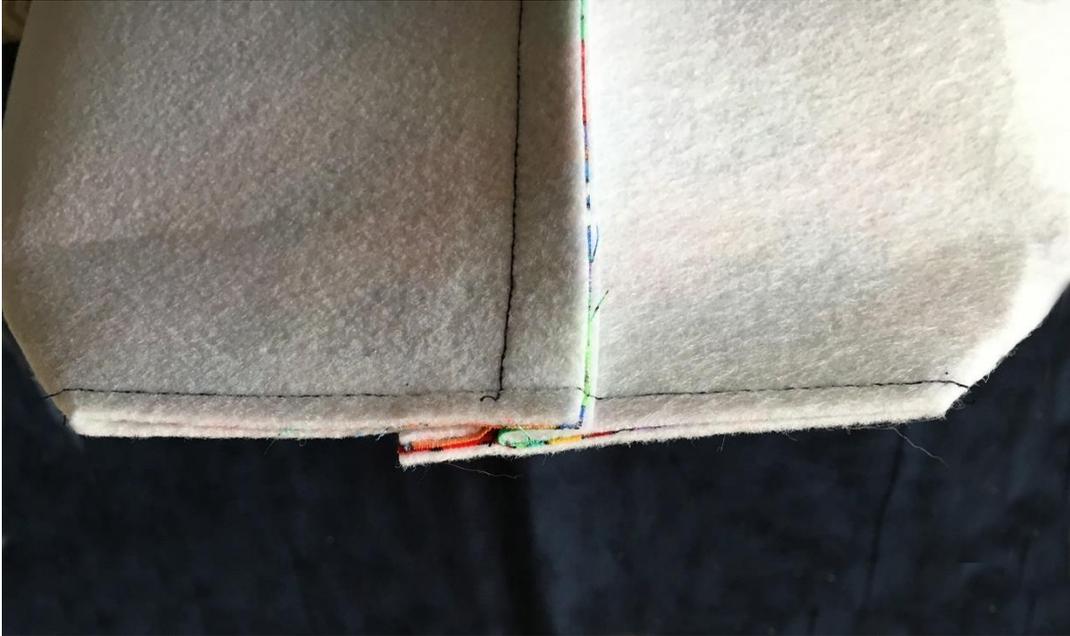
7. Cut out the squares drawn in step 6 on both the lining and exterior pieces.



8. Open up the corners (the areas you just cut out a square) and “nest” the seams, lining up the edges of the corners. Clip or pin (clips are easier to use for the exterior). Be sure to separate the two layers of exterior fabric in this step. Repeat for both exterior and lining corners.



9. Sew the 2 exterior and 2 lining corners shut using a **1/4" seam allowance**. You can backstitch at either end if desired.



10. Turn the exterior of the basket right side out, pressing out the corners.



11. On the exterior of the basket, clip or pin each end of a handle piece 1" from the side seam. Repeat for the other handle piece and side seam.



12. Place the exterior of the basket inside the lining so that the right sides of both the lining and the exterior are facing. Clip or pin in place along the top. Be sure to nest the side seams of the lining and exterior pieces. Also, be sure that the centers of the handles stay flat against the sides of your basket, to prevent them from getting caught in the seam during the next step.



13. Using a **5/8" seam allowance**, sew along the top of the basket, connecting the exterior and the lining.
Note: you can use up to a 3/4" seam allowance, but the lining may not fit as neatly inside the basket. Leave a **4-5" gap** along one side during this step, backstitching at each end. This will be your opening for turning the basket.
14. Using the opening, turn the basket right side out. Carefully push out the corners of the basket and tuck the lining back inside.
15. If desired, use a small strip of heat-n-bond or a similar material to hold the lining in place along the opening while you finish the basket in step 16.
16. Press the top edge of the basket carefully so roughly 5/8" to 3/4" of the lining creates a lip around the outside edge of the basket (depending upon what seam allowance you used). Take your time and make sure that the lip is a consistent width all the way around the basket. Use a **decorative stitch along the edge of the lining** where it meets the exterior fabric to hold it in place and give your basket a more finished look. The decorative stitch will hide the opening that you left to turn the basket.
 - a. It is recommended that you stop/start your decorative finish stitch along one end of the basket, as any overlap will be less noticeable.

