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## Pretty Handy Baskets

Skill level – Beginner/Easy

Fabric by Amy Butler  
Project by Elizabeth Hill

<b>Technique:</b>	Zigzag stitch
<b>Brand:</b>	Dual Duty XP
<b>Crafting time:</b>	An Evening

August Fields Morning Mist by Amy Butler for Rowan Fabrics was used for the sample.

### Size

10" x 10" or 10" x 12"

### Materials

Coats Dual Duty XP General Purpose thread

Coats Metallic Embroidery Thread

Fabric – medium or home dec weight in two coordinating prints: 3/8 yd each. Ribbon: 3 yards

### Additional Requirements

Sewing Machine

Fusible Polyester Fleece: 3/8 yard

Marking pen or pencil

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## Cutting instructions:

10" Square basket (shown):

Cut an 10 1/2" square from each print and from Fleece

Cut four (4) pieces of ribbon, 22" each

Variation:

10" x 12" Rectangular basket:

Cut a 10 1/2" x 12 1/2" rectangle from two prints and from Fleece

Cut two (2) pieces of ribbon 22"

Cut two (2) pieces of ribbon 24"

## Steps:

**1.** Thread machine with all-purpose thread on top and in bobbin.

**2.** Fuse fleece to the print selected as the outside of the basket.

**3.** Place prints, right sides together and pin. Using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch together on all sides leaving a 3" to 4" space open on one side for turning.

**4.** Clip corners diagonally to reduce bulk. Turn. Press, turning edges of opening to inside. (This will be sewn closed when topstitched.)

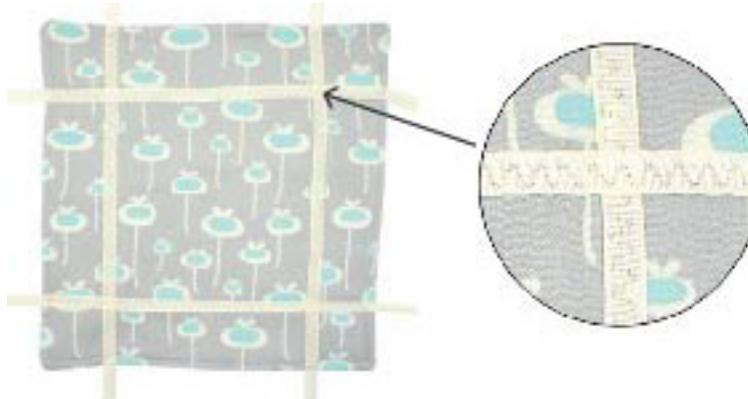
**5.** Topstitch all four sides of basket.

**6.** Measure and mark a line on fabric 2" from each edge



**7.** Measure 6" from end of ribbon, then place ribbon over marked line and pin. Pin ribbon to two of the parallel lines. Thread machine with Metallic thread on top and general purpose in the bobbin.

**8.** Select a decorative stitch. Starting at fabric edge, stitch ribbon in place. Repeat with intersecting parallel lines.



**9.** Bring ribbons together at each corner and tie to form basket.

## To create other sizes of baskets:

Any size rectangle or square can be used. When making a set, increase the size in 2" increments, i.e. 8 x 10, 10 x 12, 12 x 14. Always mark the placement of the ribbons 2 inches from the finished edges. The length of the ribbon is the length or width of the basket, plus 12 inches.