

# Golden Accents Holiday Basket

<b>Technique:</b>	Sewing, Decorative Stitching
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<b>Skill Level:</b>	Experienced Beginner
<b>Crafting Time:</b>	An evening
<b>Finished size:</b>	4" (10.16cm) square x 3" (7.62cm) tall

## Featuring Coats® Metallic Thread

Whether you fill it with sparkly gold balls or beautifully wrapped gourmet chocolates, this fun little basket is sure to be an eye catcher. Try out all those decorative stitches in your machine to embellish the sides and accent them with metallic bows.

## Supplies

- Coats® Metallic Thread
- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- ½ yd (30.48cm) ecru jacquard home décor fabric, 60" (152.40cm) wide
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) linen with metallic finish, 60" (152.40cm) wide
- ½ yd (30.48cm) fusible interfacing
- 2¼ yds metallic ribbon, ¾" (.95cm) wide
- Removable marker
- Seam sealant (*optional*)

## Cutting

**From jacquard home décor fabric, cut:**  
(1) square, 11" (27.94cm)

**From metallic linen, cut:**  
(1) square, 11" (27.94cm)

**From fusible interfacing, cut:**  
(1) square, 11" (27.94cm)

**From ribbon, cut:**  
(8) pieces, 10" (25.40cm)

**Note:** Seam allowances are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm).

## Preparation

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the linen square.
2. Draw lines on the right side of the fused linen square  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " (8.26cm) from each edge and crossing in the corners.

## Assemble the Outer Basket

1. Using metallic thread and decorative stitches, sew rows of stitches in each border area (*between the drawn lines and the fabric edge*). Make the border about 3" (7.62cm) wide and use the presser foot for spacing. Do not place stitches within the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (.64cm) seam allowance. Note that the rows of stitches will cross at the corners.
2. Baste one ribbon to the outer basket at each corner marking line, matching raw edges. Pin the free ribbon ends together in the center to avoid catching them in the outer basket seams.
3. Using a saucer, round each corner of the outer basket between the ribbons. Trim off the excess fabric.

## Assemble the Basket

1. Place the embellished outer basket right sides together with the jacquard square. Note that the jacquard square will be slightly larger than the stitched linen due to pull up that occurs with decorative stitching. Pin flat and be sure the ribbon ends are safely tucked to the middle.
2. Sew around the perimeter of the stitched outer basket, leaving a 3" (7.62cm) opening along one straight edge for turning. Be careful not to catch the ribbon free ends in this stitching.
3. Reinforce stitching over the area with the ribbons.
4. Trim the excess fabric to match the outer basket seam allowances. Zigzag the seam allowance edges together to prevent fraying.
5. Turn the basket right side out through the opening. Hand-stitch the opening edges together.
6. Lightly press the outer edges only and edgestitch. Stitch the center square to form the basket base.



### TIP

Many metallic ribbons are made from nylon, so be careful pressing to avoid melting ribbons.

## Finishing

1. Tie each set of corner ribbons into a bow, noting that the corner extensions can be on the inside or outside of the basket, depending on the desired look.
2. Trim the ribbon ends as needed and if the ribbon frays, coat each end with seam sealant.
3. When storing, untie the ribbons and the basket will lie flat.