

Festive Fabric Baskets

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Sew simple...an easy two-rectangle block is all you need to make these fabric baskets. Put them around your house for festive storage, or fill them with goodies and use them as gift bags.

Materials

- HUSQVARNA VIKING® sewing machine
- A Foot
- ¼" Edge Stitching Foot [412914146]
- Clear Stitch-in-Ditch Foot [412927446]
- INSPIRA® Universal Needles, size 90 [620098296]
- Bosal IN-R-Form foam stabilizer (12"x58")

- 1 roll The Warm Company ¼” wide Lite Steam-A-Seam 2 double stick fusible webbing
- ¼ yd green dot quilting cotton
- ¼ yard red dot quilting cotton
- ⅓ yard fabric C (coordinating print) for lining
- 1 yard of jumbo rick rack
- white sewing thread
- Straight pins
- Scissors
- Rotary cutter/cutting mat
- Ruler
- Iron and pressing surface

Cutting

From green dot:

4 WOF strips 1¾” wide

From red dot:

4 WOF strips 1¾” wide

From Fabric C:

2 pieces 10”Lx13”W

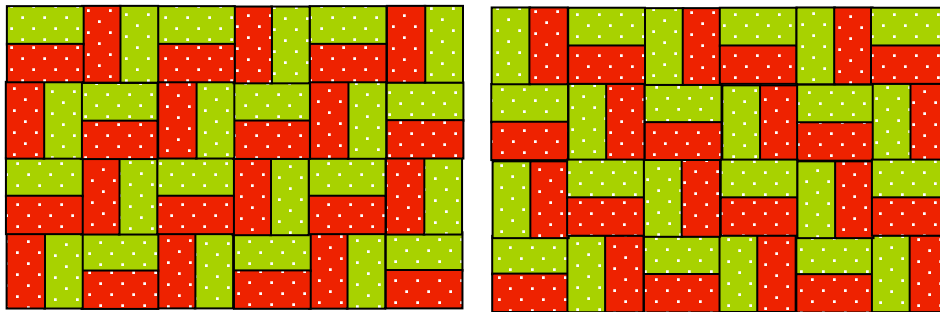
From In-R-Form:

2 pieces 10”Lx13”W

Sewing

1. Insert a size 90 universal needle and thread machine with white sewing thread. Snap on the ¼” **Edge Stitching Foot** and select **straight stitch**.

2. Place one green strip and one red strip right sides together. Position under the foot so the edge of the fabric aligns with the guide on the foot; sew. Press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Repeat for the other strips.
3. Cut the pieced strips into 3" squares. Arrange the squares to create the chevron pattern according to the diagram. Assemble four rows of six squares with 1/4" seams. Press. Join the rows together with 1/4" seams. Press.
4. Repeat to create a second unit that is the mirror image of the first unit.



5. Center the pieced units on top of the 10" x 13" pieces of IN-R-Form batting with the right side facing up, pin. Flip the unit over to sew from the IN-R-Form side; adjust the pins if necessary. Sew around all four sides 1/4" from the cut edge to baste the layers together. Trim the pieced unit to match the IN-R-Form.
6. Snap on the **Clear Stitch-in-Ditch Foot**. Stitch in the ditch of the seams, following the zigzag pattern to quilt the layers.
7. Attach the **A Foot**. Place the quilted units right sides together aligning cut edges; pin. Stitch around three sides with a 1/2" seam allowance. Leave the top edge open.
8. Clip the corners diagonally and press the seam allowances open. With right sides together, pull out one of the corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin. Measure and place a mark 3" up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked

- line to box the corner. Trim off the corner leaving a 1/2" seam allowance. Repeat for the second corner.
9. Construct the lining in the same manner, placing the two 10" x 13" rectangles of white tone on tone right sides together. Sew around three sides with 5/8" seam allowance to make the lining slightly smaller than the outer basket. Leave the top edge open.
 10. Clip the corners diagonally and press the seam allowances open. With right sides together, pull out one of the corners; match the side seam with the bottom seam and pin. Measure and place a mark 3" up from the corner. Draw a line across the corner at the marked point, perpendicular to the seam line. Stitch on the marked line to box the corner. Trim off the corner leaving a 1/2" seam allowance. Repeat for the second corner.
 11. Sew around the top of the pieced basket 3/8" from the edge.
 12. Pin jumbo rick rack to the right side of the basket around the top edge, using the stitching line as a guide. The dip of the scallop should be placed just slightly above the stitching line. Start at a side seam and leave a tail approximately 1 – 2" at both the beginning and the end. Fold back the tails at both ends to ensure that the raw edges are not caught in the stitching. Adjust the pins if necessary.
 13. Sew around the top of the basket 1/2" from the edge. Turn right side out and press the seam allowance to the inside of the basket.
 14. Place lining inside basket with wrong sides together. Tack the lining to the basket bottom at the corners.
 15. Press under 1/2" around the top edge of the lining. Pin lining to basket at the top edge, matching side seams and making sure that the scalloped edge of the rick rack sticks out between the lining and the basket.
 16. Apply narrow double sided fusible web according to manufacturer's instructions to hold the lining in place. Topstitch around the top of the basket close to the edge.

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