



# 1 Hour Basket Tutorial



## Materials:

½ yard exterior and handles fabric\*\*\*  
FQ of interior fabric  
Fusible fleece/Thermolam/Fusible Foam or similar

\*\*\* home dec weight recommended. You can make the exterior of the basket with just a FQ, but you will need additional materials to make the handles.

## Cutting:



From the exterior fabric:  
(2) 10.5"x16.5" rectangles\*\*\* for the basket  
(2) 5"x9" rectangles for handles

\*\*\*the top of the basket is along the 16.5" side so if you have a directional print, be sure the top of the print runs along the 16.5" side

From the interior fabric:  
(2) 10.5"x16.5" rectangles

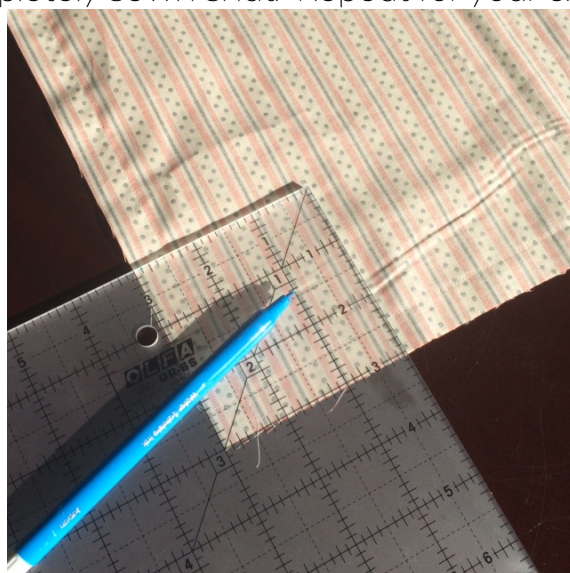
From the fusible fleece:  
(2) 10.5"x16.5" rectangles

### Assembly:

1. Fuse your fusible fleece (or desired interfacing) to the EXTERIOR basket pieces. Set aside.
2. Fold one of the 5"x9" exterior fabric rectangles in half lengthwise and press. Open it up then fold in both sides 1" toward the center crease. Press. Please note, you are NOT folding the edges all the way to the middle. Your finished handle should be about 1.5" wide when folded up. Once folded, top stitch down either side of the handle. Repeat for the other 5"x9" exterior rectangle. Set handles aside.



3. Pin the interior 10.5"x16.5" rectangles right sides together (RST). Using a ***5/8" seam allowance***, sew down both 10.5" sides. Sew along ONE 16.5" side leaving a 3" opening at the bottom for turning. Be sure to back stitch at each end of the opening. This piece will be your lining.
4. Pin the exterior 10.5"x16.5" rectangles with interfacing fused RST. Using a ***1/2" seam allowance***, sew down both 10.5" sides. Sew along ONE 16.5" side—if your print is directional, be sure you are sewing along the BOTTOM of the print! I would hate for you to finish your basket only to have the print upside down!
5. Draw a 3" square in the bottom corners of your lining piece. This should be in the corners that are completely sewn shut. Repeat for your exterior piece.



6. Cut out the squares drawn in step 5 on both the lining and exterior pieces.



7. Open up the corners (the areas you just cut out a square) and “nest” the seams, lining up the edges of the corners. Pin. Repeat for both exterior corners and lining corners.



8. Sew the 2 exterior and 2 lining corners shut using a *1/4" seam allowance*.





12. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew along the top of the basket, connecting the exterior and the lining.
13. Using the 3" opening left in the lining, turn the basket right side out. Carefully push out the corners of the basket and tuck the lining back inside.
14. Press the top edge of the basket carefully so that the lining is tucked in and not visible along the top edge of the basket. This is an important step to make your finished basket look cute! Take your time! Pin (or use clips) along the top of the basket to hold the lining in place. Top stitch along the edge using a 1/8" seam allowance. This will hold the lining in place and give your basket a more finished look.



15. Sew the opening in the lining shut using a 1/8" seam allowance. You're done!

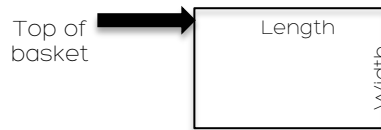




## Friends of the Hour Basket

Basket Name	Length*	Width	Square	Handle**	Opening for turning	Seam allowance***
Tracey	7.5"	4.5"	1.25"	(cut 2) 3"x4"	3"	1/4" : 3/8"
Melanie	10.5"	6.5"	2"	(cut 2) 3"x6"	3"	3/8" : 1/2"
Elena	13.5"	8.5"	2.5"	(cut 2) 4"x7.5"	3"	3/8" : 1/2"
Angela (Easter basket)	13.5"	10.5"	3"	5"x18.5"	3"	1/2" : 5/8"
Kelly (original)	16.5"	10.5"	3"	(cut 2) 5"x9"	3-4"	1/2" : 5/8"
Alli	18.5"	13.5"	3.5"	(cut 2) 5"x9.5"	5"	1/2" : 5/8"
Darci	20.5"	15.5"	4"	(cut 2) 5"x10.5"	5-6"	1/2" : 5/8"
Amanda (Tote bag)	18"	17.5"	2"	(cut 2) 4.5"x18"	5"	1/2" : 5/8"

\*The Length is the measurement that runs along the top of the basket. This is important if your fabric is directional



\*\*For the handle measurement, the first number is the width of the strap. The second measurement is the length of the strap. For strap folding directions, see the original basket instructions.

\*\*\*For the seam allowance, the measurement on the left is what should be used for assembling the EXTERIOR pieces and the measurement on the right is for assembling the INTERIOR pieces. This is to assure the lining fits snugly in the finished basket

#### Please Note:

- You will need to cut 2 exterior and 2 interior pieces according to the chart dimensions plus your chosen interfacing. I interface the exterior only.
  - Baskets are listed from smallest to largest.
- All of the sizes are constructed the same way as the original Hour Basket pattern with the exception of the handle placement in the Angela and the Amanda.
- The "square" measurement is the size of the square to be cut out of the bottom corners. See original pattern for full instructions.
- If you want to make nesting baskets, the Angela and the Amanda do NOT nest with the other sizes.
- Please read the entire updated pattern for suggestions on interfacing and tips on handle construction.

### Individual Basket Tips

Finished sizes given are approximate and can vary slightly depending on interfacing choice, fabric selection, and accuracy of seam allowance.

Tracey: 2"Height x 4"Length X 3"Depth



- Perfect for binding clips, sewing machine feet, or emergency candy!
- In lieu of making fabric handles, consider using twill tape or going handle-less
- I do NOT recommend using thick interfacing with this size basket. It is very small and does not need much in the way of interfacing to give it shape. For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and batting.

Melanie: 4"Height x 6"Length x 4"Depth



- Fits charm packs, small scraps, or notions.
- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and batting.

Elena: 5.5"Height x 8"Length x 5"Depth



- Great for fat quarter bundles (shown), small toys, books, or baby toiletries.
- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and batting.

Angela (Easter basket): 7"Height x 7"Length x 6"Depth



- Basket makes a great Easter basket or Halloween bucket-perfect for smaller hands.
- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and Pellon fusible foam.
- To attach the handle (not shown here), follow the original pattern instructions, but instead of offsetting the handle 1", center the **single** handle on the seam allowance where the sides of the basket join. Be sure the entire handle rests on the outside of the Exterior before attaching the lining. If you leave the handle inside the bucket created by the exterior pieces before you attach the lining, the



handle will be caught in between the lining and exterior when you turn the basket right side out.

- Warning! Attaching this handle will make the area around the seam VERY thick! Consider using a 90/10 needle. Go slow!

Kelly (original Hour Basket): 7"Height x 10"Length x 6"Depth



- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and Pellon fusible foam.

Ali: 9"Height x 11"Length x 7"Depth



- Easily store layer cakes (pictured), jelly rolls, lots of scraps, toys, towels, etc.
- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and Pellon fusible foam.

Darci: 11"Height x 12"Length x 8"Depth



- Large enough to hold two large lap size quilts (pictured), towels, and toys.
- For the basket pictured, I used ShapeFlex 101 and Pellon fusible foam.

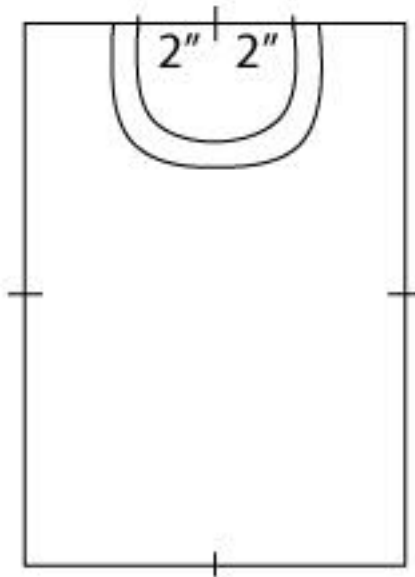


- If you are going to store heavier items in this basket, I would suggest cutting a piece of sturdy cardboard (like from an old box) approximately 12"x8" and place it in the bottom of your completed basket to provide sturdiness.
- If it will contain heavier items, like toys, top stitch a second time, approximately 1/4" down from your first round of topstitching, to further secure the handles on this basket. Since you will be picking the basket up by the handles a lot, the extra topstitching will help support the additional weight.
- You can place the ends of the handle up to 2" away from the center seam if desired. This is just a personal choice.

### Amanda (tote bag):



- Great bag for library books, groceries, the gym, or just running around.
- I used ONLY ShapeFlex 101 on the exterior of this bag. No other interfacing required. It is meant to be a lightweight tote. For more strength, use home dec or heavier weight fabric for your exterior.
- Increase length of straps if you want to carry the bag on your shoulder.
- To attach the handles, find the top center of each exterior piece of the bag. Place the end of one handle 2" to the right of center and place the other end of the handle 2" to the left of center. Pin, clip, or baste in place. The edges of the handle should be 4" apart.



## A Word About Interfacing

Most of the questions I get about the Hour Basket involve interfacing. In the original pattern, I recommended Shapeflex (SF101) and fusible fleece. Since then, I've found that for the Angela and any basket larger, fusible foam is best. Pellon makes great fusible foam, but if you cannot find the Pellon brand, look on Amazon or in your local store for whatever brand they carry. If they do not have fusible foam, but have sew-in foam (about ¼" thick), you can make this work by "fusing" the foam with basting spray like 505. I STRONGLY recommend using home dec weight fabric or fabric with a linen/cotton blend for the larger size baskets. It makes for a sturdier basket. I typically use Shapeflex 101 and fusible foam for all my larger sizes. For anything smaller than the Angela, I use a combination of Shapeflex and fusible fleece or batting (secured with basting spray). This does not mean you cannot use quilting cotton for the larger baskets, but you should keep in mind what the intended use of the basket is when selecting your exterior fabric. For example, if you are making a Darci to use for a toy basket, I would be sure to use a home dec weight fabric since you need the basket to carry some weight. Again, feel free to experiment with interfacing to see what works best for your machine and the style of finished basket you want. My pattern should be a jumping off point to personalize your own creation!

## Handle Options

If you are using quilting cotton to create handles, be warned that they will be light and often flimsy. This is totally fine for the smaller baskets where the handles are more decorative. For the larger sizes, however, I would suggest one of the below:

- Use home dec/heavier weight fabric for the handles
- Use cotton webbing/strapping
- Use nylon webbing. WARNING, this type of webbing will melt under an iron so don't press it! Ask me how I know! Ha ha!
- Interface your quilting cotton handles twice
- Insert a strip of batting, fusible fleece, or fusible foam approximately ½" less in width than your finished strap width before you topstitch the sides of the handle together.
- BEST RESULTS FOR QUILTING COTTON HANDLES is to insert cotton webbing that measure approximately ½" less in width than your finished strap width before you topstitch the sides of the handle together. I have done this many times when I wanted to use a quilting cotton print and the results were fantastic! The strap is super sturdy, but still has the cute quilting cotton print on the outside!

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