

FREE

batik - DIY fabric storage baskets



SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Fabric
 - 1 yard lining - canvas or duck cloth
 - 1-1/2 yards Pellon® 70 Peltex Sew-in Ultrafirm Stabilizer
 - 1/2 yard faux leather
 - Sewing machine
 - Thread
 - Scissors
- Pins or clips
 - *Optional handles – 1/2 yard of cotton twill belting and fray check, or- pre-made tote handles

DIRECTIONS:

Sizes:

Small Basket:

36"x12" sides
36"x3" band
12" circle bottom

Tall Basket:

34"x14" sides
34"x3" band
10" circle bottom

Cutting:

For the bottom: Cut three (3) circles - faux leather, lining and stabilizer

For the sides: Cut three (3) rectangles - fabric, lining and stabilizer

For the band: Cut one (1) - faux leather

Assembly:



To achieve the 'batik' look of these baskets, sew various pieces of fabric together until desired pattern is achieved. Then cut piece of fabric to specified 'side' rectangle.

Some of the various patterns used in these photos include Fabric Pattern Photo 1, 2, & 3.

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With right sides together, pin circle bottom to side rectangle. Start stitch 1 inch from fabric side edge, and sew all the way around until you reach the other side, using a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip basket shell where necessary, clipping the curved seam. Stitch center back of side seam.

1. Turn right side out. Press.



2. Repeat step 1-2 with lining fabric.
3. Trim 1/2" from stabilizer, around the edges of the bottom circle as well as long the top edge of the side piece.



4. Insert stabilizer into the exterior fabric basket shell.



5. Insert lining into the basket shell. With upper edges even, pin basket shell, stabilizer and lining together. Baste stitch around the top edge.



6. Fold band right sides together, and sew the back edge using a 1/2" seam allowance, creating a large band circle.

7. Pin right side of band to top basket edge, matching seams and upper raw edge. Sew.



8. Turn band to the inside of the basket, over top seam. Pin. Stitch close to lower edge of band.



9. *Optional Side Handles - Cut (2) 9" piece of cotton twill belting. Fray check ends and allow to dry.



10. Pin the bottom edge of both sides of the twill to upper edge of basket, approximately 4" away from each other. Sew a line back and forth to reinforce over edge of twill. Repeat for other handle on opposite side of basket.

11. If using store bought handles, follow handle instructions and attach to basket top edge.

Skill Level: Some Experience Necessary

Crafting Time: 1-2 hrs

Courtesy of Jess Abbott

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