

bird cage tea cozy

free

skill level 2



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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1/2 yd each cotton print fabrics for birdcage & lining
- 1/8 yd each two cotton fabrics for bird
- 1/2 yd Warm & Natural[®] batting
- 1/2 yd Insul-Bright[®] insulating material
- Fabric Fusion[®] glue
- 9 yds pink satin cording
- 1/4 yd narrow ribbon for bird legs
- Iron & ironing surface
- Sewing machine
- Walking foot
- Basic sewing supplies
- Water-erasable marker

DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure around tea pot and adjust the provided pattern to fit. The provided pattern fits a tea pot with a maximum 21" circumference.
2. From the birdcage pattern, cut two of the main and lining fabrics, batting and Insul-Bright[®].
3. Cut out bird body and wing patterns. Fold the bird body fabric in half with right sides together. Pin the bird body pattern to the fabric and trace around the pattern. With a short stitch length, sew around body on the traced line. Trim seam allowance to within 1/8" of the stitching. Cut a small slash through just the back side of the bird, turn the bird inside out through the slash and press. Repeat for bird wing. Make two of each piece if a bird is desired on each side of the tea cozy.
4. Transfer markings from the birdcage pattern to right side of both birdcage fabrics. Layer Insul-Bright, batting and marked fabric right side up and pin.
5. With the walking foot on, sew along the marked lines with a straight stitch.
6. Position bird on birdcage fabric. Adjust positioning so the lines of the cage, which are applied over the bird, don't cross bird in an undesired manner. When in position, lift bird and wing and apply some glue around the underside. Put back in place. Cut ribbon in half and glue in place for legs. Cut off excess ribbon.
7. Run a thin line of glue on the stitched lines, working about 8" at a time. Immediately place the rat tail cording on the glue. Work another 8" or so until one of the vertical birdcage lines is covered with rat tail cording. Repeat, working all the vertical lines. Allow the glue to dry. Apply the cord to the horizontal lines and allow to dry.
8. With a small amount of the cording, braid a 3" strip. Fold braided strip in half and baste to the top of the birdcage with loop facing into birdcage and ends at the seam allowance.
9. With right sides together, sew the two birdcage sections together along the sides and top. Turn inside out.
10. Run a thin line of glue in the seam and place a length of rat tail cording in the seam. Allow to dry.

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Skill Level 2: some experience necessary

Approx. Crafting Time: 6 hrs + drying time

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11. With lining fabric right sides together, sew along the sides and top using a $3/8$ " seam allowance and leaving a 5" opening at the top for turning. Press seams open.
12. Slip the lining over the birdcage, right sides together and pin in place. Sew together. Turn through the lining opening and press.
13. Top stitch about $3/4$ " from the bottom edge

