

Scarecrow Basket with Bow

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Supplies for Lined Basket and Bow:

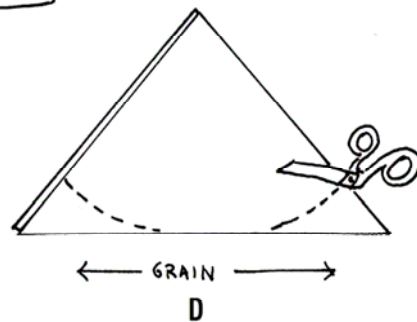
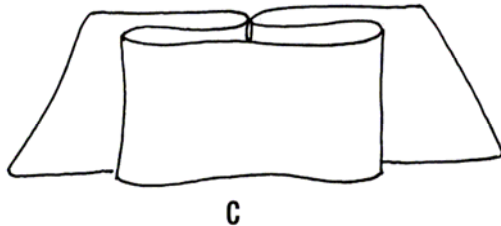
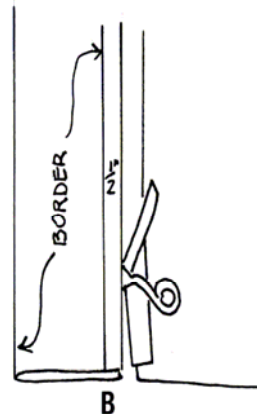
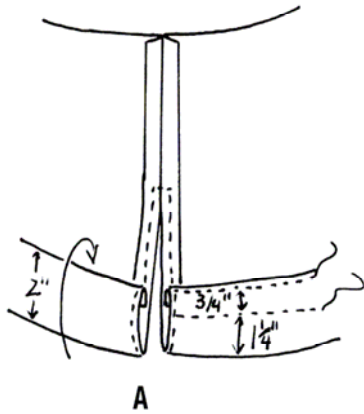
- Large basket with handle, 12" to 15" in diameter
- 1-1/2 yd. Fabric for liner (depending on basket size)
- 1-1/2 yd. Wide border print for bow
- Lightweight interfacing

Supplies for Scarecrow:

- 1 pc. Muslin for head , 7" x 16"
- 1 pc. Red felt for hat, 14" x 14"
- 1 pc. Fabric for shirt sleeves, 8" x 18"
- 1 pc. Fabric for shirt back, 7" x 16"
- 1 pc. Bias strip for hat band, 1-1/2" x 18"
- Narrow border fabric for ties
- 1 square Black felt for eyes
- 3 buttons for eyes and nose, 1/2" diameter
- Red embroidery floss
- Polyester fiberfill
- Raffia
- 1/2 to 1 cup Weighting pellets
- Matching threads
- Tacky glue

Directions for Lined Basket and Bow:

1. Measure the diameter of the inside bottom of the basket. Add 1" and cut a circle from the liner fabric with that measurement.
2. Measure the inside height of the basket wall and write this figure, A, down. Add 7-1/2" to this measurement and write that figure, B, down. Cut 2 full widths of the liner fabric each equal in length to measurement B. Trim selvages as desired.
3. Pin the short edges together to create a continuous band. Starting at one raw edge, stitch a seam as long as measurement A and back-tack. Repeat at the opposite seam. Press seam allowances open.
4. Press 1/2" under along the edge with the slits. Press again 2" for ruffle and casing. Topstitch along first fold. Topstitch again, 1-1/4" from second fold. (Refer to Diagram 1.) Press.
5. Sew a basting stitch 1/2" from opposite raw edge. Gently pull bobbin thread up to gather edge and pin to circle, evenly distributing gathers to fit. Stitch using a 1/2" seam allowance.
6. Measure around outside rim of basket. Using either the liner fabric or the border print, cut 3 strips 1-3/4" wide and the length of the rim measurement. Reserve enough border print for the bow. Press under 1/4" along both long edges. Fold in half lengthwise and topstitch first folds together to make 2 liner drawstrings and 1 bow knot for later use. Press. Thread 1 drawstring through casing along 1 side of basket liner. Repeat with second drawstring through casing on opposite side.
7. Place liner in basket with slits at the handles. Pull each drawstring to gather ruffles around the outside of the basket rim. Tie drawstrings at each handle and trim ends as desired.
8. For the bow, calculate cutting width to best use the border print. Mark a line 1/2" from the border edge toward the selvage. Fold the fabric in half along opposite border edge and cut on the line through both layers. (Refer to Diagram 2).



Cut fabric strip 48" long. Apply interfacing to wrong side of bow. Fold in half lengthwise and stitch long edges together using 1/2" seam allowance. Leave a 4" opening in the center of this seam for turning later. Press seam allowances open. With seam along one edge, stitch bow ends at an angle or straight across as desired. Turn right sides out through opening. Press. Slipstitch opening closed.

9. Arrange bow loops and streamers as desired. (Refer to diagram 3.) Baste layers together and cinch in the center. Tie knot (the one made in step 6) securely around center of bow to hold in place. Use extra length to tie to basket handle as desired.

Directions for Scarecrow:

All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

1. Fold muslin in half, bringing short ends together. Stitch only along sides, leaving end open. Turn. Stuff gently with fiberfill. Cinch open end about 2" from raw edges. Insert raffia to fill as desired and hand-tack cinching closed.
2. Fold red felt hat square in half diagonally and cut along the fold line. Fold 1 triangle in half, bringing narrow corners together. Cut straight grain edges into a curved shape through both layers. (Refer to diagram 4.) Stitch bias edges together to make a cone. Turn. Hand-baste approximately 1" up from the curved edge. Gently pull basting thread to gather hat and adjust gathers on scarecrow head. Securely tie threads as needed. Press edges of bias strip for hat band 1/4" under. Slightly fringe raw edges of brim. Glue or tack band to hat around gathers and trim excess.
3. Cut 3 felt circles about the size of a quarter. Trim edges to make triangles. Pin to scarecrow face for eyes and nose. Embroider a mouth on face. Stitch buttons through each triangle and glue corners to secure as needed. Insert raffia ends under hat brim and glue or tack hat securely to head.
4. Fold sleeve rectangle in half lengthwise and stitch long edges together to make a tube. Turn. Minimally stuff tube with fiberfill. Cinch ends 1" from raw edges and insert raffia as desired. Cinch center of tube to divide arms and stitch to secure.
5. Place head in front of arms with neck gathering pinned to division in arm tube. Tack in place.
6. Fold shirt back fabric in half, bringing the short ends together. Stitch only along sides, leaving end open; turn. Pour weighting pellets into the opening. Close top with gathering stitches 1/2" from the top and pull thread to draw in top to about 3". Fold gathered end under and hand stitch to back of arms behind the head.
7. Arrange scarecrow with arms and head "leaning" out of the basket. Glue to basket. Tuck in hat peak and arrange brim as desired.

Skill Level: Some experience helpful

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