

8 INCH EASTER BASKET INSTRUCTIONS



As our Girls get older, we are moving away from giving them lots of Chocolate at Easter, so I created this Easter basket, that, as pictured, fits a small soft toy, with a small amount of room for a few eggs.

We created the sides completely in the 5x7 hoop, but if you have a smaller hoop you can sew the blocks together with your sewing machine

Finished Size: 7.5 inches

MATERIALS TO MAKE BASKET

- Cut- away Stabiliser
- Pellon/thin batting
- Four Different Side Fabrics **see measurements below
- Four 5 inch squares – inner block fabric
- ¼ metre Lining Fabric
- One 15 by 5 inch strip for handle
- Embroidery Thread
- Construction Thread
- ** Timetex or hard cardboard to reinforce the sides and bottom **optional**

PREPARATION

From Four sides fabrics

- Cut one 3 inch strip across the width of the fabric then cross-cut
 - Two 9 inch strips
 - Two 6 inch strips

From Lining

- Cut one panel 8 inches by 30.5 inches
- Cut one 8 by 8 inch square for bottom

From Handle Fabric

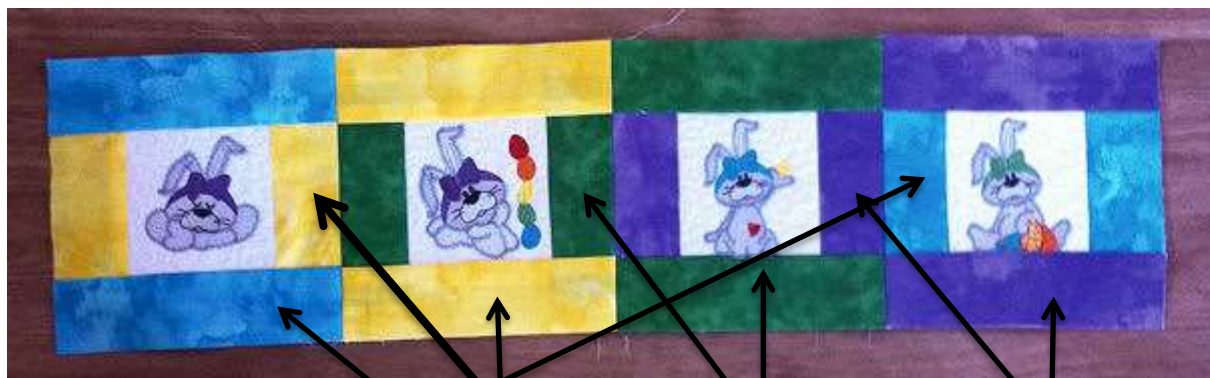
- Cut one 15 by 5 inch panel

From Pellon/Batting

- Cut one length 7.5 by 30 inch

From Cardboard/Timetex **optional

- Cut four panels 7.5 by 7.5 inch
- Cut one 7.5 inch square



Label your 4 different side fabrics A B C D

As pictured, label your side fabrics so you can use correct fabrics when embroidering

You will have two short and two long strips


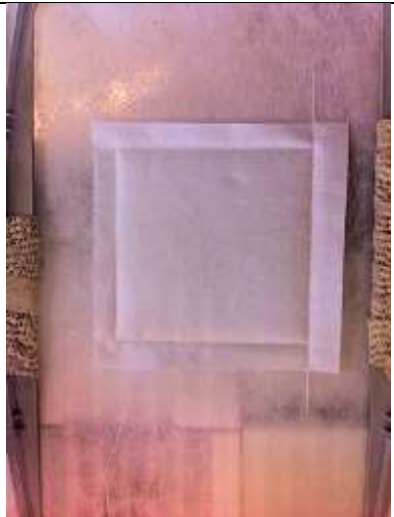

EMBROIDERY

If you have a 4x4 hoop only – please embroider your four Bunnies on white fabric, cut each block down to 4.5 inch square, and attach your fabric strips on your sewing machine in the same order



Pictures show 2nd block – we used Fabric B for bottoms and C for sides



***The blocks are embroidered sideways, (just to confuse you!!)

- Hoop Cut-away Stabiliser
- Thread machine with the color you wish to do the stippling on the block (or a neutral color)

	<p>Stitch Color 1 which stitches the inner block placement</p> <p>Place your 5 inch inner block fabric over the stitched guideline</p> <p>Stitch Color 2 which attaches the fabric, and adds the side guidelines ** don't worry that the stitching goes beyond the 'square' – this is the guideline for the sides.</p>	
	<p>Take your side fabric (smaller 6 inch piece) - We used Fabric C</p> <p>As pictured place the fabric wrong-side facing hoop over the guideline with about ¼ allowance</p> <p>Stitch Color 3 which attaches the fabric Flip the fabric back and finger press</p>	


Do the same again with the bottom side piece

	<p>Take your side fabric (smaller 6 inch piece) - We used Fabric C As pictured place the fabric wrong-side facing hoop over the guideline with about ¼ allowance</p> <p>Stitch Color 4 which attaches the fabric Flip the fabric back and finger press</p>	
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	<p>Take your Top fabric (9 inch piece) - We used Fabric B Place the fabric wrong-side facing hoop over the guideline with about ¼ allowance – Left-hand side first Stitch Color 5 which attaches the fabric Flip the fabric back and finger press And again with the right-hand side piece</p>	
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Stitch Color 6 which attaches the fabric then flip the fabric back and finger press

Stitch Color 7 which is the background stippling

	<p>Continue on with your chosen design, using your chosen colors as per the attached EasterBunnyColors Document.</p>
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HANDLES

	<p>Hoop Cutaway Stabiliser Stitch Color 1 which is a guideline for the embroidery.</p> <p>Place your handle fabric over the guidelines – aligning centre of your fabric with centre of design</p> <p>Stitch Color 2 which (as pictured) bastes the fabric to the stabiliser</p>	
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Complete embroidery following colors in the EasterBunnyColor PDF

CONSTRUCTION



- Cut your embroidered panel down to 14 by 4.5 inches
- With right-sides together, fold in half and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along the edge
- Turn to right side and press

Cut your embroidered panels down to 8 by 8 inch



Line your blocks up
As pictured, and stitch
together with $\frac{1}{4}$ seams



To attach handle, as
pictured, mark centre
of block 1 and 3, then
with right-sides
together pin the handle
to block 1 – and mark
centre of block 3



With right-sides together,
Place your lining fabric over
the panel, and pin to block 1
1nd 2

Stitch using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam



Really hard to show, but
once you have stitched over
the handle, you then pin the
other side of the handle to
Block 3 (right-sides
together), then complete
pinning lining, and complete
the seam



Open out the panel (as
pictured – the handle
sticks out)

Press your pellon to the
wrong side of the
embroidered blocks

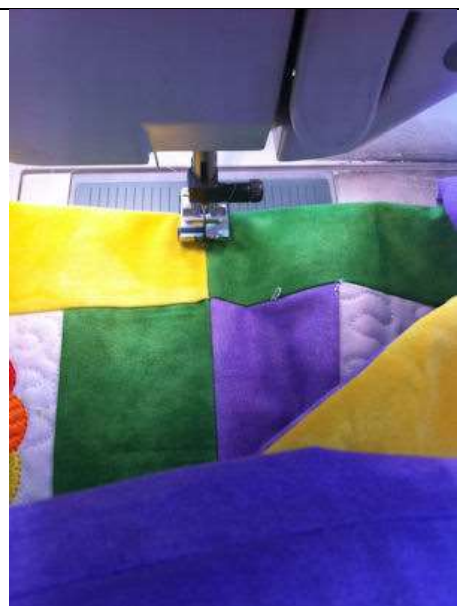
With right-sides
together, pin the sides
together and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$
seam





You will now have a
circle.

Turn to the wrong
side and press

Top Stitch (from the
right-side) down the
four sides



****optional** If you wish to add strength to the basket, you can add Timetex or, as I have done, cardboard to the sides.

	<p>You simply slip the cardboard into the pockets the top stitching has created.</p> <p>You will probably need to trim edges back a little to get them to fit in nicely – and ensure that the cardboard finishes at least ¼ inch from open edge, so it will be away from the stitching line.</p>	
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<p>Turn your basket, so the embroidered panels are inside.</p> <p>Place and pin your 8 by 8 inch square to the box sides</p> <p>This is one of those times, that you need to hold your tongue right!! I found it easier to just pin the 4 corners and mid point of each side, then ease in place at the machine</p>		<p>Start ¼ inch from corner, stop stitching at ¼ inch from next corner. Keep needle down, and pivot the box around and start stitching again.</p> <p>Done! Zig zag the edges</p>
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Turn to right-side and you have a very cute basket

I really pondered about the bottom of the box. I thought about all the whizzy things I could embroider and sew to cover up the zig zag edges and bottom of the box.

In the end, I decided I was being too fussy. *Just because I sew, doesn't mean everything has to be sewn*

So..



I cut a 7.5 inch square of cardboard, and as pictured, using the 10inch square I folded and glued fabric to the cardboard. Once dry, I placed it right-side up into the bottom of the box.

