

Quilted Holiday Bread Basket Cover Skill Level: Intermediate

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Quilt your own fabric and make this super adorable chicken bread basket cover. Adds pizzazz to any table top. Pass the dinner rolls please!

Fabrics Needed

Exterior fabric patterned cotton Lining fabric solid color cotton Felt fabric (can be felt squares)

Materials Needed

Legacy L-971 Extra Loft Fusible Fleece 6mm (1/4") double fold bias tape Thread Small black buttons 6mm (1/4") wide elastic Quilt basting spray Small oval basket, no handles

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies Rotary cutter and related supplies Disappearing ink pen 50cm 50cm Two colors

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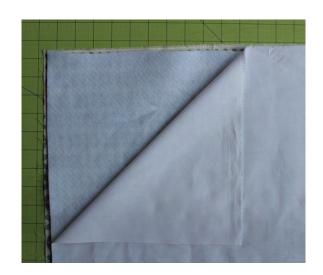
Assembly

Step 1. Cut one 19" x 28" rectangle each of Extra Loft Fusible Fleece, exterior fabric, and lining fabric.

Step 2. Place the fusible side of the Extra Loft Fusible Fleece on the wrong side of the exterior fabric. Fuse following manufacturer's instructions.



Step 3. Spray a small amount of quilt basting spray onto the lining fabric. Let it sit for a few minutes, then place it onto the Extra Loft Fusible Fleece. Starting in the center, gently smooth the wrinkles out.



Step 4. Fold in half and hand press to mark the center. Mark the center of the fabric at the top and bottom with a fabric marking pen. Measure 9" out from the center marks and mark again at the top and bottom. Draw a line connecting these marks to create an X.



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Step 5. Place ruler, aligning it with the X. Measure out 2" from the line and draw a line. Follow each previous line and trace lines in both directions. Grid the entire rectangle of fabric.



Step 6. Machine quilt along all drawn lines.

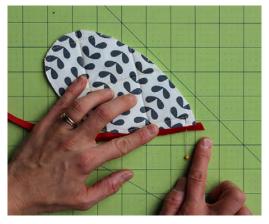
Step 7. Print templates found on pages 7 through 9. Cut out the templates and tape the chicken body templates along the dashed line. Cut two pieces of the chicken body and wing from the quilted fabric. Pieces should be mirror images of each other. Transfer marking for placement of beak, wattle, and comb.



Step 8. Cut one piece each of the wattle, comb and beak from felt. Fold the beak in half.

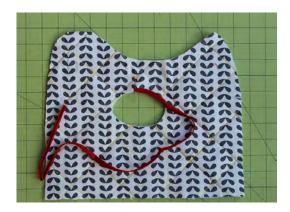


Step 9. Cut one 18½" piece of bias tape for each wing. Pin one end of the bias binding at the tip of the wing. Stitch the bias binding down around the entire wing, tucking the ends in for a clean finish at the end. Repeat for second wing.



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Step 10. Cut one 16" piece each of bias tape for the body oval. Pin one end of the bias binding at the top of the interior oval. Stitch the bias binding down around the oval, tucking and overlapping the ends. Repeat for other oval.



Step 11. Matching the transferred marks made on the chicken's head, place the beak, comb and wattle on the right side of one of the chicken bodies. All felt pieces should be facing inwards. The fold of the beak should be at the top. Pin in place to hold.



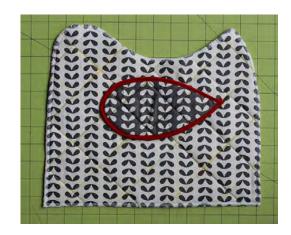
Step 12. Measure %" upwards from the center of the oval and mark with a disappearing fabric pen. Repeat for other oval.



Step 13. Pin wing in place. Topstitch the top part of the wing down, starting and stopping 1" from each end. Follow existing stitching line and backstitch at each end. Repeat for other wing.



Step 14. Finish all raw edges around the chicken bodies with a serger or zigzag stitch.



Step 15. Place chicken body pieces right sides together. Pin to hold. Stitch around three edges using a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving the bottom edge open. Press seams flat, then open seams and press again.



Step 16. Measure and turn up bottom edge 1/2". Press.



Step 17. Stitch a seam, leaving a small opening to insert elastic.



Step 18. Cut one 15" piece of elastic. Place a pin at one end and insert the elastic into the bottom band. Carefully pull elastic through to the opposite opening. Adjust gathers and test on the oval wicker basket. Stitch ends of elastic together. Stitch opening closed.



Step 19. Handstitch black button onto each side of the chicken's face.



