

Young Quilters Project

Would you like a container for your hair grips? Are you wondering where to put your Easter eggs? How about making a nice gift for your best friend? Here is an idea.

You need:

2x10 inch squares of different fabrics

1x10 inch square of wadding

4x25 inch long narrow ribbon

thread to match or to contrast the fabrics and ribbons

sewing machine, iron, drum stick or Chinese chop stick (optional)

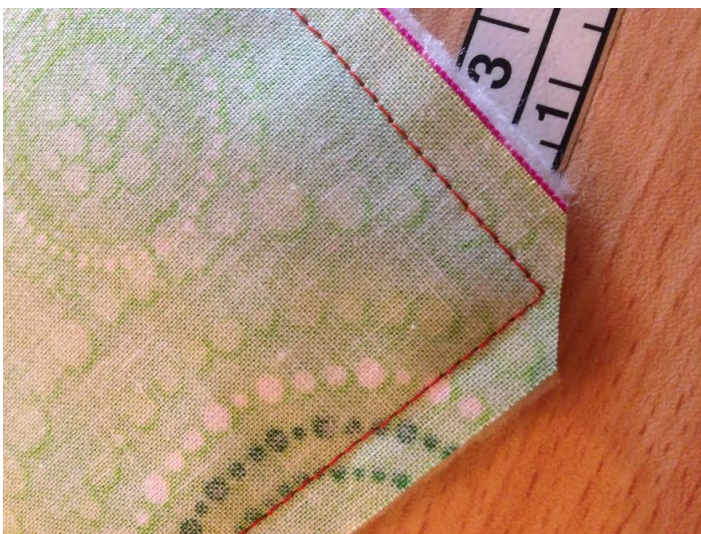


Step-by-Step of how to make this square tray:

1. Make a sandwich by putting one of your fabrics squares, right side up, on top of the wadding, and the other fabric square right side down on top of the first fabric. Pin the layers securely together.
2. Sew around all 4 sides of your sandwich, a 1/4 inch from the edge, leaving a 3 inch gap in the middle of one side.



3. Trim across all 4 corners.



4. Turn the fabric sandwich inside out. Something like a drum stick or a chop stick will help with the corners.

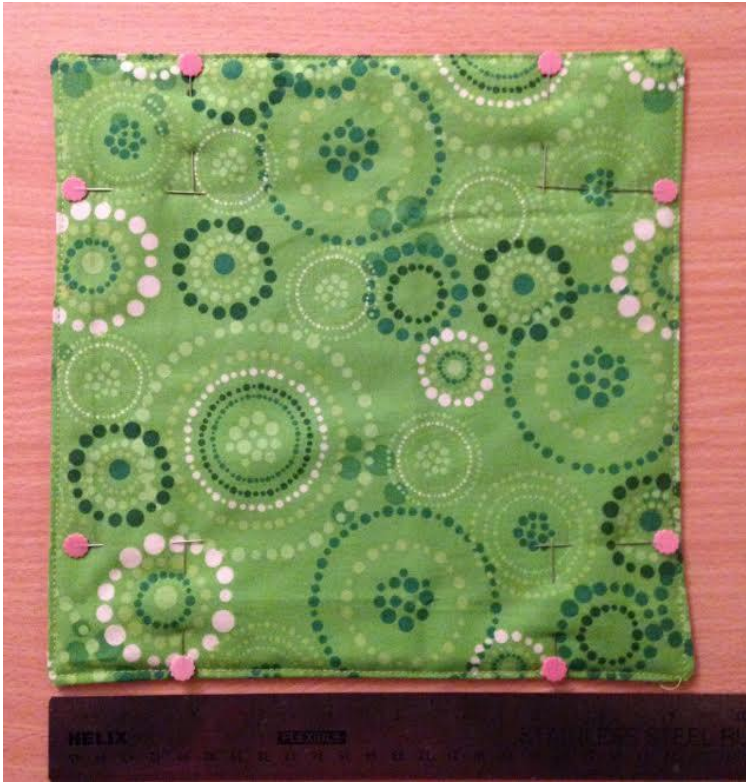
5. Top stitch close to the edge around all four sides.

If you want to do some extra quilting on your square, now is the time.



6. Measure from each corner in both directions and place a pin at 2 inches.

7. Pin the ribbons in place, leaving an equal tail at each end, and sew the ribbons down.



8. Tie the ribbons to form the basket. Done!



When you are not using your basket, undo the ribbons and you the flat little quilt is easy to store. I'm going to make some baskets for my granddaughters for Easter. You can adjust the size of the basket and it's depth by changing the size of the squares and the distance from the corners to the ribbons.

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