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Basket pincushion

A handy little pincushion to keep by the machine

Size: 3 inches



Requirements

Scraps of fabric – I used two fabrics, you can use anything from one to four.

See below for sizes of scraps

Some wadding scraps for stuffing.

Cutting

For top and bottom of basket cut a 3 inch circle for each.

For basket side cut a 3 x 9½ inch strip

For handle cut a 1 x 9 inch strip.



Basket body

You can choose to make this by hand or machine. I used my machine but it was a bit fiddly at times!

1. Stitch the short edges of the side strip together to make a round.
2. Stitch the base of the basket to the side – right sides together, pin and stitch the circle to one long edge. This is fiddly on the machine.
3. In the same way, pin and stitch the top of the basket to the other long edge of the side piece. Do **not** stitch all the way round – you need to leave a gap to turn through.

4. Turn through to the right sides and roll the top edge down about ½ inch. Finger press the top edge.

5. Tear the wadding scraps and use them to stuff the pincushion through the gap left in the top. Don't stuff it too full as you want the top to remain below the top of the basket sides – see picture.

6. Tuck in the seam allowance on the top circle piece and stitch all round the edge of this piece so that you catch the seam allowance down.



Handle

1. Press under ¼ inch on both long sides of the handle strip.
2. Fold in half lengthways and press again.
3. Stitch folded edges together as close to the edge as you can.
4. Fold up about ½ inch on each end and stitch the ends of the handle to the inside edges of the basket top. You can cut the handle shorter if you feel it is too long.



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