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BOXES, BASKETS, AND BAGS! – OH MY!





The Fun, Fast, Easy Way to Cut & Sew a Variety of Boxes, Baskets & Bags ~

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In this webinar, you'll how to make:

• Great boxes using a basic house shape.

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• Great baskets using a basic circle shape.

Plus, you'll:

- See some cute bags from both the house & circle shapes.
- Learn how to cut multiple layers accurately & consistently.
- Learn a few sewing tricks ~
- See great ideas for using boxes & baskets for gifting!



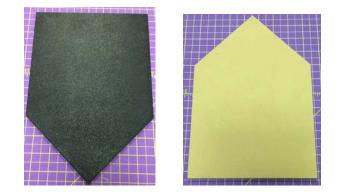






CREATING BOXES & BAGS

With a basic house shape, you can create all of these projects & more!

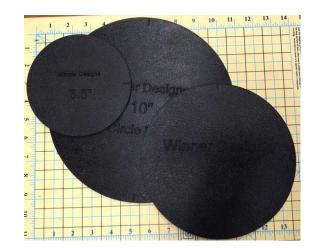


Get a Grip Templates make cutting accurate, consistent, fast & easy!



CREATING BASKETS & BAGS

With a basic circle shape, you can create all of these projects & more!



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WHY BOXES, BASKETS & BAGS

No matter how many you have, you always want more!





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WHY BOXES, BASKETS & BAGS

Boxes and baskets are great for:

- Organization
- Storage
- Decoration
- A "Gift in a Gift"
- Holidays
- Special Occasions







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WHY BOXES, BASKETS & BAGS

Plus....

They're just plain fun to make and to give!!!



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CUTTING WITH THE GET A GRIP TEMPLATE

- 1. Cut.
- 2. Turn. Cut.
- 3. Turn. Cut.
- 4. Turn. Cut.
- 5. Turn. Cut.
- 6. Done!

Grabs the fabric Cuts multiple layers No slipping

No paper template to lose or cut by mistake.

No need to "Measure. Cut. Measure. Cut."

Cut 4-8 layers – no slipping; no kidding!



Cut Side 1.

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Turn fabric & template. Cut Side 2.



Turn. Cut Side 3.



Turn. Cut Side 4.



Turn. Cut Side 5.

6.



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The Basic Box







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4 Outside House Shapes4 Inside Lining Shapes









BASIC BOX CONSTRUCTION

- 1. Roof to Roof
- 2. Roofs to Roofs
- 3. Side to Side
- 4. Repeat for Lining
- 5. Inside Outside RST
- 6. Fold or sew together







Roofs Sewn











Sides Sewn

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ROOF TO ROOF OUTSIDE FABRIC

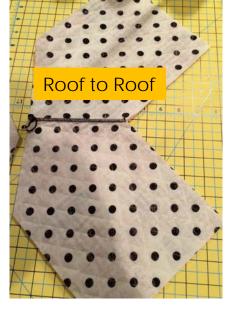


1. Grab 4 outside pieces.



3. Choose your favorite seam guide foot.

Seam allowance can be ¼" or 3/8". Just be consistent.



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2. Clip or pin a roof to roof for outside.

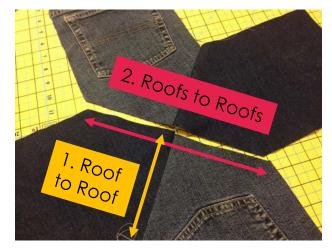


4. Stitch roof to roof.

5. These projects are great for sergers, too!



ROOFS TO ROOFS OUTSIDE FABRICS



Roofs to Roofs

- 1. Clip or pin sides together.
- 2. Sew or serge roofs together

Stitched together

If using a double sided pre-quilted material, decide which will be used as the 'shown' fabric.





Tip:

Match up center seams & start just before center. Stitch 2nd half then turn in opposite direction & stitch other side.



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SIDE TO SIDE OUTSIDE FABRICS



Once roofs are done, it's time to sew sides together.

Clip or pin if needed.



Starting at the top edge, join one side to another

Lock stitches at beginning & end

Tip: Hold fabric in place rather than backstitch



Depending on the fabric choice, you may have a stabilizer or fusible or batting.

Trimming is based on bulk of outside, inside & batting/fusible. You don't always need to trim!





Turn right sides out. It's starting to take shape!

Use your hands to push out those corners and give this shape.

Move to the sides seams; push them out a bit.

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2. Roofs to Roofs

REPEAT FOR INSIDE LINING



1. Roof to Roof

Add arrow



3. Side to Side



Leave a 3" opening in one side for turning later



4. Opening for Turning

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ASSEMBLY LINE CUTTING & SEWING

Because the Get a Grip material really does 'grab', you can cut 8-10 house shapes of quilting cotton fabric at a time.

If you've got lots of boxes to make, assembly line cutting & sewing is the way to go!





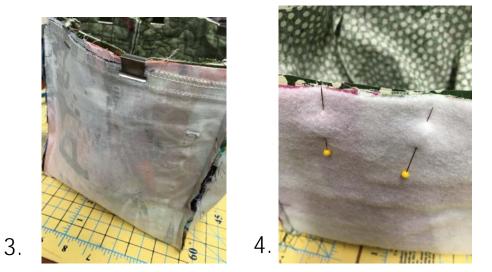
INSIDE TO OUTSIDE





With <u>**right sides together**</u>, place the lining inside the outside box.

Play around a bit, matching up corners & pushing the inside layer down so that seams line up.



Clip or pin raw edge of lining to raw edge of outside, checking on seams and bottom corners to see that they still match.



INSIDE TO OUTSIDE







- If possible, set your machine up for free arm sewing.
- Use your favorite straight edge foot to sew outside to inside.
- Choose an appropriate seam allowance based on bulk & inconsistencies of fabric.
- ¼" works for plain cotton; 3/8" works best for bulky or inconsistent fabrics.
- As you sew, check ahead to see that the oustside & insides seams are lining up.



TURNING & FINISHING





Reach inside & grab! Carefully but firmly start to pull the outside layers through the opening.





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Give everything a good press, lining up the inside & outside corners & sides.



When everything is to your liking, pull out the inside and close turning area. Use fabric glue, Sealah permanent tape, sew by hand or sew by machine.



That's it – check out your box!



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Material Choices

- Quilting Cottons, Linens, Twills, Flannel
- Novelty Fabrics with Focal Pieces
- Pre-Quilted Materials
- Practice Pieces Stippling or Quilt Blocks
- Placemats, Table Runners





A Flannel Backed Table Cloth is a fun choice because they come in a variety of holiday themes & great patterns! • Oil Cloth, Laminated Fabric, Felt, Leather, Pleather

- Blue Jeans, Clothing, Felted Sweaters
- Drop Cloths, Recycled Bags

*Regular Box Bag Template is 11" x 7 ½" so Larger scraps & Fat Quarters are great!

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TYPES OF BOXES - LINED





1. Basic Lined Box



5. Blue Jeans Box



2. Basic Folded Down



6. Quilt Blocks, Crazy Quilt



3. Taller Inside Sewn



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4. Taller Inside Fold Over



7. Box with Lid



8. Box with Handles

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TYPES OF BOXES – LINED & UNLINED



9. Box with Pockets



10. Oil Cloth



11. Embellished



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12. Embroidery



14. Raw Edge - Felt, Leather, Pleather



13. Seam Binding - Placemat, Table Runner, Oil Cloth

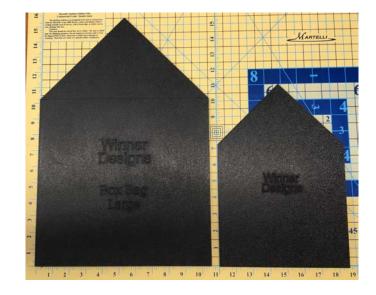
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BRAND NEW – LARGE BOX BAG TEMPLATE!

The Large Box Bag Template lets you do all of the projects done with the Regular Box Bag & more! Perfect for storage cubes & gift baskets~



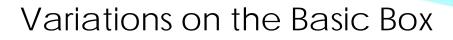


Regular Box Bag - 7 5/8" x 11 ¼" Large Box Bag - 10 ½" x 15 ½"





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Taller Inside Sewn Together

In this variation, we'll add length to the 4 inner pieces allowing the lining to show on the outside.

Decide how much inner fabric you want to show on the outside.

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Tip: A smaller 'lip' tends to look better & is more easy to manage. I like an extra $1'' - 1 \frac{1}{2}''$.

You can use your mat for measuring but you can also just 'wing' it!

- To cut, start at the straight edge and cut one side side 1. Pick up the template and move it forward & line up the edge with the cut previously made.
- 2. Continue to cut side 2 then turn the template & cut side 3.
- 3. Cut side 4 & move the template 2" to complete side 4.



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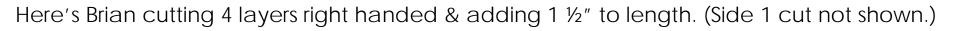
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ADDING LENGTH

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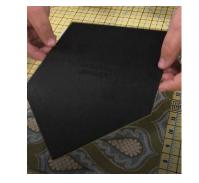














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Cut Side 2. Cut to template edge. Use corner as guide. Use mat for measuring. Reposition template. Finish Side 2 cut.



Turn template. Cut Side 3. Turn template. Cut Side 4. Reposition template 1 1/2" using mat. Finish Side 4. 4 perfect layers!

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ADDING LENGTH

Or.....

Use your ruler to line up along the edge of the template & cut the additional length.







Variations on the Basic Box

Shorter? Taller?



A shorter box typically makes a better gift basket since you can see the items inside.

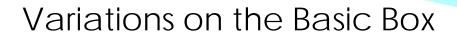
But..... You can also use the Box Bag Template to make



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The left box has same size fabrics for inside & outside.

The right has fabric longer inside linings to fold over but still keep the box height.



Taller Inside Fold Over

In this variation, we'll add length to the 4 inside lining pieces allowing the lining to <u>fold over</u> & show on the outside.

Decide how much inner fabric you want to show on the outside.

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- Tip: When in doubt, go for more. You can always trim later. I like an extra 2+". Use your mat for measuring or another ruler butted up to the template or you can also just 'wing' it!
- 1. To cut, start at the straight edge and cut Side 1. Pick up the template and move it forward & line up the edge with the cut previously made.
- 2. Continue to cut Side 2 then turn the template & cut Side 3.
- 3. Cut side 4 & move the template forward to complete Side 4.



Notice the blue fabrics are longer than the flower fabrics.



Variations on the Basic Box

Taller Inside Fold Over

To finish, you can:

- 1. Sew it in place as shown in the orange & pink. Or....
- 2. Use a '<u>cheater</u>' material like fabric glue.

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- 3. Or my favorite use Sealah, a permanent tape
 - 1. This makes it super easy to add a stiff material inside that you couldn't sew through.
 - 2. In the Polka Dot Paris piece, the inside was folded down & topstitched but not attached to the outside piece.



Fold down & topstitch. Then fold down again & topstitch.







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Fold down & topstitch. Then fold down & add a permanent tape like Sealah!

Or....



In this <u>variation</u>, we'll use blue jeans & their pockets to add some interest.

If you want to use the blue jeans back pockets, the Fussy Cut Frame will help you center the pocket.

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Note: The bottom of the box is where the square part of the template ends. The pocket should be above that.



The Fussy Cut Frame let's you perfectly place the pocket!



Variations on the Basic Box Selecting Blue Jeans

When it comes to blues jeans, bigger is almost always better!

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If thrift store shopping, ask the color of the day or week is & stick to that color tag to get the best price. If you are a senior, don't be embarrassed to ask for the discount!

Head to the largest size of women's jeans& look for interesting details.

- 1. Pockets there are some great pockets out there so start there 1st!
- 2. Embellishments look for embroidery on the pockets, legs, sides
- 3. Color blue jeans come in a variety of colors so go for it!
- 4. Pattern you can find some great patterns if you look.
- 5. Legs Skinny jeans don't offer a lot of 'real; estate' so check out the bottoms!
- 6. Mens jeans are often utilitarian so they won't usually have interesting pockets. BUT... there are fancy men's jeans out there so don't skip the men's section.
- 7. Juniors often have great embellishments but they run smaller & narrower. Bring your Box Bag Template along to check!





Variations on the Basic Box ³³ Deconstructing Blue Jeans

Before we can start, we need to take our jeans apart!

Blue jeans can be difficult to cut – even with a rotary cutter - because of the bulk & the seams involved.

Tip:

- 1. Use a combination of sharp scissors, rotary cutter & surgical seam ripper to make quick work of cutting without damaging the good parts of the jeans or yourself!
- 2. Use the ripper to remove the belt loops and any pieces stitched down that will interfere with the template laying flat.



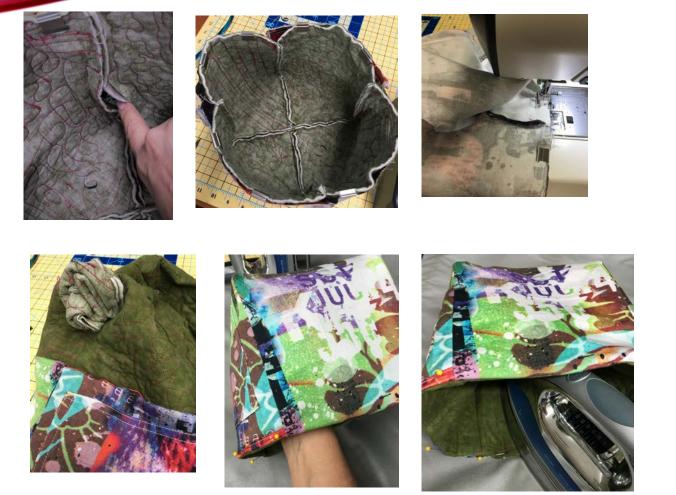
Add pic from video of scissors Surgical Seam Ripper







SEWING PROCESS







If there is too much bulk at the top to sew inside & outside together, use Sealah or fabric glue.

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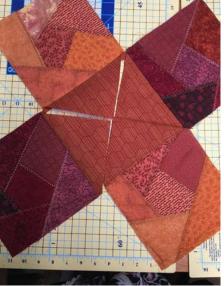


Variations on the Basic Box ³⁵ Box made from Quilt Blocks

If you're a quilter - or even if you're not, you've probably got a few UFO's!

Let's put 4 blocks to good use and make a cute box~









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QUILT BLOCKS BOX





1. Stitch piece at least 4" x 8" for base to quilt block.

Fuse stabilizer on back.

2. Use Fussy Cut Frame to center block and base.



3. Place template inside frame.



4. Remove frame then cut.





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5. Side one done!

6. Stitch together as usual.

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EMBROIDERY

- Embroidery
- Wings
- Handles
- Can be lined or unlined













INNER-LINING OPTIONS







For stiffness and flexibility, some of my favorite materials are the thin plastic notebooks & pocket folders that you get at back to school time.

• Interfacings

- Stabilizers
- Battings
- Fusible Fleece
- Coro-plast Corrugated Plastic
- Recycled Materials Notebooks, Placemats, Cardboard, Packaging
- Painter's Tape or Masking Tape to smooth out rough edges

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INTERFACINGS, STABILIZERS, BATTINGS

What kind of material to use in between your blue jean & lining – and even if you use something – depends on how stiff you want your box to be.

Sometimes stiffer isn't better. If the box is going to have a lot of wear & tear, then something stiff inside will 'wear & tear' your box!

Some iron on stabilizers create ugly creases on your projects. You might not mind it on the inside but you definitely don't want a pucker-y outside! Test first before committing to your box.

If you find an iron-on that you like, add it to your fabric 1st before cutting. The Get a Grip can handle even the thickest of interfacings, fusibles & battings.

If you find a non-fusible that you like, you can topstitch it on, used free motion stitching (stippling, channel stitching, etc.) or attach it with a double sided fusible.



Trim down heavier batting to reduce bulk at seams





Add stabilizer before cutting.



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THEMED GIFT BOXES

Creating a theme box or basket is such fun and sure to be enjoyed by any recipient!

Look around; you may already have most of the items you need~

- Graduation
- Get Well
- Baby Shower
- Bridal Shower
- Anniversary
- Wedding
- New Home
- In the Kitchen
- Taco for Two
- Teacher Gift

- Doggie, Kitty, For the Birds
 - Thanks for Watching My....
- Pamper Yourself
 - Coffee Time
 - Movie Night
 - Nightmare Before Christmas
 - Little Boy
 - Little Princess
 - Star Wars
 - Holidays











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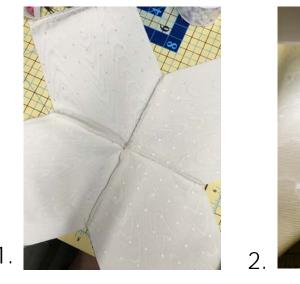
UNLINED BOXES

You can use:

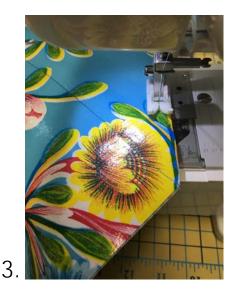
- laminated fabric, oil cloth, leather, pleather, stiff felt, placemats
- Double Fold Seam Binding optional



Really want to cheat? And cut down on time? An unlined box couldn't be faster or easier!



2 Placemats give a nice inside & outside Seam Binding easily & nicely finishes off the sides



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Laminated Fabric whips up quickly when you know how!

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DO YOU SHY AWAY FROM DIFFICULT FABRICS?



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Oil cloth



PUL

CIRCLES BUNDLE:

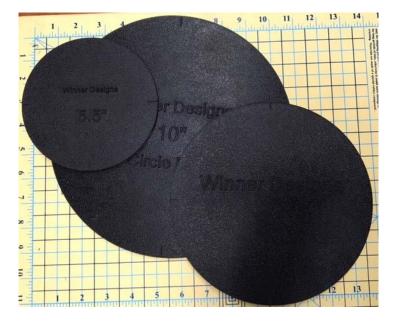


Circles Bundle:

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- Written care & use directions
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Retail value \$73.92

Sale Price \$66.53 (save 10%)

includes shipping within continental USA

Expected Shipping Date: June 8

BOX BAG BUNDLE:



Box Bag Bundle:

- Regular Box
- Regular Fussy Cut Frame (new!)
- Large Box Bag Template (new!)
- Written care & use directions
- Discount code for 10% off next purchase with free shipping in continental US

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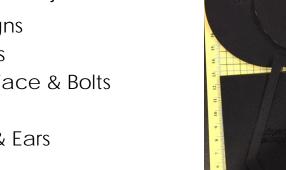
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 - 12 Box Bag Projects
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Templates:

Box Bag Template

• 5.5" Circle Template

8" Circle Template

10" Circle Template

Box Bag Fussy Cut Frame

Large Box Bag Template

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CUTTING DIFFICULT FABRICS

Don't necessarily shy away from 'difficult' materials. With the right tips & tricks, they can be fun!



Laminated Fabric



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Oil Cloth



PUL – Polyurethane Laminate



Pleather



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Minkee



• The Get a Grip material loves 'difficult' fabrics. It really does grab!

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- Martelli's Rotary Cutter will cut through just about anything. It even loves leather~ But sometimes, there's nothing like a sharp pair of scissors.
- When cutting heavier weight materials, cut one or two layers at first to see what works best.
- When working with fur, minkee or 'fluffy' material, cut from back side & keep a vacuum near by! You are going to have a mess~
- If using PUL or a material with a slippery side, don't place two slippery sides together. The Get a Grip works best on the printed side.
- When using scissors, pinking sheers work wonders on many of these fabrics. They also give a nice finished edge that doesn't need to be sewn.



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Back side of PUL



Back side of Laminated Fabric



Back side of oil cloth

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SEWING DIFFICULT FABRICS

- NO PINS for laminated fabrics! Use Zip Clips or Wonder Clips. But clothespins or hair clips work too!
- Or use Painter's Tape or Washi Tape to hold fabric together.
- For stretchy fabrics like Minkee, use a basting tape to prevent stretching, puckering & sliding. If combing Minkee & another fabric, sew with Minkee on the bottom for feed dogs to grab.
- The right needle and thread really do make a difference! A heavier weight thread and a longer stitch length look better on oil cloth, laminated fabrics & PUL.
- Don't be afraid to play with your tension.

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- Many of these fabrics want to stick to your sewing machine bed or foot. So:
 - Try a Roller Foot, a Teflon Foot or a Walking Foot. Don't have one? Place Painter's Tape, Washi Tape or Scotch Tape on the bottom of your foot. Cut off excess with a Surgical Seam Ripper.
 - Cut strips of tissue paper, wax paper or parchment paper and place on top of and below your fabric so that its under the needle and on top of your machine.
- If you really enjoy these fabrics, older straight stitch machines are worth adding to your collection!
- Consider taking an online class geared specifically towards your favorite 'difficult' fabric.



Sandwich Bag made from PUL



EXTRA: BAGS! BOX BAG TEMPLATE MAKES FUN BAGS



Different Sizes Bags & Boxes

Opened Up



Sandwich or Salad Bag



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MAKING A LUNCH BAG





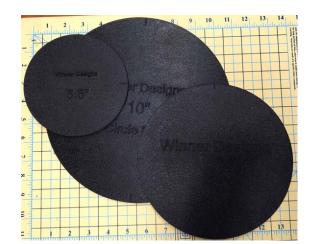
Cut PUL using Box Bag Template. Cut squares from template. Stitch sides together but leave an opening for inside piece to turn later. Turn lining RSO & tuck into outside piece. Add Velcro or snaps now. Stitch all around. Reach through opening and pull out. If happy with bag. Add box pleats. Pull so rights sides of both are showing. Use fingers to 'make pretty'. Top stitch around top. Sew opening closed. Push lining back into bag. Add a strap if you like. Grab a sandwich And you're done!







With a basic circle shape, you can create all of these projects & more!



Get a Grip Templates make cutting accurate, consistent, fast & easy!



CIRCLES BASKETS



- Basic Circle Basket
- Tall, Short
- Big, Small or Nested
- Folded Over
- Seam Binding Finished
- Big Pleated Bag
- Embroidered or Embellished
- Handles or Straps
- Water Bottle







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CUTTING SIDES FOR CIRCLES

- Radius
- Diameter
- Circumference

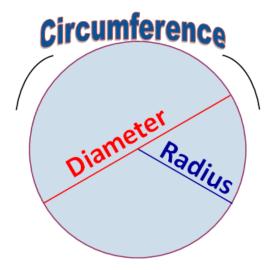
This was found on the web:

Use the formula.

The circumference of a circle is found with the formula $C = \pi^* d = 2^* \pi^* r$.

Thus **pi** equals a circle's circumference divided by its diameter.

Plug your numbers into a **calculator**: the result should be roughly 3.14



We can use Pi or we can just grab a tape measure and run it around the edge of the template!

CUTTING CIRCLES

2 Methods:
 1. Cut Around
 2. Cut Off



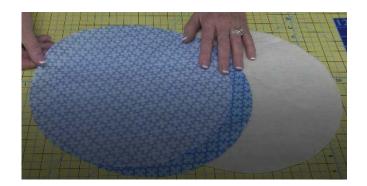
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2. Cut off



Perfect circles every time

Sure beats a bowl, a plate or a dish!!!



Tall CircleShort CircleNestedFold OverEmbroidery/Embellishment

Bigger or Smaller Straps or Handles











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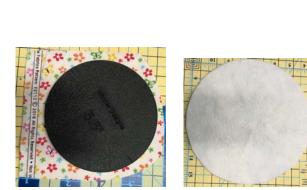
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1. Cut 2 fabric circles & 1 "headliner' foam circle using the Circle Template.



Cut 2 fabric rectangles
 1 foam rectangle.

For rectangle length, use a tape measure around the edge of template

Decide the height you'd like and add 1".



Stitch foam to
 circle. This will
 make everything
 easier later.









5. Starting at side seam, sew foam fabric rectangle to foam fabric circle but stop about an inch from seam.



6. Take a look at how much overlap you have.



7. Trim excess, leaving enough for a consistent seam with rectangle.



8. Check amount & trim if necessary.





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9. Stitch both base and side seams. Check that everything is lined up and joined nicely.



It's starting to take shape.

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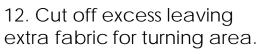
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11. Sew circle lining to rectangle.





Finish stitching base to rectangle.

Stitch side together leaving an opening for turning. Backstitch!



13. With right sides together, stuff outside into inside.

14. With free arm, stitch inside to outside.



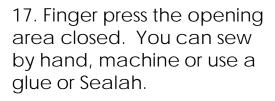
15. Carefully, turn right sides out.





16. Take your time; eventually it'll pop through!







18. Smooth everything in place then topstitch along the top edge.



The foam gives it a nice shape.





BIG PLEATED BAG





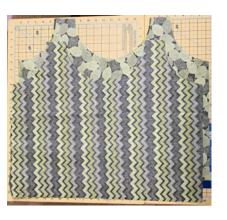
1. Cut 2 circles with 10" Circle Template for outside bottom & inside bottom.



2. Cut 2 outside fabrics 20" x 25"

Cut 2 inside fabrics 20" 25" 3. Fold all 4 pieces in half. At raw edges, use 10" Circle Template to cut left & right arm openings

4. At middle fold, use 10" Circle Template to cut bag opening



5. Here are the 4 pieces RST





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The Circle Template makes a great bottom for a BIG bag!

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6. For 3 side seams, pin RST and stitch side seams. On one side, leave a
 opening for turning later.



8. Make hash marks on one circle by folding in half then in a quarter.



9. Make hash marks on 1 side by folding in half & matching side seams. Fold that section in half & mark.



10. Pin side seam to ½ marks of circle.

Pin at quarter marks. In between, create pleats from excess fabric.



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11. Carefully stitch circle base to sides.

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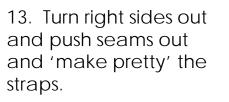


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12. At curved edges, use surgical seam ripper to cut seams.





14. Tuck inside the ends of the strap and stitch them down.



15. Place sewn strap into ring and fold to back. Pin in place.Move needle and stitch close to ring.Repeat for all 4.

This is a soon-to-be favorite as it holds a ton of stuff but isn't big & bulky!



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CELL PHONE BAG



1. Cut

rectangle

5 ½″ x 17″







5. Baste sides together now or stitch all in one step with binding



6. Add binding to inside curve 1st. Trim excess.



7. Starting at bottom left, add binding around front & back of bag.





3. On other 2. Use Circle end, cut inside curve Template of circle to cut one end

4. You decide how deep you want the curve

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THANKS SEW MUCH FOR JOINING ME IN BOXES, BASKETS, AND BAGS! – OH MY!

I hope you got some great inspiration & are ready to get stitching!

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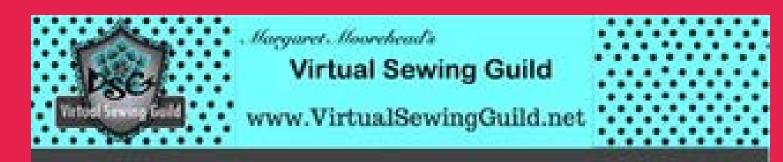
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