




Gingerbread House Basket

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Spruce up an ordinary basket with a custom lid. This project features a candy edged gingerbread house embroidery design from Baby Lock's exclusive memory card Jeannie Mooney Collection II Peace and Joy. Add a personal touch to a special holiday present by giving it in a decorative holiday basket. The recipient will enjoy two gifts in one.

Embroidery Products

Baby Lock Ellegante, Ellageo, Esante, Ellure or BL60E

Baby Lock Serger (Optional)

Baby Lock card Jeannie Mooney Collection II Peace and Joy (BLEC-P02)

Materials

tear-away stabilizer

small apple basket

piece of foam board for lid

1/2 yd. white cotton fabric

1/2 yd. holiday print cotton for ruffle fabric and lid backing

batting

3/4 yd. of ribbon

monofilament thread

rotary cutter, mat and ruler

marking pen or chalk

hot glue gun and glue sticks

craft knife

decorative candy charms

Step 1. Embroidery

Hoop the white fabric and tear-away stabilizer centering the fabric in the hoop.

Select the gingerbread house design and embroider it, using your preference of embroidery thread colors. When the embroidery is complete, remove the design from the hoop and tear away any excess stabilizer. Lightly press.

Step 2. Lid

Trace the top edge of the basket on to the foam board for the size of the lid. Measure 1/4" around the inside of the circle and mark. This should make the circle slightly smaller to accommodate adding the fabric for the lid covering.

Cut the foam board out carefully with a craft knife. Cut two pieces of batting the size of the foam board lid. Glue one piece of batting to the top of the foam board.

Center the embroidered piece over the batting. Wrap the white fabric to the back of the foam board and glue in place, cutting off the excess fabric.

Trace the outer edge of the foam board lid onto the wrong side of the holiday print fabric then cut it out. This will line the inside of your basket lid. Set the lining and foam board lid aside until after the ruffle construction.

Step 3. Ruffle

Cut two 3" x 45" strips from the holiday print fabric. Stitch the two strips together lengthwise.

Hem the lower edge of the ruffle with a narrow topstitch hem. Gather the top edge using the serger and the differential feed or using a machine basting stitch.

Glue the gathered edge of the ruffle to the back edge of the foam board. Overlap the ends and fold under the raw edge. Secure ends with a drop of glue.

Step 4. Finishing

Cut two 6" pieces of ribbon. Glue one end of each piece to the back center of the foam board lid forming half of the ribbon hinge. The other ends will later be glued to the inside of the basket.

Glue the second piece of batting to the back of the foam board.

Serge or stitch a basting stitch 1/4" from the outer edge of the lining piece.

Cover the back of the lid with the lining, turn in the edge and glue in place.

Align the foam board with the basket. Tip the front of the foam board as if you were opening it. Glue the ribbon ends inside the basket finishing the ribbon hinge.

Make a small loop from the remaining ribbon and glue the ribbon and candy charms to the top of the lid at the front center.

Fill the basket with holiday treats, or small gifts.

