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## "Quilter's Caddy"



Who would think that a trip to the hardware store could net supplies to make this great tote? Make this caddy in just a couple of hours. It's perfect for keeping together all of the supplies you are using for your current project.

### **Skill Level: Intermediate**

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### **Supplies:**

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Baby Lock Evolution or Evolve Serger

Fabric A:

- Two pieces 14" x 14" base fabric for inner/outer pieces
- One 8" circle for inside bottom

Fabric B:

- One piece 2" x 27 ½" for lower binding
- Two pieces 2" x 26" for upper pocket binding

Fabric C:

- One piece 2" x 42" for handle cover

Screening:

- Two pieces 5 ½" x 26" for pocket sections-screening can be found at hardware stores

½" wide grosgrain ribbon:

- Six pieces each 5 ½" long for separating screen pockets, or make strips from Fabric B with a finished width of ½".

Construction thread to match Fabric B

2" Safety pin

Ruler

Chalk marker

Standard presser foot (J)

¼" foot (ESG-QGF)

5 quart bucket that measures 6 ½" tall x 9" diameter (available at Lowe's Hardware Stores)

Fasturn Fabric Tube Turning System (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Mark pocket sewing lines on screening by measuring in 6 ¾" from first edge. Space the next two markings just 6 ¼" apart. This will leave 6 ¾" on the opposite edge. Baste the ribbons or fabric strips on top of the markings using a straight stitch.
2. Press upper pocket binding fabric in half, wrong sides together so it measures 1" x 26". Attach the ¼" foot on machine. Place raw edges together on the back side of the pockets; you will be stitching onto the back of the screening. Butt the edges against the guide on the foot and sew with a straight stitch using the guide on the foot for a perfect ¼" seam allowance. Flip binding to the right side and change to the J foot. Finger press in place and pin as needed to hold in position for stitching. Stitch with a straight stitch close to the edge to finish the top. For newer sewers, select a zigzag stitch with a setting of 2.5 stitch width and 1.4 stitch length and topstitch trim on front side.
3. Mark pocket placement lines on both 14" x14" fabric pieces by measuring 3 ¾" from first edge. Space the next two markings 3 ¼" apart. This will leave 3 ¾" on the opposite edge. Match the ribbons with drawn lines and pin in place. Stitch in place with a straight stitch or use the zigzag stitch with a 4.5 stitch width and 1.4 length. Sew down each piece of ribbon to join the screening and base fabric.
4. To create pleats along bottom edge, measure and mark ¾" from either side of ribbon or the seam line. Fold the screening back on itself towards the ribbon or side seam. Pin in place and baste across bottom. Use stitch length 5.0 and stitch width 5.5.
5. Attach the ¼" foot and with a straight stitch, sew the side seams of the two sections together, stopping ½" above the top of the pocket. Leave a ½" opening and sew the rest of the seam. The opening allows the handle to be inserted in a later step. Do this for both sides.

6. To create the lower binding, sew the binding in a circle with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Fold in half wrong sides together and attach binding as in Step 2.
7. Reattach the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot. Change back to a straight stitch with a stitch length of 5.0 and stitch width 3.5. Baste around the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance along the unfinished edges of the circular shaped piece of fabric. This will help ease the fabric in when attaching the circle. Quarter mark the circle for the bottom of the bucket. Pin the circle to the basted edge, right sides together. Change stitch length to 2.5 and sew. This creates both the bottom and the lining of the basket. Remove the handle from the bucket and slip the entire piece over the basket; pushing the circular piece fully into the bottom of the bucket. Align the side seams so that they line up with the holes for the handles on the bucket and the openings in the fabric sides.
8. On both short ends of the handle fabric, fold down  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", wrong sides together. Finger press in place. Now fold the handle fabric in half, right sides together so it measures 1" x 42". Butt the raw edges against the guide on the foot and sew down the entire strip making sure to keep the  $\frac{1}{4}$ " folds on ends in place. Attach the safety pin to one layer of the short ends and turn the tube right side out. Use the Fasturn Fabric Tube Turning System for this step if you have it.
9. Slide the fabric handle cover over the handle. Snap both sides of the handle into place on the sides of the bucket.



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