

ROPE BASKET

For the larger size basket shown it took approximately 50 Ft.

Rope

7/32" Evandale Cotton Clothesline 100 FT available from T W Cordage Co. through Amazon (\$9.73 excluding tax).

This is not white but more of a light wheat or linen color, so keep in mind when selecting thread if you want it to match.

This rope is fairly firm and worked really well creating the sides of the basket.

I have also used the Mainstays brand from Walmart which I believe may have polyester in it as that basket came out with softer sides.

Thread

To match your rope/bias strips or it can be a different color for a different look. Bobbin thread to match.

Pins

To hold the center in place until it is anchored

Machine Needle

It was recommended to use a microtex 80/12 needle but I think I used the 75/11 but you could also use a 90/14.

Also don't forget your zigzag foot!

Bias Strips

1" wide **BIAS** strips approximately long enough to go around the basket sides or longer if desired

Spray Adhesive

To lightly spray the back side of the strips so it will adhere to the rope as you coil the rope around.

Directions

Wrap rope end into a coil clockwise around itself until the coil is about 1-1/2" wide and secure with pins.

Stitch an "X" across the center while watching for your pins. Leave the needle down and rotate the coil until the rope is coming off of it on the right.

Zig across two rows of rope catching each coil in the stitching. You may want to play with a scrap to test your zigzag width and length but a 4mmx4mm stitch was recommended. Keep the rope close up against the coil while keeping light tension on the rope.

*If you wish to embroider something on an embroidery machine you would need the base to be about 2" larger than your embroidery design and you would tie off the threads before taking it to the embroidery machine.

You would create the flat base, embroider it and then return it to the sewing machine to complete the basket.

Another option is to do a design on fabric by painting, hand embroidery, machine embroidery or even a small quilt block design and then stitch it to the base.

To create the sides of the basket hold your left hand under the base and continue sewing while lifting to curve the sides of the bowl up. When the sides are as deep as you want (3"-5") stop and cut the rope leaving a 5"-20" length to finish. Can do a loop or coil. If you want to do handles I will show how to do that as it would be done before cutting the rope and would add more rows to the basket to accommodate the creation of the handles.

You could also hot glue beads/buttons or whatever to your basket or glue a fabric fussy cut image in the bottom center for accent.

I used cork on the bottom of the baskets I did since I embroidered them and wanted to protect the bottom of the basket.