

Petit Four Baskets

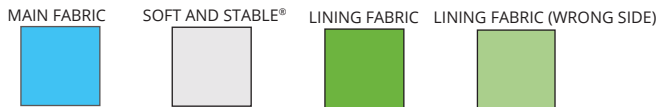
Named after sweet petit four cakes, these small organizers are quick to make and perfect for gifts or for holding tiny treasures. Use 10" squares or scraps from your stash to make these charming little baskets.

Finished: 2½"H x 5"W x 4"D

YOU WILL NEED:

- Sewing machine — we suggest using a ¼" foot, walking foot, and edge stitch foot
- Steam iron and ironing board
- Rotary cutter, mat, and quilter's ruler — we used 6" x 24" and 12½" square rulers for this project
- Scissors and thread snips*
- Pins* — we prefer yellow-topped quilting pins*
- Wonder Clips* — great alternative to pins for holding pieces in place.
- Chalk markers or mechanical pencil* — Clover Chaco Liner pens* in white, blue, or silver are simple to use and make a very visible, yet easy-to-remove, line — always test on fabric first
- ByAnnie's Stiletto and Pressing Tool* — holds pieces in place as you sew and presses seams
- Hand sewing needle — to close bottom seam
- Thread — to match fabrics

*Available at
www.ByAnnie.com



I. CUT

Need Help?

Check out the Add-on Video Tutorial at ByAnnie.com for help with this project.

NOTE: Cutting dimensions are height (lengthwise grain) of fabric x width (crosswise grain with selvages on sides) of fabric.

- From main fabric cut:
Basket Body — 9" x 10"
- From lining fabric cut:
Basket Lining — 10" x 10"
- From ByAnnie's Soft and Stable® cut:
Basket Stabilizer — 10" x 11"



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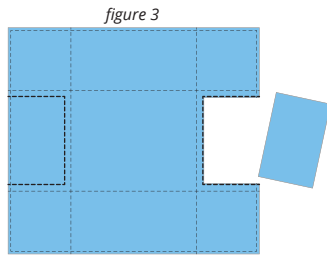
Pictured: Gypsy by Jessica VanDenburgh for Windham Fabrics

II. ASSEMBLE THE BASKET

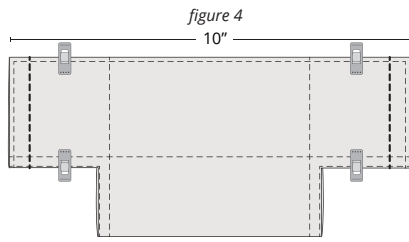
A. Prepare the Basket Body

- 1. With right side up, center the 9" x 10" Basket Body (main fabric) on top of the 10" x 11" Basket Stabilizer (ByAnnie's Soft and Stable®). Smooth fabric carefully onto Soft and Stable and pin to hold in place. Sew all around outer edge of fabric, stitching ⅜" from the edge (figure 1). **TIP:** Use a stiletto held at a right angle to the fabric to keep the fabrics from shifting as you sew.
- 2. Trim the Soft and Stable to 9" x 10" to match the fabric. **NOTE:** If the fabric has shrunk up a little in sewing, it's okay for the Soft and Stable to extend slightly beyond the fabric.
- 3. To encourage the basket to fold easily, mark and stitch fold lines on the prepared Basket Body (figure 2) as follows:
 - a. With the 10" side at the top, mark horizontal lines from side to side 2½" down from the top and up from the bottom.
 - b. Mark vertical lines from top to bottom 2½" from each 9" side.
 - c. Stitch along all the marked lines, using a stiletto to keep the fabrics from shifting as you sew.

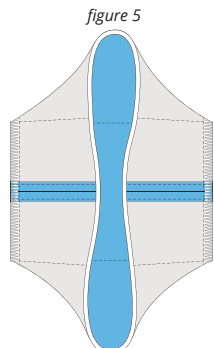
- 4. On each side of the 9" sides of the Basket Body, stitch a rectangle in the center side section, sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the previous stitching lines (figure 3, left). Cut just outside the stitched lines to remove the rectangles on each side of the Basket Body (figure 3, right).



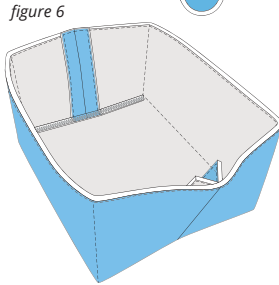
- 5. With right sides together, fold the long bottom 10" edge up to the top 10" edge and align the raw edges on top and sides. Sew the sides together with $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams (figure 4), backstitching at each end; press the seams open. **TIP:** A tailor's ham/ seam roll makes pressing easier.



- 6. With right sides together, bring the bottom raw edges together and sew across the bottom on each side with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, backstitching at each end. If desired, overlock stitch or stitch additional lines within the seam allowance to compress the Soft and Stable (figure 5).

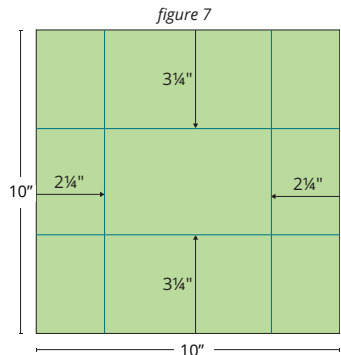


- 7. Turn the Basket Body right side out then push out corners (figure 6). Set aside.

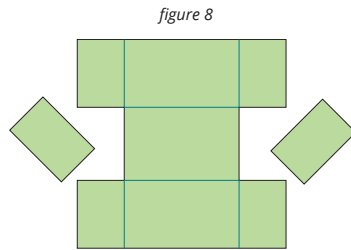


B. Prepare the Basket Lining

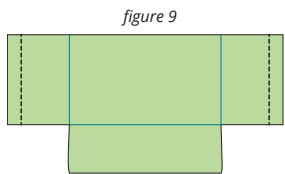
- 1. On the *wrong* side of the 10" x 10" Basket Lining (lining fabric), mark lines as follows (figure 7).
 - Mark horizontal lines from side to side $3\frac{1}{4}$ " down from the top and up from the bottom.
 - Mark vertical lines from top to bottom $2\frac{1}{4}$ " in from each side.



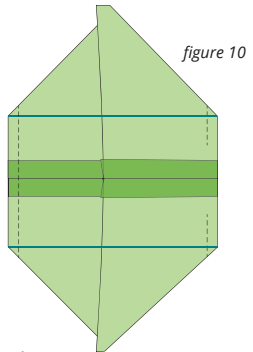
- 2. Being careful to cut only in the center sections on each side, cut on the lines to remove the rectangles on each side of the Basket Lining (figure 8).



- 3. As was done for the Basket Body, with right sides together fold the long bottom edge up to the top edge and align the raw edges on top and sides. Sew the sides together with $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams (figure 9), backstitching at each end; press the seams open.

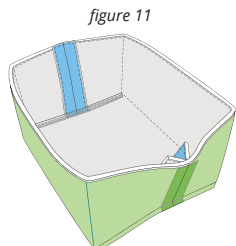


- 4. With right sides together, bring the bottom raw edges together and sew across the bottom on each side with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, backstitching at each end and leaving a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" opening in the center of one side for turning (figure 10).



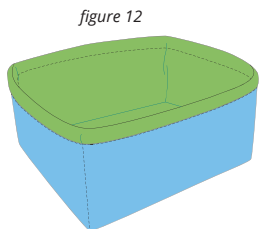
C. Complete the Basket

- 1. With right sides together, insert the Basket Body into the Basket Lining, aligning the raw edges and matching side seams (figure 11); pin/clip together around all edges. Sew all around top edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. **TIP:** If your machine has the option, remove the slide-on table and position the piece around the free arm of the machine to stitch.



- 2. Turn the basket right side out, pushing it through the opening in the bottom of the lining.

- 3. Smooth the Basket Lining to the inside of the basket, folding the lining over at the top to produce a $\frac{1}{4}$ " faux binding around the top edge. Clip all around edges with Wonder Clips to secure. Stitch in the ditch all around the top along the seam between the main and lining fabrics (figure 12). **TIP:** Use the free arm and an edge stitch foot to make this easy.



- 4. Stitch the opening in the lining closed by hand or machine. **TIP:** Whip stitching the seam together by hand will be less noticeable than machine stitching. Turn the basket lining side out to gain easier access to this seam for stitching.
- 5. Smooth the lining into the bottom of the basket; press well all around.

D. Fill and enjoy!

- These little baskets are perfect for fabric, Wonder Clips, thread, and more and make great small gifts. We'd love to see your finished baskets and how you use them, too.

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Happy stitching!

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