

# The Fabric Basket

(Kathy Lee)



- 1 piece of outside fabric cut to 11" x 11"
- 1 piece of inside fabric cut to 11" x 11"
- 1 piece of felt cut to 11" x 11"
- 8 pieces of twill tape (or ribbon) each measuring 5" long
- general sewing supplies

## Step 1: Cut out the pieces needed

## Step 2: Layer and pin



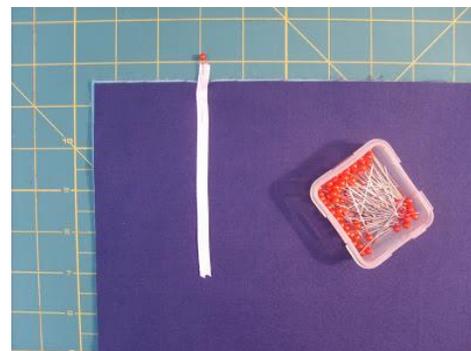
I lined mine up at 1/2" marks to make the next couple of steps easier.

Next, place your piece of fabric (doesn't matter which one) directly on top of your felt piece, making sure the edges are aligned. (Both pieces of fabric I used didn't have a right side or a wrong side, but if your fabric does, make sure the right side is facing up here.)



*(Now, this is the part where it's helpful to have your fabric pieces lined up on the 1/2" marks.)*

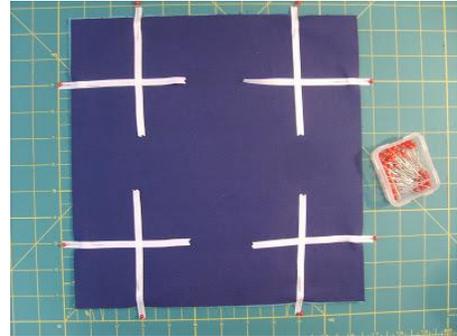
Measure 2 1/2" in from one corner. Lay one of your ties (pieces of twill tape or ribbon) at the 2 1/2" mark, with about 1/2" of tie hanging off the edge of the fabric. Pin in place. (See above photo if that's confusing.)



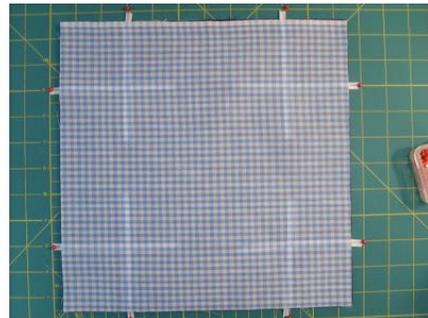
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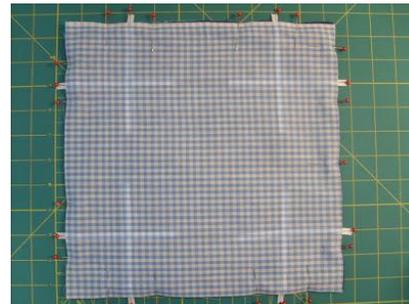
Continue with remaining ties. Each tie should be 2 1/2" from its corresponding corner.



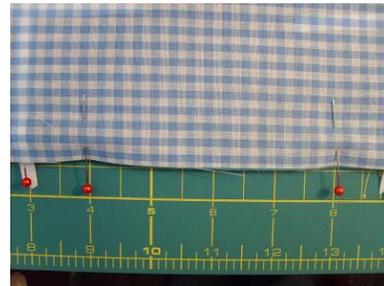
Finally, lay your remaining fabric piece on top, making sure all fabric edges are aligned. (Again, it didn't matter with my fabric, but if your fabric has a right/wrong side, make sure the right side is facing down here--so the right sides will be facing each other.)



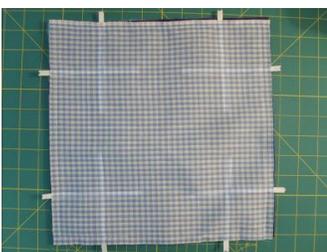
Pin fabric layers together...



...making sure to leave a 4" opening on one side.



Step 3: Sew around the edges



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Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew all the way around the edges, except--of course--for your 4" opening. Make sure to leave that, well, open.

## Step 4: Clip corners

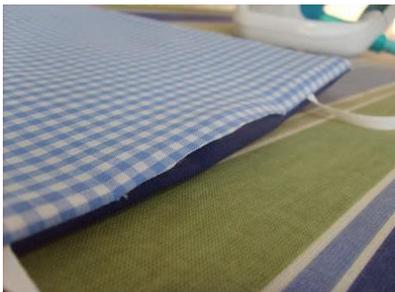
Carefully snip off the excess fabric at each corner, making sure not to cut through your stitching.



## Step 5: Turn and press



Turn right side out, making sure to poke those little corners out. *(I use a crochet hook to poke out the corners, but a pencil or chopstick would work too.)*

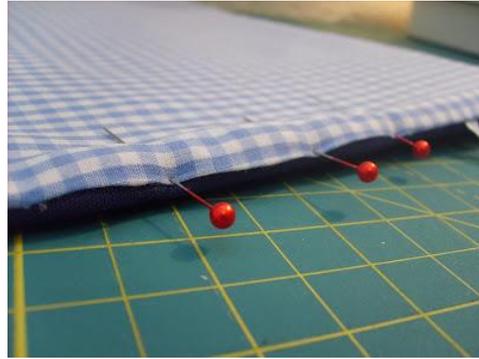


Press flat so it's nice and crisp. Make sure to press the seam allowance inside your opening.

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## Step 6: Edgestitch



Pin the opening shut, making sure the seam allowances are tucked neatly inside.



Edgestitch (sew at 1/8" seam allowance) all the way around the perimeter.

## Step 7: Tie at corners



Tie ties together into a bow.

Now the hardest part is just deciding which side you want on the outside and on the inside. Well, that... and what to put in it.

Keys, sewing supplies, mail to be sorted, treats for a party...