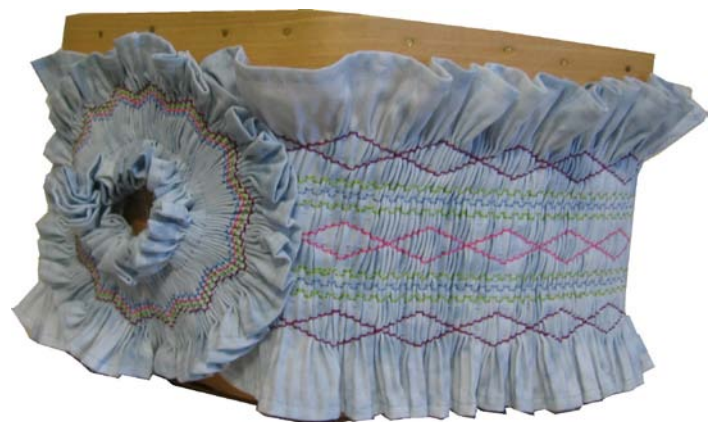




## Smocked Basket Wrap

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Make this fun smocked basket wrap for a gift, or for yourself! It is quick and easy to make and is perfect as a bridal or baby shower gift, filled with goodies, or as a basket for rolls on the dinner table. We used a pretty blue batik for ours, but any light to medium weight fabric will work well.



### Sewing Supplies:

- Pleater or Gathering Foot 412797145
- Clear ¼" Piecing Foot w/Guide 412927445
- 5mm Rolled Hem Foot 411851745
- Sensor Q-foot 412597545
- ⅝ yard cotton fabric
- INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way stabilizer
- INSPIRA® Light and Soft Fuse-on stablizer
- INSPIRA® No Show Mesh
- Straight-sided basket approximately 6" high
- Sewing thread
- 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon embroidery thread



### Hem the Edges:


1. Cut two strips of fabric 6" x width of the fabric.
2. Snap on your Clear ¼" Piecing Foot w/Guide.

3. Seam them end to end to create one long strip.
4. Snap on your 5mm Rolled Hem Foot.
5. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin.

6. With the fabric wrong side up, fold up a double 5mm wide hem on the end of the fabric as shown, insert it under the foot and lower the needle into the folded hem.



7. Begin to sew for ¼” or so, until the fabric is feeding freely.

Touch Needle Stop Down . Your presser foot raises to Pivot position. Pull the fabric up into the roller as shown.



8. Continue sewing, holding the edge of the fabric straight up in front of you as shown. The rolled hem foot takes a bit of practice, but it is well worth the results!

9. Hem both sides of the strip.

10. Press your fabric well; this is the last chance you will have!






## Smock:

1. Pleat or gather your fabric following the instructions in the DESIGNER DIAMOND™ Technique Studio DESIGNER™ Smocking document.
2. Spread out the pleats and measure around your basket. The smocked panel needs to be 1” shorter than the measurement around your basket.
3. Press INSPIRA® Light and Soft Fuse-on stabilizer to the back of your pleated fabric.
4. Attach your Sensor Q-foot.






5. Hoop INSPIRA® Tear-A-Way Stabilizer in your 360mm x 200mm DESIGNER™ Royal Hoop.
6. Thread with 40 wt. Robison Anton rayon thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
7. Follow the instructions in the DESIGNER DIAMOND™ Technique Studio DESIGNER™ Smocking document to embroider the first design and place and embroider the second.


## Create the Medallion:



1. Touch  to toggle to Sewing Mode.
2. Cut one strip of fabric 3" x width of fabric.
3. Hem the two long edges and pleat as you did for the basket wrap. Use threads that match your fabric for the pleating/basting.
4. Carefully pull the basting threads out of the last 1/2" on each short end.
5. Keeping the basting threads out of the way, select A1:13 . Overcast the raw edges.
6. Select A1:02 . Place the two short ends right sides together and keeping the basting threads out of the way, stitch the seam.
7. Pull up one outer set of basting threads as tight as possible. This will be the center of the medallion. Tie them tight, and cut off the thread ends.
8. Adjust the other three rows of basting until the circle lies flat. The center ruffle will "stick up" a bit. Press INSPIRA® Light and Soft Fuse-on stabilizer to the back of the gathered medallion.



9. Touch  to toggle to Embroidery Mode.
10. Touch Start Menu .
11. Touch .
12. Select the 120mm x 120mm Designer Splendid Square hoop.
13. Select .
14. Touch  to go to D2.

15. Touch and hold  to remove the two FIX stitches.



16. Touch D2:33% .

17. Touch .

18. Touch Design Shaping .

19. Touch Circle Clockwise .

20. Be sure that Align Shapes Evenly  is chosen.

21. Touch the   to create 14 repeats of the stitch.

22. Set the size of the circle to  $\uparrow$ 94.8 and  $\leftarrow$ 96.5.


23. Touch .


24. Touch   $\times 2$ .

25. Touch  to move the new design to the center of the hoop,  $\uparrow$ 0.0 and  $\leftarrow$ 0.0.

26. Touch Scale .


27. Touch the down arrow to scale to  $\uparrow$ 94.8 and  $\leftarrow$ 96.5.

28. Touch   $\times 2$ .

29. Touch  to move the new design to the center of the hoop,  $\uparrow$ 0.0 and  $\leftarrow$ 0.0.

30. Touch Scale .

31. Touch the down arrow to scale to  $\uparrow$ 90.6 and  $\leftarrow$ 92.5

32. Touch  .

33. Touch  to move the new design to the center of the hoop,  $\uparrow$ 0.0 and  $\leftarrow$ 0.0.

34. Touch Scale  .

35. Touch the down arrow to scale to  $\uparrow$ 86.9 and  $\leftarrow$ 88.5.

36. Select Color Manager  .

37. Select the first color block 1:1.

38. Touch Thread Color Edit  .

39. Choose dark red, first column, second from the bottom.

40. Touch  .

41. Select second color block 1:2.

42. Touch Thread Color Edit  .

43. Choose dark red, first column, second from the bottom.

44. Repeat changing the first 14 colors to dark red.


45. Change the second 14 colors to purple.

46. Change the third 14 colors to orange

47. Change the fourth 14 colors to green.

48. Touch  to close Color Edit.

49. Touch Select All  .

50. Touch Group  . It is now one grouped design.



51. Touch Save to My Designs  .

52. Touch My Files .

53. Touch .

54. Touch and hold  to delete the name that is there.


55. Name the design medallion.

56. Touch  to close the naming window and  again to save the design.

57. Hoop INSPIRA® No Show Mesh in your 120mm x 120mm hoop. Pin your gathered medallion so that it is centered.

58. Touch .

59. Touch .

60. Remove the  from Automatic Jump Stitch Trim. Even though we removed the Fix stitches from between the stitches, there is still a color change. If you don't remove the check mark, it will cut between each repeat of the stitch.

61. Touch .

62. Touch  and baste the design in place using your foot control instead of the **START STOP** button. This way you can control the speed and remove the pins if necessary.

63. Embroider the medallion design.

64. Touch  to toggle to Sewing Mode.

65. Thread with sewing thread to match your fabric on top and in the bobbin.

66. Trim the INSPIRA® No Show Mesh stabilizer away from the embroidery on the outside and inside of the medallion stitching.

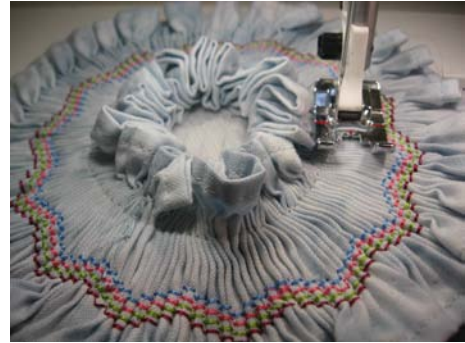
67. Pull the fused stabilizer away from the fabric around the outside only of the embroidery. Pull out any basting threads outside the embroidery. Leave the basting threads inside the embroidery for now.

68. Select straight stitch A1:1, left needle position straight stitch. Align the edge of the foot with the center ruffle, and stitch as closely as possible around the center, as shown.

69. The center pleats or gathers are now secured. Remove any basting stitches that show.

70. Pull the fused stabilizer from the center of the medallion and trim away.

71. Place the basket wrap around the basket. Pin the medallion on top of the two raw ends.



72. Select Stitch A1:02 .

73. Stitch near the edge of the smocking stitches, stitch the medallion in place.

74. Slide your basket wrap onto your basket from the bottom.

75. Fill with goodies, and enjoy!