

Embroidered Wrapped Cord Easter Basket

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You will have such fun making this adorable Easter basket you will want to make more, for use all year! The first part is a bit tedious, wrapping the cord, but you can do that in front of the TV! Then, the basket zips together in no time!



Sewing Supplies:

1 yard Cotton Batik Fabric

3/8 yard Yellow Cotton or Linen

21 yards of 8/32" Cotton Cord

Three Pieces of Cotton Batting 4" x 14"

Sewing Thread

Husqvarna Viking Open Toe Free Motion Spring Foot #413037646

Husqvarna Viking Clear 1/4" Piecing Foot w/guide #412927445

40 wt. Rayon Robison Anton or Sulky Thread

Bobbin Thread

Husqvarna Viking Open Toe Foot #412 80 09-45

Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer # 141000820

Husqvarna Viking Fab-U-Motion with Stitch Regulator by Quilter's Cruise Control

Embroider:

1. Download Happy Easter Design March 2008 from www.husqvarnaviking.com, Free Monthly Designs.
2. Set your machine for embroidery. Thread with 40 wt. rayon Robison Anton or Sulky thread on top and bobbin thread in the bobbin.
3. Hoop a piece of yellow cotton or linen 11" x 14 1/2" with Inspira Tear-A-Way Light Stabilizer. Embroider the Happy Easter Design centered on the fabric.

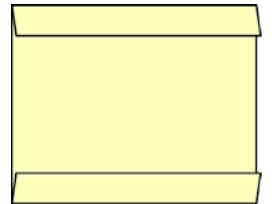
Make the Handle:

1. Remove the excess stabilizer. Stack the cotton batting pieces and place them centered, underneath the embroidery, pin.
2. Attach your Fab-U-Motion with Stitch Regulator by Quilter's Cruise Control. Attach your Open Toe Free Motion Spring Foot.
3. Place your handle fabric on your Fab-U-Motion. Stipple Quilt around the Happy Easter Design. Quilt on the fabric that is backed with batting only.

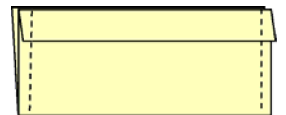
4. Remove the Fab-U-Motion. Set your machine for regular sewing.
5. Trim the fabric $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from the batting on each side so your handle measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" with the embroidery centered.
6. Snap on your Clear $\frac{1}{4}$ " Piecing Foot with Guide. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin. Fold with the two long raw edges even and stitch, using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Turn. Press.



7. Cut two pieces $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$ ". Press under $\frac{1}{2}$ " on opposite edges of each square as shown.



8. Fold right sides together matching the pressed under edges. Stitch the raw edges creating a little "pocket" with finished edges.



9. Slide the "pocket" onto the end of the handle. Leave $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the pocket "empty" so there are only two layers. The $\frac{1}{2}$ " of "empty" space on the bottom of each "pocket" eliminates bulk when it is sewn onto the basket.

Make the Basket:

1. Cut fabric into strips $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide x width of the fabric. Begin at one end of the cord, and wrap the end of one strip around the cord. Continue wrapping the cord until it is all wrapped. To help you gauge, one 45" fabric strip will wrap approximately 16" of cord.
2. When your cord is completely wrapped, take it to your sewing machine. Thread with sewing thread top and bobbin. Select a zig zag stitch 3 to 4 length, 5 width.



3. Fold the cord over approximately 1". This first fold creates an oval basket instead of a round basket. For a round basket, create a "coil". Begin to sew the strips together.



4. Continue to bring the cord around creating the bottom of the basket.

5. When your piece reaches approximately 8", it is time to "turn the corner".

6. Hold the stitched piece up against the left side of your machine as shown.



7. Before continuing to sew, remove your Open Toe Foot and snap on your Clear B Edge/Joining foot. This helps keep you stitching straight, with out any effort!



8. Continue sewing until your basket reaches the desired depth, or you run out of wrapped cord!

Attach the Handle:

1. Pin the handle in place on the basket. Overlap this 1/2". Select a zig zag stitch, and stitch the handle in place on each side of your basket. Remember, you basket is an oval, so look at the bottom of the basket as you are placing the handle, and arrange your handles accordingly.

