

Serger Woven Basket

Baskets make great gifts and a good item to store supplies in, especially your sewing supplies. The woven strips are serged on the edge. You can use regular threads for the strips or decorative threads for a bolder look.

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Juki Supplies

- MO2000QVP Serger or any 3/4 thread Juki serger
- Extension Table (optional)
- Sewing Machine with straight stitch and zig zag

Fabric & Supplies

- Jelly Roll® Strips
 - 12 - basket bottom and sides
 - 6 - basket horizontal rings
 - 2 - top band
- Or Yardage
 - ¼ yard/fat quarter of 6 prints
 - ¼ yard/fat quarter of 2 prints
 - 1/4 yard for top band
- Note: fat quarter strips would need to be piece
- 3 cones serger thread to match fabric
- Permanent fabric glue
- Wonder clips
- Straight pins
- Foam board (optional)
- Rotary cutter, mat, ruler,
- Scissors
- 1 yd stiff interfacing or Bosal product
- Painters tape (1 strip)



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Sewing Instructions

1. Select 6 prints for the bottom and sides of the basket. Select 2 fabrics for the horizontal bands of the basket. Lay the fabrics out in a preferred order.



2. Cut the fabric strips as follows:
 - a. Cut 2 strips each of the 6 print fabrics 2 ½" wide by WOF for each print.
 - b. Sub-cut in half (approximately 22"). You will have 24 strips.
 - c. Cut 3 strips each of the 2 band fabrics. DO NOT SUB-CUT.
 - d. Press all strips in half lengthwise.



3. Select two additional strips for the finishing top band, set aside for later.
4. Cut 24 strips of a firm stabilizer 22" long for the bottom and side strips.
5. Cut 6 strips of a firm stabilizer 30" long for the band strips.
6. Insert the stabilizer into the strips making sure they are snug against the fold.



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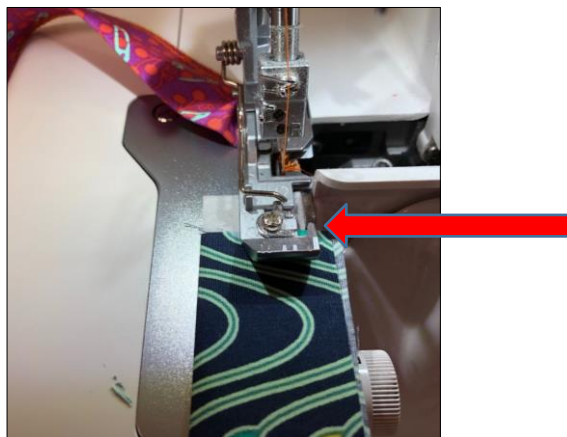
7. Set the serger to a three-thread overlock stitch.



8. Thread serger with 3 threads that complement the fabrics. Sew a test strip to check the stitches.



9. Place the first strip under the presser foot and line the stabilizer next to the cutting blade.

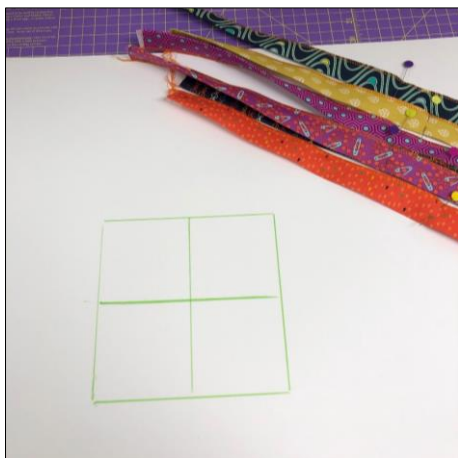


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10. Add a strip of painters tape to the throat plate to use as a 1" stitch guide. Stitch all the strips on the raw edge. Note: stitch both sides with decorative thread if desired.



11. Draw a 6" square on a foam board as a guide for the bottom of the basket.



12. Starting at the center and working out, begin weaving. Use a permanent fabric glue where the fabrics cross over/under. Let this dry for several hours overnight.



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13. Measure around all sides of the woven square bottom of the basket.
 Cut the band strips this length plus $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Note: This measurement should be approximately 24 - 25".
 Overlap the ends $\frac{1}{4}$ " then use the zig zag stitch on a sewing machine to form 6 bands for the horizontal part of the basket.



14. The basket is ready to weave. Start weaving with the band join area behind a basket strip. Glue this in place and pin to hold until it dries. Continue around the first row (bottom) of the basket adjusting the strips so they touch. Do not glue until satisfied with the placement of the vertical strips. Then glue. Let this dry several hours or overnight.



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- Continue this process (without gluing) using wonder clips to hold each row folding back and forth. This keeps the tails out of your way.



Finishing the Basket

- Top stitch with a sewing machine around the top of the basket to tack down the strip tabs. Trim tabs off close to the stitching line.

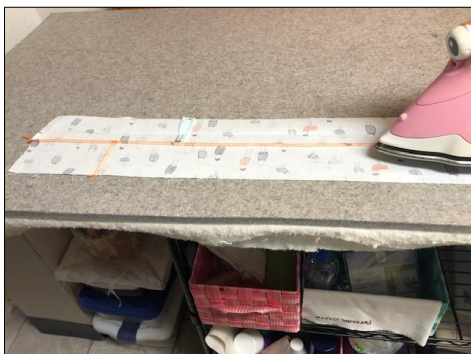


- Take the 2 strips you set aside in step 3. Serge them, right sides together, on the long edge. If using a directional fabric, put them together directionally.



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3. Press serged seam flat. Then press in half lengthwise.



4. Measure around the top of the basket and trim the strip to the measurement PLUS 1". Clip the band from the inside matching raw edge with the top of the basket. Note: If using a directional fabric, be sure that the band is correct when flipped to the front of the basket.



5. Once the band is fitted to the basket top, remove and serge the band closed by opening the band and placing right sides together and serging seam. Reattach the band to the top of the basket with the clips starting with the serged seam in a corner.



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6. From the inside of the basket, serge the band to the top of the basket. Take a deep seam. Some of the basket top needs to be cut off. This ensures that you are catching all layers.



7. Press the band thoroughly. Turn to outside of basket and press again.