

Casserole Carrier

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Supplies

- One Jelly Roll Fabric
- Fabric For Lining, approximately 15" x 43"
- HeatnBond Pressing Paper
- HeatnBond Fusible Fleece
- SpraynBond Basting Adhesive Spray
- HeatnBond Lite Iron-On Adhesive Tape
- Insul-Bright Insulated Lining
- Handle Webbing - 1" x 44"
- Fabric Marking Pen



Instructions

Step One: Open your jelly roll of fabric and select 23 strips. Set two of the strips aside for now (these will be used on your handles). Cut the remaining 21 strips to 15" in lengths.

Step Two: Cut the following: fusible fleece to 15" x 43", Insulbrite to 14" x 43" and lining fabric to 14" x 43".



Step Three: Lay your strips out to your desired liking and then sew them right sides together with a 1/4" seam. Continue sewing them all together until you end up with a piece of fabric approximately 15" x 43".

Step Four: Using an iron and pressing paper, adhere your fabric piece to the sticky side of fusible fleece.





Step Five: Set your sewing length to 3 - 3.5 mm and machine quilt your fabric piece. I chose to sew 1/4" along each seam of the strips for my quilting. Trim your quilted fabric piece to 14" x 42".



Step Six: Cut your Insulbrite interfacing to 14" x 42" and use Basting Adhesive to adhere to the wrong side of your lining piece. I like to press mine after spraying to really adhere that Insulbrite to the fabric. (Use pressing paper).



Step Seven: Lay your quilted fabric piece flat. From the top end of the fabric, lay your ruler down and using your fabric marking pen, mark as follows: Mark a point at 1.5" from each top edge towards the center. Measure 7.5" down from the top edge and mark a point. Now lay your ruler along the point from the top and the point 7.5" down and mark a line. It will be a diagonal line. Do the same on the opposite edge. Cut along those lines. (This creates your triangle flap.)

Repeat with the lining/insulbrite fabric.

Set your insulated pieces aside for now and lets prepare the handles!

Step Eight: To prepare the handles, cut your webbing to two 21" pieces. Take your two remaining fabric strips and cut them to 1.25" x 21".



Step Nine: Using a hot iron, carefully fold and press the right side of the length of the strip a little less than 1/4" towards the wrong side. Do this the entire length and repeat on the other long side. (Also repeat on the other strip). Your strips should now be about 5/8" wide.

(This step can be a little fiddly. Just take your time; it does NOT have to be perfect!)

Step Ten: Cut two lengths of iron-on tape to 21". Place the tape on the wrong side of the prepared strips from step eight and iron in place, making sure it adheres well.



Step Eleven: Remove the paper backing and now iron the entire fabric strip to the webbing. Topstitch with 3.5 mm stitch length on both long edges of the fabric. Repeat on the second strip.

Note: Not only does this make the handle look pretty, it also stiffens it and makes it more durable.



Step Twelve: Now we will attach the handles! Lay your outer quilted fabric with the outside facing up. Mark a line 4" from the bottom of the **triangle** that we cut. And then mark another line 6" from that. Do this on the other edge as well. Use clips to hold your handles at those marks. Sew them in place.

Step Thirteen: Fold the fabric for the outer layer in half to the triangle corner on the flap, right sides together. Do the same with the lining / Insulbrite layer. Use clips to hold in place and sew along the two sides (of each) using a 3/8" seam allowance. Clip the bottom corners.





Step Fourteen: Turn the inner layer of the casserole carrier right side out and press it with the iron. Leave the outer layer with wrong sides facing out.



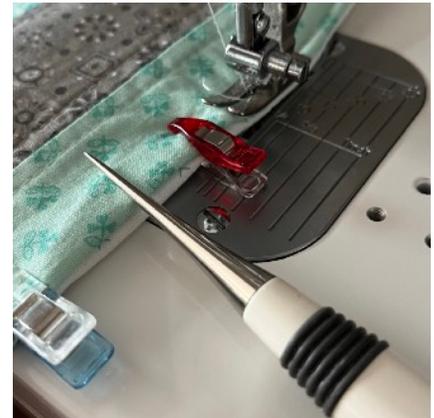
Step Fifteen: Insert the inner layer fabric into the outer layer so that the right sides of both layers face each other. You will have to work a little to get them lined up nicely. Use clips to hold in place. Mark an opening along the top of the bag.



Step Sixteen: Sew all the way around the top of the casserole cover, leaving the space between the markings for turning. Before turning right side out, you will need to clip the “Y” area of the casserole cover. It gets bulky there with seams, Insulbrite, fusible fleece and fabric... you can even trim a little of the bulk in that area in you want; be very careful not to cut into the seam.



Step Seventeen: Turn right side out through the opening left in the top of the cover. Push the corners out and smooth the cover



Step Eighteen: Press the entire cover, especially the seam you have just sewn. Top stitch all along that seam, closing the top opening as you go.



Step Nineteen: Place your casserole dish inside the carrier and fold the flap over, determining where you'd like to place your velcro closure. Once you've made a decision, mark that spot with your fabric making pen. I used a fairly large velcro piece, as I wanted to make sure it kept the flap closed. I centered it and sewed it in place on the top of the casserole carrier first.

Step Twenty: I then marked and sewed my velcro to the inside of the cover flap. This will create a stitching line that will be noticeable on the top of the casserole cover, when the flap is closed. You can leave that exactly as is, OR you can sew a little decorative fabric “patch” over that seam. I had a piece of selvedge that I liked and so I made that a little patch and sewed in place, covering the stitching and I love it!



And your Casserole Carrier is complete and ready to use!