BISCUIT BASKET

Start with 2 ½” fabric strips filled with stiff interfacing and weave them to create a distinctive and versatile basket.
Line it with a napkin and fill to the brim with your favorite biscuits.
Use on your desk for mail, store patterns or hold tissue boxes.
Great as a Christmas card basket!

MATERIALS

Fabric: 1 ¼ yards or 15 strips 2 ½” x 42/44”
(one Bali Pop™ will make 2 baskets)

Buy good quality cotton; does not have to be washed. **Use 2 ½” strips cut the full width of the fabric.** Batiks and jellyrolls work beautifully. Hoffman CA Fabrics’ Bali Pops™, which contain individual batik strips, work perfectly with this project.

Use 14 strips for the basket and one strip for the binding
Note: the length of three of the strips must be 44”

Stiff Interfacing- Craft Tex – 1 yard OR 1 Roll of Craf-tex or Rigid Weave strips pre-cut 1 ¾” wide x 10 yards
(Peltex or Timtex will also work but these are not as rigid)

Cut this very stiff interfacing into 1 ¾” strips:
Three 32” x 1 ¾” for weaving around the basket
Three 22” x 1 ¾” for sides and bottom
Five 18” x 1 ¾” for front, back and bottom

Small Design Board and Pins
½” foam core board at least 6” x 10” or an empty cardboard fabric bolt

Matching Cotton Thread Try a 50-weight 2-ply thread

Embellishments Grosgrain ribbon (1 ½ yards) for the bow. Or be creative and use whatever you like.

Other Tools: Sewing machine (a free arm is helpful) Scissors (both large and small), pins, rotary mat and cutter, acrylic rulers, seam ripper, and measuring tape and clothespins or clips. Machine needles Microtex size 90/14.

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