

Sew What?!

Fabric Bins – October 5, 2017

Instructions

Layer- both pieces of fabric, right sides together, with batting on the bottom.

Stitch with 1/4" seam, or used edge of presser foot as your guide, all around the square, leaving a 4" opening- Backstitch at beginning & end. (Demonstrate- how to sew corners)

Using a small scissors with a rounded tip, trim batting, close to seam line of entire piece, including at opening (Demonstrate – how to trim)

Finger press seams open at opening. (demonstrate)

Turn right side out (batting will be in the center). Press.

Secure outside edge with pins or clips. Sew very close to the outside edge.

Press again. Pin where you will stitch, to hold all layers in place.

Quilt as desired- use edge quilting guide attachment if your sewing machine has one. Often stitches are lengthened for machine quilting.

Quilting suggestions:

- Concentric squares, 1" apart
- Lines, radiating out from corners

Mark with markers or narrow masking tape.

When starting machine quilting- reduce stitch length to 0-1 for first 3 stitches, then gradually lengthen stitches for a total of 6-8 stitches. (demonstrate)

Form into shape by folding the piece right side in. Mark a triangle by measuring up either 2" or 2 1/2" from the side and again from the bottom, and connecting those marks. Stitch on each mark, backstitching at beginning & end to knot.

Open it up and fold it in the opposite direction, marking & stitching the 2 remaining corners.

Turn the bin right side out. Secure the folded parts that are inside the bin- either open up the triangles & hand stitch them down – or fold the flaps to one direction & hand stitch them down.

Secure the outside flaps with buttons.

