

Janet's When Dreams Flower Sewing/Gidget basket

Supplies

One small "bushel" basket from craft store (mine is roughly seven inches tall by 9" wide at the top)

Standard sewing supplies, walking foot, free motion foot, fray check.

Quilt magic Plus (QMP), cut as follows

Two pieces 14 inches tall X 17 inches for main body

Two pieces 4 inches X 17 inches for pockets

One 8 inch circle

When Dreams Flower fabrics, cut as follows:

1/2 Yard of Lattice with floral border: Cut two 12 inches tall (with Floral Border on top) X approximately 17 inches wide, for **main fabric**

1/2 yard Green rose floral - Cut two coordinating fabrics 14 inches x 17 inches wide **for backing of main fabric** .

1/4 yard Green check – Cut two circles approximately eight and 1/2 inches in diameter **for base**. I used the lid of a plastic bowl to mark.

1/4 yard pink circle floral vine - Cut two strips for pockets eight inches X 17 inches **for pockets**

1/2 yard of Cream Faux knitting - Cut six strips 2 1/2 inches X 20 inches **for binding** of all raw edges. The goal is to complete all raw edges before sewing them together, so that when you put all the pieces together, there are no raw edges.

I found it easier if I made a note defining the main fabric, backing, and pockets, and pinned it to each of the groups of pieces, to keep myself straight.

With the exception of the Lattice with floral border, I pulled all fabric from my Fat Quarter Bundle of When Dreams Flower. I find it gives me a greater range of choices, if I do not have all the fabrics. However, when I really got going with my project, I cut five of every set and made them for my girlfriends for Christmas. Doing an assembly line like this allowed me to complete all in one day.

Use 1/4 inch seam for all, unless otherwise specified. Always start sewing approximately 3/8 inch from edge, backstitching to edge to lock stitch and so that loose threads are tucked down and not hanging off edges.

Taking the Lattice with Floral border and Green rose floral strips (main fabric and backing), press wrong sides against Quilt Magic plus, forming a sandwich with my QMP in between, with right sides out You will have two of these. With free motion foot, and dropping feed dogs, free motion a stitch above and around each of the roses on the borders. Closely and carefully trim around the top part of the flowers. Go around each cut edge with fray check and allow to dry.

Press wrong sides of six **binding strips** together, lengthwise, just like you would a quilt binding. Stitch right sides together with the **main fabric** at base. Trim and flip for binding. Stitch in the ditch over the right side forming a stitched down binding. Do the same on the sides, folding down 1/2 inch top and bottom, forming a small finished edge. Only bind the length of the main fabric.

Fold each **pocket** lengthwise in half, right sides together. Press QMP to one side. Sew all the way around, leaving a small opening in the middle of the bottom. Turn to right sides, tuck in opening, press. This will fuse both fabrics to the QMP. You will have two of these. The folded edge will be the top of the pocket, the bottom seam will be the bottom of the pocket. Place on top of main side, about one inch up from the bottom edge. Sew down sides and bottom, and sew straight, parallel to sides as many pockets as you want inside basket (I did two stitched lines on each, for six pockets total).

Press QMP to wrong side of one circle. Put right sides of both circles together and stitch around circle, leaving a 1 1/2 inch opening. Turn to right side, then press, fusing all wrong sides of fabric to fusion. Sew shut opening.

Now, all edges are finished. With right sides of main fabric together, sew together side seams, using as a stitching guide the stitch in the ditch sewn line. Stitch approximately seven inches up from the bottoms, leaving the opening the rest of the way of approximately four inches, to fold over handles of basket.

Fold circle and pin quarters for marking and easing. Pin approximately at the 1/2 mark of the main fabric, front and back. Pin each of quarters of the circle to the base of main fabric quarters, using sides and middle of each main piece as the one quarter, easing edges. I pinned and sewed one half (two quarters) at a time, so that I could ease all in. Use a 1/2 inch seam allowance for this.

Enjoy!!

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