

Making a fabric basket

Art and crafts

60 minutes+

You will need:

Ironed felt, thick cotton, denim or calico. Two pieces of the same size (around 30cm x 20cm works well).

Yarn, such as embroidery silks, cotton, string

Ruler

Pencil

Paper clips/pins

Scissors

Large needle

A piece of A5 card, cut in half (portrait)

Optional:

A selection of buttons, sequins and ribbons

One-to-one



**Fun
Challenging
Focused**

An activity best done one-to-one or in small groups. It requires clear and concise step-by-step instructions to get it right, but it is very achievable. The finished basket is an attractive object to be proud of!

To begin:

Create your cardboard template (see photo). Next place your two pieces of fabric on top of the other and pin together. Then use your template to cut triangles into your fabric (see photo). Make sure that your triangles are the mirror image of each other.

Next:

Construct the basket by folding up the long sides first and then bringing the short sides round in front of them. Use paper clips or pins to hold the fabric in place (see photo below).

To finish:

Stitch together the fabric layers at the midpoint on the long sides. Then stitch the corners. A couple of bold stitches should be sufficient for each. Your basket is now finished, so all you have to do is decide how to use it! It can be a lovely way to store craft materials like threads, or to fill with nice toiletries as a gift.

You could also:

Use brightly coloured thread, ribbons, buttons and sequins to decorate your basket.



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