

**“Fabric Basket and Placemats”**



Dress up your table for any occasion using your serger. Placemats add a touch of color while the fabric basket is excellent for favors. So make several and enjoy!

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Supplies:**

Baby Lock [Evolution](#) or Evolvé Serger

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

All-purpose thread to match fabric

1 yard each of two coordinating fabrics

2 pieces 9" x 11" fusible web

1 yard June Taylor™ fusible batting

4 buttons to coordinate with fabric

4 yards 1/4" ribbon

3 spools of The Finishing Touch Rayon™ thread

3 spools all-purpose serger thread

3 spools decorative thread, such as Pearl Crown Rayon or Designer 6

\*supply amounts given for 2 baskets and 2 placemats.

**Instructions:**

**Cut and Press**

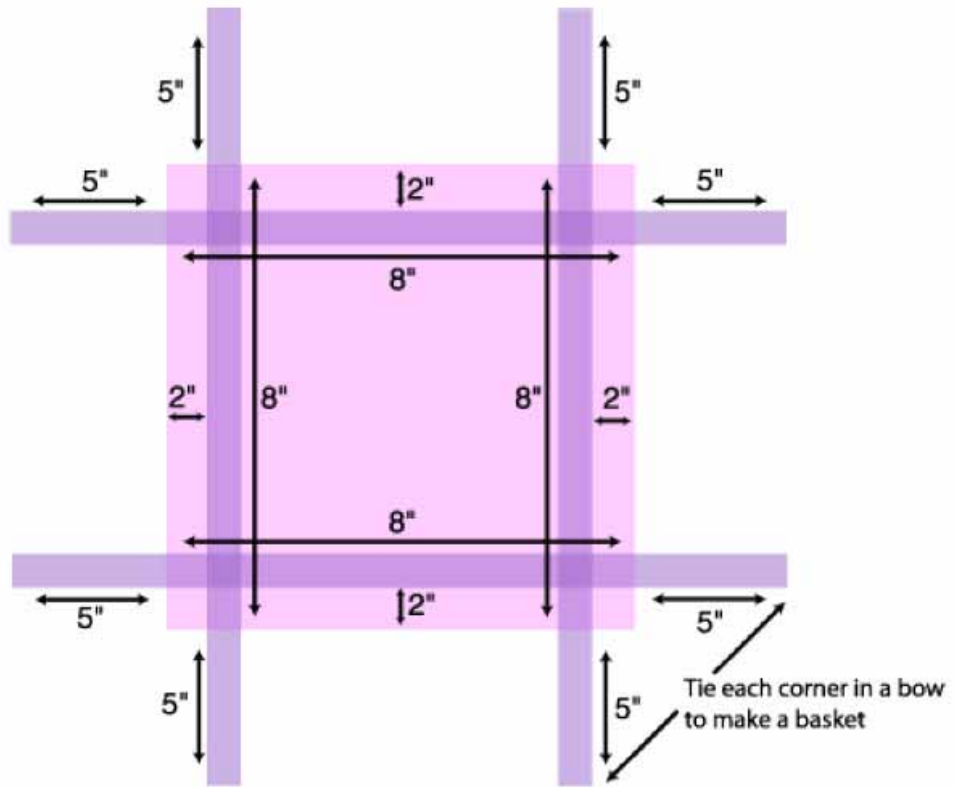
1. Cut 2 - 9" x 11" pieces of the two coordinating fabrics.
2. Cut 1 - 9" x 11" piece of fusible web.
3. Place fabric pieces wrong sides together with fusible web in between. Press to fuse according to manufacturer's directions, 2 pieces of 9" x 11" fabric.
4. Cut fused fabric into 2 pieces, one 9" x 9" and one 9" x 2".
5. Cut the 1/4" ribbon into four 18" lengths.

### **Serger Set-up**

1. Use a 6-thread Expressive stitch. Set up serger for a 3-thread narrow and a coverstitch, using the C-2 and C-3 needles.
2. You will be threading the needles with all purpose thread and the chain loopers with The Finishing Touch™ rayon. On the 3 thread narrow overlock, using the O-2 needle; thread all purpose thread in the needle. See serger set-up in above steps. Have the blade in the cutting position and the stitch selector set on "C".
3. Set the Stitch Length from 1-1/2 to 2.
4. Set the Stitch Width to 3.

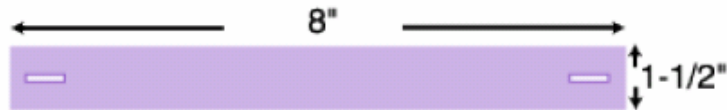
### **Assembly Instructions:**

1. Trimming a slight amount, serge all four edges of the 9" x 9" square of fabric. The finished size will be approximately 8" x 8".
2. Serge along the 9" edges of the 9" x 2" piece of fabric. Then, serge along the 2" edges. The finished size will be approximately 8" x 1-1/2".
3. Pin one 18" piece of ribbon along one side of the 8" x 8" square. 2" in from edges with ribbon extending 5" off each end. (See Diagram 1). Repeat for other 3 sides.
4. Set up serger for a narrow coverstitch, using C-2 and C-3 needles, using decorative thread in the chain looper.
5. Sew, ribbon side up, guiding needles along the edges of the ribbon. Follow these steps for the remaining 3 sides of the square.



**Diagram 1**

6. Set up sewing machine to make buttonholes. Use all-purpose thread to make buttonholes in the center of the 8" x 1- 1/2" piece of fabric, one at each end. (See Diagram 2)

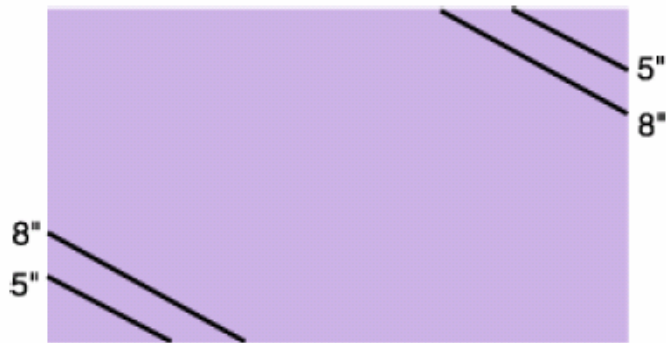


**Diagram 2**

7. Next, sew a button on each side of the basket.
8. Finally, tie ribbons in bows at the corners and attach handle by buttoning onto the basket. Your basket is ready to use for treats and goodies.

### Placemats:

1. Cut 4 pieces of the two coordinating fabrics, and 2 of the fusible batting, 22" x 15".
2. Layer the placemat pieces with fabric right sides together and batting in between. Fuse according to manufacturer's directions. Mark the top piece of fabric as shown in diagram 3 or as you would like.
3. Set up the Evolvé serger for the narrow coverstitch. Place all purpose thread in the C-2 and C-3 needles and The Finishing Touch Rayon thread in the chain looper.



**Diagram 3**

4. Sew coverstitch, following the lines previously marked.
5. Use a 6-thread Expressive stitch. Set up serger for a 3-thread narrow and a coverstitch, using the C-2 and C-3 needles.



6. You will be threading the needles with all purpose thread and the chain loopers with The Finishing Touch™ rayon. On the 3 thread narrow overlock, using the O-2 needle; thread all purpose thread in the needle. See serger set-up in above steps. Have the blade in the cutting position and the stitch selector set on "C".
7. Serge around all 4 sides, place seam sealant on all four corners, let dry, and trim close to stitching.

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