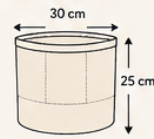


PATRIOTIC QUILTED FABRIC BASKET

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



FINISHED SIZE



MAIN METHODS USED

- Quilting (stitch-in-the-ditch)
- Patchwork piecing
- Binding
- Topstitching
- Basting
- Boxed bottom (optional stabilizer)

MATERIALS (Fabric from the U.S.)

- Assorted quilting cottons (U.S. brands) red, navy, cream prints (stars and stripes)
- 100% Cotton Batting (Warm & Natural by The Warm Company)
- Fusible Interfacing (Pellon® SF101 Shape-Flex or similar)
- Coordinating thread
- 2 D-Rings or strong fabric for handles (or make fabric handles)
- Sewing clips or pins
- Quilting ruler, rotary cutter, mat
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing mat

1. CUTTING GUIDE (all measurements in CM)

A. OUTER BASKET

Top Panel (Stars)



Cut 1
30 cm (W)
x 25 cm (H)



Bottom Panel
(Stripes)
Cut 1
30 cm (W)
x 20 cm (H)



Bottom Circle
Cut 1 circle
Diameter 30 cm

B. LINING

Lining Top Panel



Cut 1
30 cm (W)
x 25 cm (H)



Lining Bottom Panel
Cut 1
30 cm (W)
x 20 cm (H)



Lining Bottom Circle
Cut 1 circle
Diameter 30 cm

C. INTERFACING (Fusible) Fuse to wrong side of outer Top Panel, Bottom Panel and Bottom Circle



Top Panel
Cut 1
30 x 25 cm



Bottom Panel
Cut 1
30 x 20 cm



Bottom Circle
Cut 1
Diameter
30 cm

D. HANDLES

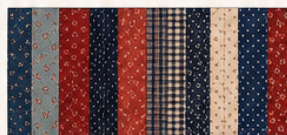


Cut 2
6 cm x 40 cm

2. PIECE THE OUTER PANELS



1. Sew star blocks
Arrange and piece
the 8-point stars.
Sew rows together,
then join rows
to complete the
top panel.



2. Sew stripe panel
Sew fabric strips
together in a
random order.
Press seams.



3. Join panels
Sew the star
panel (25 cm high)
to the stripe panel
(20 cm high).
Press seam up.

3. QUILT THE OUTER



Layer outer panel
with batting and
quilt (stitch-in-the-ditch
around stars and
straight lines
on the stripes).
Trim if needed.

4. MAKE THE HANDLES



Fold each handle
strip in half
lengthwise,
right sides
together. Sew 0.7 cm
seam.
Turn right side
out and press.
Topstitch both
edges.

5. PREPARE THE LINING



Sew lining top
and bottom
panels together.
Do the same
for the lining
bottom circle.

6. ATTACH HANDLES



Place handles
at opposite
sides, 6-7 cm
down from
the top edge.
Pin in place.
Baste.

7. ASSEMBLE THE OUTER



Sew outer
top panel to
bottom
circle,
matching
center seams.
Press seam up.

8. ASSEMBLE THE LINING



Sew lining
top panel to
lining bottom
circle.
Leave a
10 cm opening
for turning.

9. JOIN OUTER & LINING



Place lining
inside outer,
right sides
together.
Match top
edges.
Clip all
around.
Sew 0.7 cm
seam.

10. TURN & PRESS



Turn the
basket right
side out
through the
opening.
Push out the
bottom gently.
Press well.

11. CLOSE OPENING



Fold raw edges
of opening
inside.
Hand stitch
closed with
a blind stitch
or topstitch
close to the
edge.

12. ADD BINDING



Cut binding
strips 6 cm wide.
Join and press.
Attach binding
to the top edge,
mitering
corners at
handles.
Topstitch.

13. TOPSTITCH & FINISH



Topstitch
around the
top edge.
Press
everything
nicely.
Your basket
is ready!

TIPS

- Use 100% cotton quilting fabrics.
- Press seams as you go.
- Quilting adds stability and beauty.
- Make it scrappy with your favorite U.S. fabrics!



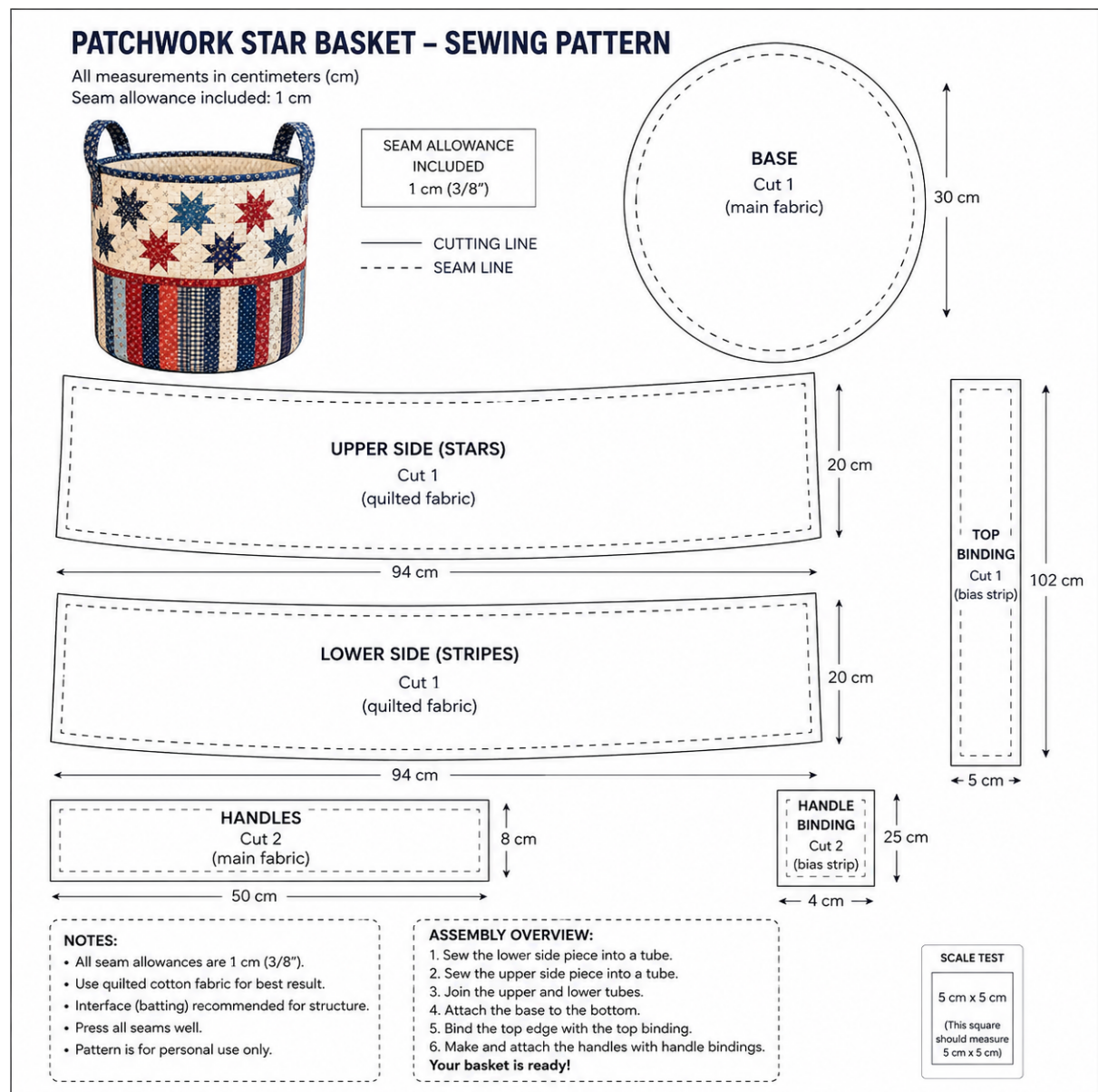
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Patriotic Quilted Fabric Basket – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Patriotic Quilted Fabric Basket is a beautiful and practical sewing project made with classic red, navy, cream, stars, and

stripes. The finished basket measures approximately 30 cm wide × 25 cm high and combines patchwork piecing, quilting, lining, handles, binding, and topstitching.

The tutorial below follows the construction shown in the reference guide as closely as possible. Measurements are kept in centimeters (cm) to remain consistent with the original pattern. For best results, read through the entire tutorial before cutting your fabrics.

1. Gather All Materials

For the closest result to the basket shown, choose coordinated 100% cotton quilting fabrics in patriotic colors and prints.

You will need assorted red, navy blue, and cream cotton fabrics. Star prints, small florals, stripes, checks, and traditional Americana-style prints work especially well.

You will also need 100% cotton batting, such as Warm & Natural by The Warm Company or a similar quilting batting.

Use a fusible interfacing such as Pellon SF101 Shape-Flex or another medium-weight fusible interfacing suitable for cotton fabric.

Prepare coordinating sewing thread, sewing clips or pins, quilting rulers, a rotary cutter, cutting mat, sewing machine, iron, and pressing surface.

For the handles, the basket in the tutorial uses fabric handles. You may also adapt the project for D-rings if desired, but the instructions below follow the fabric-handle version.

2. Understand the Finished Basket Size

The finished basket is approximately:

Width/Diameter: 30 cm

Height: 25 cm

The basket is cylindrical, with a circular bottom and two handles positioned on opposite sides.

The exterior is divided into two decorative sections. The upper portion features pieced star blocks, while the lower portion is made from vertically arranged red, navy, cream, and patterned fabric strips.

A narrow red accent strip separates the star section from the striped section.

The top edge is finished with a navy printed binding that coordinates with the handles.

3. Cut the Outer Basket Pieces

Begin with the outer basket.

For the Top Star Panel, cut or piece enough fabric to create one rectangle measuring:

30 cm wide × 25 cm high

This panel will eventually contain the patchwork stars.

For the Bottom Strip Panel, prepare one rectangle measuring:

30 cm wide × 20 cm high

Instead of cutting this panel from a single fabric, sew several narrow strips together in alternating patriotic colors until the completed strip unit reaches the required size.

For the Bottom Circle, cut:

1 circle – 30 cm diameter

The circle forms the base of the finished basket.

Keep all pieces carefully labeled so the top panel, lower panel, and bottom circle do not become mixed with the lining pieces.

4. Cut the Lining

For the lining, use a neutral cream or light coordinating quilting cotton.

Cut one Lining Top Panel measuring:

30 cm wide × 25 cm high

Cut one Lining Bottom Panel measuring:

30 cm wide × 20 cm high

Cut one Lining Bottom Circle measuring:

30 cm diameter

The lining will be assembled separately before being joined to the exterior.

If you want a slightly firmer basket, you may quilt the lining lightly, but the original construction mainly relies on the quilted exterior and interfacing for structure.

5. Cut the Fusible Interfacing

Cut interfacing pieces to support the basket exterior.

For the upper basket section, cut:

1 rectangle – 30 cm × 25 cm

For the lower basket section, cut:

1 rectangle – 30 cm × 20 cm

For the bottom, cut:

1 circle – 30 cm diameter

Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the corresponding exterior pieces according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Always use the recommended iron temperature for your particular interfacing.

Press rather than sliding the iron back and forth. This helps prevent distortion, especially on pieced patchwork panels.

Allow each fused section to cool completely before handling it.

6. Cut the Handle Pieces

Cut two fabric strips for the handles.

Each strip should measure approximately:

6 cm wide × 40 cm long

Choose a strong coordinating cotton fabric. The reference basket uses a dark navy floral or small-print fabric that also appears around the upper edge.

If you want extra-firm handles, add a narrow strip of interfacing inside each handle before folding.

Make sure both handle pieces are exactly the same size so the finished handles match.

7. Piece the Star Blocks

The upper panel features traditional eight-point-style patchwork stars arranged across a cream background.

Select several red and navy fabrics for the stars and cream fabrics for the background.

Piece individual star blocks using accurate patchwork seams. Keep your seam allowance consistent throughout all blocks.

Press the seams after completing each section. Depending on your preferred quilting technique, seams may be pressed to one side or open.

Arrange the finished blocks until you have a pleasing combination of red and navy stars.

The reference design alternates colors rather than placing identical stars next to each other.

Sew the star blocks together until the completed upper panel measures approximately 30 cm × 25 cm.

8. Make the Striped Lower Panel

For the lower basket section, cut narrow strips from your red, navy, cream, plaid, and small-print fabrics.

The strips do not need to be identical in color, but keeping their widths reasonably balanced creates a neat patchwork appearance.

Arrange the strips vertically in a pleasing order.

Alternate light and dark fabrics whenever possible to create visual contrast.

Sew the strips together one at a time using a consistent seam allowance.

Press the seams carefully as you work.

Trim the completed strip panel so it measures exactly:

30 cm wide × 20 cm high

9. Join the Upper and Lower Panels

Place the completed star panel above the striped lower panel.

With right sides together, align the lower edge of the star panel with the upper edge of the strip panel.

Pin or clip securely.

Sew the two sections together using approximately a 0.7 cm seam allowance, following the construction shown in the reference guide.

Press the seam neatly.

If desired, insert or apply a narrow red accent strip along this seam to reproduce the decorative red line shown on the original basket.

The combined exterior panel should now resemble one continuous rectangular basket body with stars on top and vertical strips underneath.

10. Prepare the Exterior for Quilting

Lay the completed exterior basket panel on top of the cotton batting.

Smooth the fabric carefully so there are no wrinkles.

Baste the layers together using quilting pins, safety pins, temporary basting spray, or another preferred quilting method.

The reference project uses stitch-in-the-ditch quilting around the stars.

This means sewing directly along or very close to the patchwork seam lines so the quilting emphasizes the shapes of the star blocks.

On the lower striped section, quilt straight vertical lines following the direction of the fabric strips.

Keep the quilting evenly spaced.

After quilting, trim away excess batting so the edges are clean and square.

11. Quilt and Stabilize the Bottom

Place the exterior bottom circle over batting.

Baste the two layers together.

Quilt the circle using simple straight lines, crosshatching, concentric circles, or another understated quilting pattern.

The purpose is to stabilize the bottom without making it excessively stiff.

Trim the batting carefully around the edge of the circle.

For a basket that needs more structure, an optional additional stabilizer may be added to the bottom.

12. Make the Fabric Handles

Take one 6 cm × 40 cm handle strip.

Fold it in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press to mark the center.

Open the strip.

Fold each long raw edge inward toward the center crease.

Press again.

Fold the entire strip in half along the original center fold, enclosing the raw edges inside.

The finished handle will be narrow, neat, and composed of several fabric layers.

Sew approximately 0.7 cm from the edge, or close to the folded edge, depending on the finished width.

Topstitch along both long sides for extra strength and a professional appearance.

Repeat for the second handle.

13. Prepare the Lining Body

Place the 30 × 25 cm lining top panel and the 30 × 20 cm lining bottom panel right sides together.

Align the 30 cm edges.

Pin or clip.

Sew the two pieces together.

Press the seam neatly.

The lining body should now correspond to the dimensions of the completed outer basket body.

14. Assemble the Outer Basket Body

Bring the two short vertical ends of the quilted exterior panel together with right sides facing.

Match the seam between the star section and stripe section carefully so it meets evenly at the side.

Pin or clip from top to bottom.

Sew the side seam.

Press the seam open or to one side.

The exterior should now form a cylindrical shape.

Check that the circumference is even before attaching the circular bottom.

15. Attach the Exterior Bottom Circle

Mark quarter points around the bottom edge of the exterior basket body.

Do the same around the quilted bottom circle.

Place the circle and basket body right sides together.

Match all four quarter marks first.

Add clips or pins evenly between those points.

Because you are sewing a straight edge to a curved circle, distribute the fabric carefully without creating folds.

Sew completely around the circle.

Take your time and gently rotate the project while sewing.

After sewing, inspect the seam for accidental tucks.

Press the seam upward toward the basket body if practical.

You now have the main exterior basket shell.

16. Assemble the Lining

Bring the short ends of the lining body together with right sides facing.

Pin and sew the side seam.

Press the seam.

Attach the 30 cm lining bottom circle using the same quarter-marking method used for the outer basket.

However, leave an opening of approximately:

10 cm

in the bottom seam for turning the basket later.

Backstitch securely at both ends of this opening.

Do not close it yet.

17. Position the Handles

Place the completed fabric handles on opposite sides of the outer basket.

The reference tutorial positions each handle approximately:

6–7 cm from the upper edge

Arrange both handles symmetrically.

The handle ends should extend toward the top edge while the loops point downward or inward temporarily during assembly.

Check that neither handle is twisted.

Pin or clip both ends securely.

Baste the handle ends in place so they cannot shift when the lining is attached.

Repeat on the opposite side.

18. Insert the Lining

Keep the exterior basket right side out.

Turn the lining wrong side out.

Place the lining over or inside the exterior according to the right-sides-together assembly method so that the right side of the lining faces the right side of the exterior.

The handles must remain sandwiched safely between these layers.

Match the top raw edges.

Align the side seams.

Clip all the way around the upper opening.

Make sure the lining is distributed evenly and is not twisted.

19. Sew the Outer Basket and Lining Together

Sew completely around the upper edge using approximately a:

0.7 cm seam allowance

Sew slowly over the handle areas because several layers of fabric are present.

Backstitch near each handle for additional strength if needed.

Once the seam is complete, inspect the entire top edge.

Trim excessive bulk only if necessary, being careful not to weaken the handle attachment.

The basket is now ready to be turned right side out.

20. Turn the Basket Right Side Out

Locate the 10 cm opening left in the lining bottom.

Carefully pull the exterior basket through this opening.

Work gradually so the seams are not stretched.

Continue pulling until the entire basket has been turned right side out.

Push the circular bottom into shape.

Use your fingers to smooth the upper seam.

Do not use a sharp object to push the seams because it may puncture the fabric.

Press the top edge carefully with an iron.

21. Close the Lining Opening

Locate the opening in the lining.

Fold the raw edges inward so they align with the sewn seam.

Press the folds.

You can close the opening by hand using a blind stitch or ladder stitch for an almost invisible finish.

Alternatively, sew close to the folded edge with your sewing machine.

For a handmade basket intended as a gift, hand stitching usually creates the cleanest appearance.

After closing the opening, push the lining fully inside the basket.

Smooth the lining around the sides and bottom.

22. Prepare the Binding

Cut fabric strips approximately:

6 cm wide

The reference project uses dark navy patterned fabric that matches the handles.

Join enough strips end to end to fit completely around the basket opening.

Press the joining seams.

Fold and press the binding according to your preferred double-fold binding technique.

Before attaching it, place the strip around the basket opening without sewing to confirm that the length is sufficient.

Leave enough extra fabric for joining the two ends neatly.

23. Attach the Binding

Position the binding around the upper edge of the basket.

Sew it to the edge, keeping the width consistent.

When approaching corners created by handle areas or thicker sections, sew slowly.

Join the binding ends neatly.

Fold the binding over the upper edge so the raw seam is enclosed.

Clip it securely in position.

Topstitch around the entire edge.

The finished navy binding should form a clean frame around the basket opening.

24. Topstitch the Upper Edge

Topstitch around the finished upper edge for additional stability.

Keep the stitch line even and close to the binding edge.

When sewing near each handle, slow down and make sure the handle remains in its proper upright position.

You may reinforce the handle attachment with additional stitching if the basket will carry heavier items.

Press the finished upper edge carefully.

The basket should now stand upright with two symmetrical handles.

25. Shape and Final Press

Place the completed basket on a flat surface.

Smooth the lining against the inside walls.

Gently shape the circular bottom.

Check the side seam and make sure the upper and lower patchwork sections are aligned.

Straighten both handles.

Give the basket a final press, using steam only if appropriate for your batting and interfacing.

Avoid crushing the quilted texture.

Allow the basket to cool completely while standing upright.

26. Optional Boxed-Bottom Stabilizer

The reference tutorial mentions a boxed bottom or optional stabilizer as one of the methods that may be used.

For additional structure, you can insert a removable circular stabilizer into the bottom.

Cut a firm stabilizer slightly smaller than the finished basket base.

Cover it with coordinating cotton fabric if desired.

Place it inside the basket underneath the lining base.

This is especially useful if the basket will hold heavier sewing supplies, fabric bundles, toys, towels, or household items.

27. Quilting Tips for the Best Result

Use 100% cotton quilting fabrics whenever possible because they press, piece, and quilt consistently.

Press each seam as you go rather than waiting until the basket is fully assembled.

Accurate patchwork is especially important in the star panel. Even small variations can affect how the star points align.

Keep the batting smooth while quilting.

For the star section, stitch-in-the-ditch quilting preserves the traditional patchwork appearance.

For the striped section, straight vertical quilting lines help emphasize the long fabric strips.

Always test stitch length and thread tension on scrap fabric containing the same number of layers before quilting the basket itself.

28. Sewing the Curved Bottom Successfully

Attaching a circular bottom can seem difficult the first time, but accurate marking makes the process much easier.

Divide both the basket body and circle into four equal sections.

Clip the quarter points together first.

Then divide each section again.

Add clips gradually until the fabric is evenly distributed around the entire circumference.

Never force the fabric to match.

Instead, gently ease the straight body edge around the circular base.

Sew slowly and stop occasionally with the needle down to reposition the fabric.

29. Handle Placement Tips

Both handles should be directly opposite one another.

Before basting them, place the basket upright and visually check the positions.

Measure from the side seam if necessary to guarantee symmetry.

Each handle should form the same size loop.

Make sure the handles are not twisted before sewing.

Because handles receive repeated stress, reinforce them with additional stitching.

A small rectangular or box-style reinforcement stitch can be added beneath the binding if extra durability is needed.

30. Final Quality Check

Before considering the project finished, inspect every section.

Check that the lining is completely closed.

Make sure there are no loose threads.

Confirm that both handles are securely attached.

Inspect the binding for missed stitches.

Check the bottom to ensure that it sits flat.

Look around the star panel and make sure the quilting is secure.

Smooth the lining one final time.

Your Patriotic Quilted Fabric Basket is now complete.

The finished basket combines patchwork piecing, quilting, binding, topstitching, lining construction, handle making, and circular-bottom assembly in one practical project. Its red, navy, and cream color palette makes it especially suitable for patriotic decorating, Fourth of July displays, sewing-room storage, handmade gifts, or traditional American country décor.

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