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Fabric boxes

Instructions to sew 3 sizes of fabric boxes.

Finished sizes: (not folded down)

Large : Base 7" x 6.5" Height 6"

Medium : Base 5" x 5" Height 6"

Small : Base 3" x 3.5" Height 6"



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Materials & Cutting List

You will need:

- Fabric for outer
- Fabric for lining
- Wadding for inside
- Thread

Fabric requirement

For making all 3 baskets
(based on 44" /112cm wide fabric)

- 50cm outer
- 50cm lining
- 40cm wadding (90cm wide)

A note about the wadding

In this demo I have used thermolan , a needle felted wadding.

You can use any wadding you have to hand. If you don't have wadding, use any interfacing you have. Iron on interfacing may make your chosen outer fabric, look and feel, very stiff. (Test a piece first) Due to this I like to iron the interfacing to the lining. Don't worry if you have nothing for wadding/interfacing. If you roll down the top of the finished box, it will help it stand up. Of course when you put your belongings inside this will also help



Cutting Sizes & Box Corner Sizes

- 2qty Outer
- 2qty wadding
- 2qty Lining

Large 14.5" wide x 10.5" high
Use a 3" square for box corner

Medium 11" wide x 9.5" high
Use a 2" square for box corner

Small 7.5" wide x 8.5" high
Use a 1" square for box corner

***Photo shows sizing
for smallest box***

What fabrics to use?

I've used a 'Linen Look' fabric made from a cotton poly mix. It's heavier than a medium weight (like quilting) cotton. You can use any weight of fabric. If you are using wadding it won't really matter how light your fabric is. Although I wouldn't be using silky, floaty, light weight fabrics - keep these for your scarves and headbands. If you choose a denim or canvas it can become bulky, and a little tricky to sew over the seams, just take your time, try and press seams flatter.

Tweed, works well, especially as the seam allowances are generous so less likely to fray. As you would expect you won't get a crisp ironed edge.

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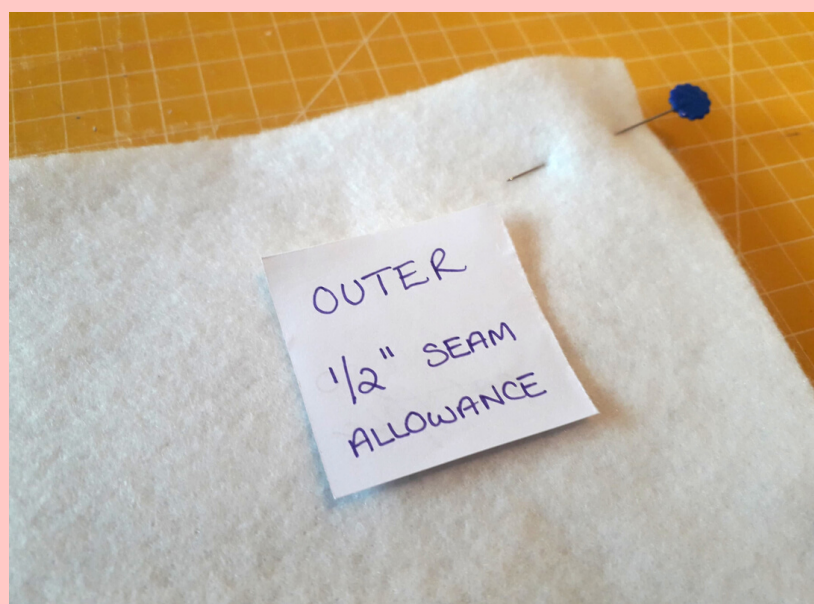
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Instructions

Begin and end each seam with forwards and reverse to secure the stitches
Snip your threads as you go along, keeping your sewing neat.

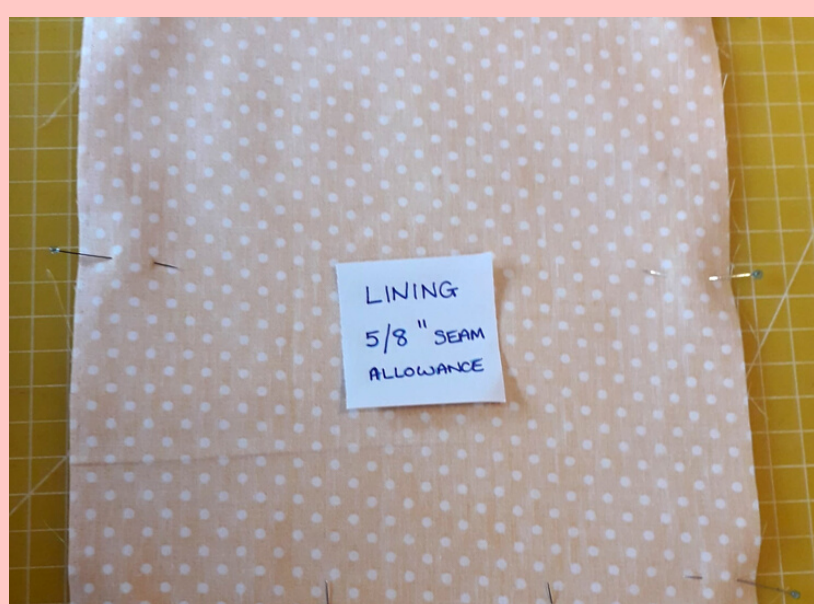


Outer Fabric:

Pin wadding to the wrong side of the outer fabric pieces, place the outer right sides together.
Pay attention if you are using directional fabric!

Seam allowance is 1/2" for all OUTER sewing

Stitch down the righthand side, pivot at corner (keeping your needle in the fabrics) carry on along the bottom and pivot once more to sew up the lefthand side and stop.
Be careful if you are using directional fabric.



Lining Fabric:

Pin lining right sides together. Repeating how you sewed the outer EXCEPT you need to LEAVE A 3" GAP in the centre of the bottom for turning completed box right sides out.

Seam allowance is 5/8" for all LINING sewing

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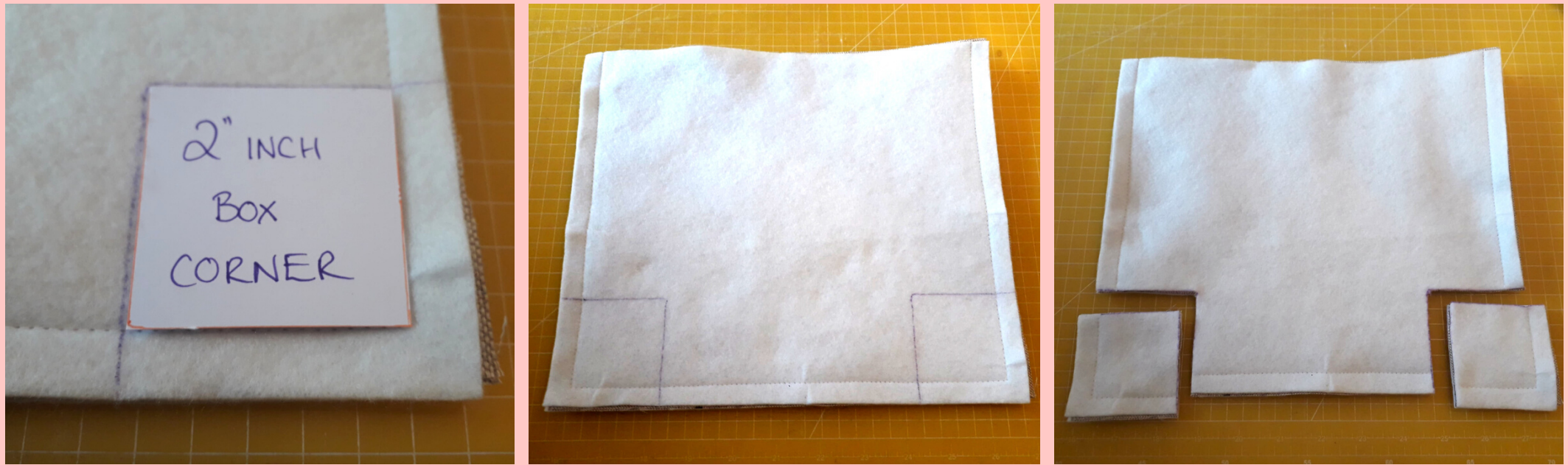
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Boxed Corners



Draw a square on the bottom corners of you outer and lining pieces, the square will be lined up against your stitching. Cut out the squares.



Open up the corners matching the side and bottom seams together. Open seams out flat and pin. *(If you are finding it difficult to open them flat, press them OR push bottom seams to left and top seams to the right - so the nestle together)*

Stitch the corners closed using a **1/2" seam allowance for outer** and a **5/8" seam allowance for lining**. Repeat with all corners.



If you are using thicker fabrics and wadding, it's a good idea to trim back your wadding along the seams. Cutting down by around half, more if you're braver!

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Finishing



Turn your outer box, so the right side is inwards. Place the lining inside the outer box. Aligning at the side seams first, pin these in place. Going around the top edge, aligning the outer and lining fabrics, continue to pin around the top edge.



Remove the free-arm from your sewing machine, if you can, and slip over the end. Just use the edge of your sewing foot as a guide, lining the edge of the fabric to the edge of your foot. Continue to sew around the entire top. Find the gap and pull the entire box rightsides out.



Press the edges of the gap opening, sew as close to the edge as you can. Alternatively you can hand sew close. ***TAH DAH! Well done*** ... now make as many as you can!

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