



Megelles Sewing Basket

Fabric Requirements

Large Bag- Finished size 19 " x 9 " x 9 " (48cm x 24cm x 24 cm)– made from 5" (12.5cm) squares

- Approximately 80" (2m) of coordinating fabric or a charm pack plus 60" (1 ½ m) of coordinating fabric
- 40" (1 m) Iron-on Pellon (640) or other suitable wadding
- 40" (1 m) Iron-on Interfacing for the inside of the pockets and handles



Small Bag - Finished size 11 ½ " x 5 ½ " x 5 ½ " (29cm x 14cm x 14cm)– made from 3 ½" (9cm) squares

- Approximately 40" (1 m) of coordinating fabric
- 20" (50cm) Iron-on Pellon (640) or other suitable wadding
- 20" (50cm) Iron-on Interfacing for the inside of the pockets and handles



140" (3.5m) Boning - Polyester 8mm to help the bag hold its shape – Optional for large bag only.

NB: Lining & Pellon - The lining and wadding are cut a little larger as they will be trimmed to the same size as the outside of the bag after the outside sections have been quilted. Often the piece you quilt 'shrinks' ever so slightly when you quilt it.

The Iron-on Interfacing is for the inside of the pockets and handles

Cutting instructions

	Square Size	Lining & Pellon for the Side Panels	Lining & Pellon for the Base & Ends	Handles **	Inside pockets *	Binding
No required	32	2	1	2	2	1
Large	5"	20" x 10"	38" x 10"	16" x 3"	20" x 14"	2 ½ " x 4 x wof
Small	3 ½ "	13" X 7"	25 ½ " x 7"	12" x 3"	13" x 9"	2 ½ " x 3 x wof

* You can patchwork these pieces if you like. I have used two different width strips of fabrics.

** I usually make one long strip and them cut in half.

Instructions

1. Sew the 32 squares together in groups as shown

2 X 4 X 2 - For side panels

1 X 8 X 2 – for Base and ends

Approximate finished size

Side Panel	Base & Ends
2	1
18 ½ ' x 9 ½"	36 ½" x 9 ½ "
12 ½ " x 6 ¼ "	24 ½" x 6 ¼ "

2. Iron the pella or wadding onto the wrong side of the fabric. Then quilt as you like. I either stipple or crisscross the squares.



If you would like your lining quilted too then you can place the lining on the other side and quilt it like you would quilt a normal quilt i.e. Quilt as you go. NB: I use a spray baste to hold the layers together while I quilt it.

3. Lay the outside piece face side down then place the lining on right side up. Repeat for other side.



4. Iron the interfacing onto the wrong side of the pocket pieces and then press in half lengthways.



5. Place this on top of the linings. Work out where you would like your pockets to be divided and sew along these lines. I used the seams of the squares on the outside panels as my guide.

On the larger bag, I made four (4) pockets (one (1) outside square wide) on one side by stitching in the ditch of the outside blocks. On the other side I made five pockets. One big pocket (two (2) outside squares wide) and then four (4) small ones (half(1/2) an outside square wide).

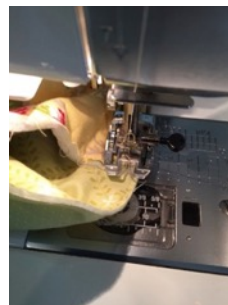


Then sew all the way around each piece securing all the layers together. Trim all the layers to be the same size as the outside layer.



6. Assembling the bag

Place base/end panel and side panel with the lining side together and match up the squares. Pin all the way along and then sew slowly around. Please make sure your seams are on the outside. I find my walking foot very useful when sewing these bulky seams.



When you get to the corner stop $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge with your needle is down. Then lift the pressure foot and turn the fabric around.

7. Binding -Sew the binding along the seam you have just sewn. Then hand sew it into place. I have placed some boning in my binding of the larger bag only to make the bag hold it's shape but this is optional.



8. Handles – Iron the interfacing onto the wrong side of the fabric strip. Sew along the side and one end of the strip. Turn right side out and press. Top stitch along each side and repeat for other piece.



9. Attached the handle on the outside and shown in the photograph



10. Sew the last piece of binding around the top and then hand sew into place.



All done!

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