

Project: Stash It

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Love to keep kitchen and bath areas neat and tidy? Create a fabulous clutter-busting fabric container color-coordinated with your decor.

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Materials

- 3— $\frac{1}{8}$ -yard pieces green florals (exterior)
- $\frac{1}{8}$ yard green check (exterior)
- $\frac{3}{8}$ yard green print (exterior and lining)
- $9\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " piece heavyweight fusible interfacing
- $9\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " batting
- Basting spray

Finished container: $5\times 10\times 6$ "

Quantities are for $4\frac{4}{5}$ "-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances unless otherwise stated. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics

To make the best use of your fabrics, cut pieces in the following order.

From each green floral, cut:

- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 35$ " strip
- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From green check, cut:

- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 35$ " strip
- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From green print, cut:

- 1— $9\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " lining rectangle
- 1— $1\frac{1}{2}\times 35$ " strip

Assemble Container

1. Aligning long edges, sew five $1\frac{1}{2}\times 35$ " strips together to make a strip set (Diagram 1). Press seams in one direction. Cut strip set into six $5\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments (Diagram 2).
2. Referring to Diagram 3, lay out six $5\frac{1}{2}$ "-wide segments. Join to make a vertically striped row for container bottom. Container bottom should be $5\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
3. Aligning long edges, sew together one green check and three green floral $1\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " strips, repeating order of fabrics in Step 1 to make container top (Diagram 4). Container top should be $4\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
4. Referring to Diagram 5, sew Step 3 top to Step 2 bottom to make container exterior. Container should be $9\frac{1}{2}\times 30\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
5. Following manufacturer's instructions, press fusible interfacing onto wrong side of green print lining rectangle; let cool.
6. With right sides together, stitch lining rectangle to container exterior along container top. Press seam toward lining.
7. Using basting spray, adhere batting to wrong side of exterior (Diagram 6).
8. Join short ends of exterior and lining (Diagram 7). Press seams open.
9. With wrong sides together, fold exterior with batting over lining to make a 9"-high tube. Press folded edge and smooth the tube with your hands.
10. Quilt as desired. Designer Meredith McCambridge chose a machine-stippled design.
11. With the lining on the outside, join bottom raw edges with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Trim seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and serge or machine-zigzag-stitch to finish seam.
12. To shape flat bottom for container, at one end match bottom seam line to side seam line, creating a flattened triangle (Diagram 8). Draw a 5" line across triangle. Stitch on marked line. Repeat with remaining end.
13. Turn container right side out. Using fabric glue or a hot-glue gun, glue fabric triangles to bottom. For a crisp finish, iron a fold into each of the four vertical corners and along each long side of the bottom.

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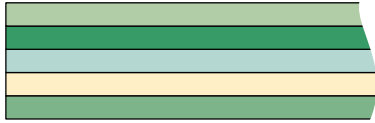


DIAGRAM 1

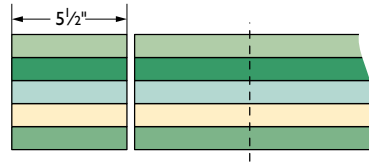


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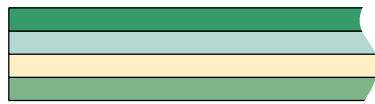


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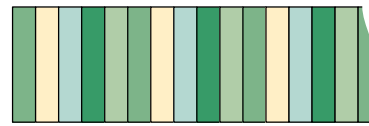


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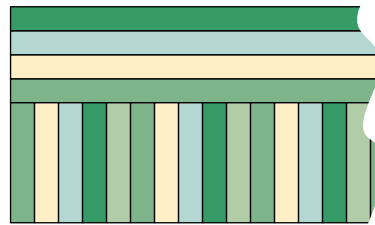


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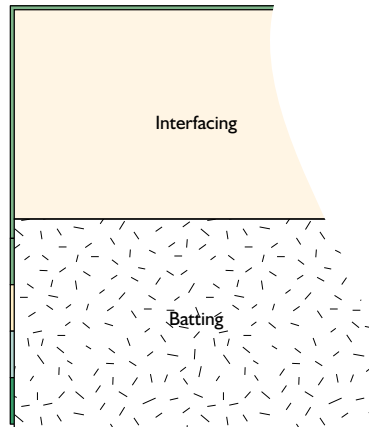


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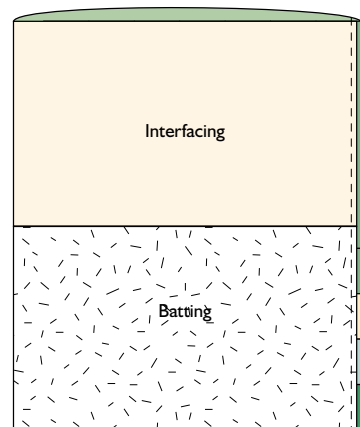


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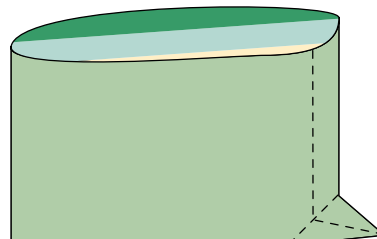


DIAGRAM 8