

Fold Flat Turkey & Tree Baskets

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Tips and Tricks

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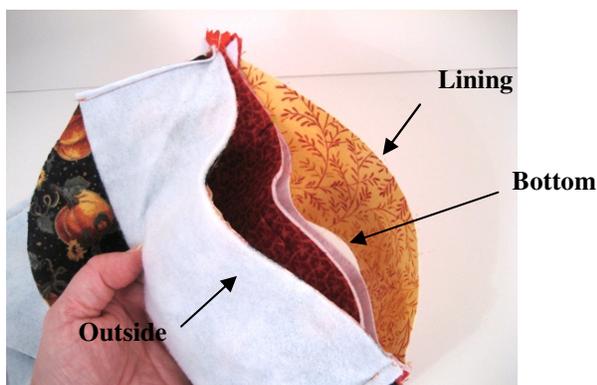
Attaching the Sides to the Bottom



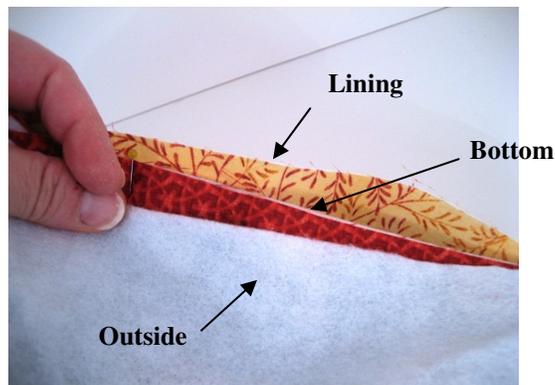
This picture shows the bottom of the basket after the outer side (shown) and the lining (not shown) have been sewn to the basket bottom. Note that the zipper pull is located on the outside of the basket. Refer to the following pictures to attach the basket outer side and lining side to the bottom.



To attach the bottom of the basket, you will sandwich the bottom between the outer side and lining side. To make it easier to sew and reduce the bulk in the seams, sew the bottom sides one at a time, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch from each corner. This picture shows the bottom of the basket with the lining side being matched to the corners. Note that the zipper pull is on the other side of the bottom (to the outside).



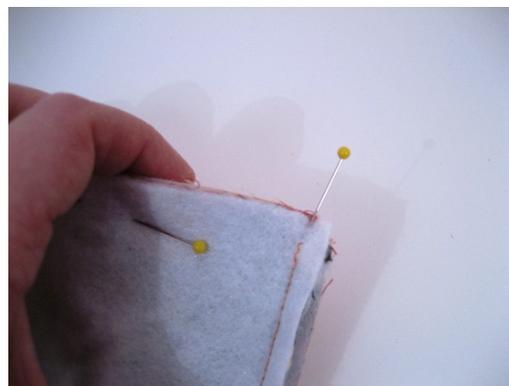
With right sides together, sandwich the basket bottom between the basket outer sides and basket lining sides, aligning the bottom raw edges and matching the corners.



This picture shows the basket bottom sandwiched between the lining side and the outer side.



Once the bottom has been sandwiched between the outer sides and the lining sides, pin in place. I like to pin and sew one side of the bottom at a time. The zipper end is shown on the left side of this picture. Trim off the little zipper "ears" that extend into the seam allowance after the sides are sewn.



When pinning and sewing the bottom in place, remember to sew only to within $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch of the corners. I put a pin in perpendicular to the seam to remind me to stop there. This reduces the bulk in the corners so that when you flop up the sides you will have neat, crisp corners.

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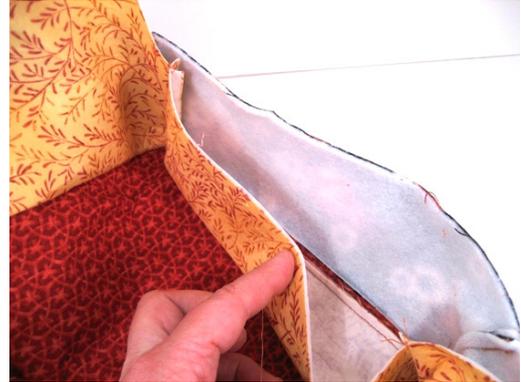
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This picture shows the basket outer sides and lining sides sew to the basket bottom before flopping the sides up and bringing the *wrong sides* of the basket sides together (similar to turning something right side out).



Flop the outer sides and the lining sides up over the bottom seam allowance (bringing the *wrong sides* together) and press well. Test the zipper to make sure it works properly.



Align the raw edges of the outer sides and lining sides at the top of the basket and pin in place. You will sew the binding around the top edge to finish the basket body. Attach the head/neck and tail feathers and you are done!