8. Pin a safety pin to one short edge of your ¾" x 12" piece of Soft & Stable. (This is ½" shorter on each end to reduce bulk in the seam when sewn to the basket.) Push the ByAnnie's Soft & Stable™ up through the handle. Center the Soft & Stable in the handle, and press. Sew ¼" along both long edges.

9. Hand-sew one button to the middle of each side of the basket, placed over the (C1) strip.

10. Pin one short end of the handle over one of the seams on the side of the quilted basket, matching raw edges, with the top side of the handle [the (C2) side] facing the basket (RST). Run the handle along the bottom of the basket and up to the other top edge of the basket. Pin the short end of the handle over the side seam, the same way you did on the first side. Baste both short ends of the handle to the sides of the basket. **(See Figure 6.)**

Figure 6

11. Place the quilted basket into the lining, right sides together, matching all seams and raw edges. Pin in place. Sew ½" along the top edge. Turn right side out, pulling the quilted basket through the opening in the lining. Sew the opening closed. Push the lining down inside the basket and bring the handle up.

12. Sew all the way around the basket, ¼" down from the top edge.
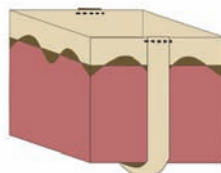
Optional: If you will be putting a mason jar full of goodies in your basket, you can remove the lid ring and glue a piece of coordinating fabric to the top of the round jar lid. You can also make the circle slightly larger and add a little batting or fiberfill to make it "puff" out of the ring.

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Hugs and Holly

by Kelly Meuller of The Wooden Bear

Version 1
Candy Basket
Materials Needed:
A. Pattern #22327 – GRE1 (Green Tree Toss) .... one fat eighth
B. Pattern #22324 – RED1 (Red Word Toss)............................. one fat quarter
C. Pattern #22328 – DKGRE1 (Green Snowflake) .... one fat quarter

Version 2
Gingerbread Basket
Materials Needed:
A. Pattern #22324 – MUL1 (Cream Word Toss)......................... one fat eighth
B. Pattern #22330 – RED1 (Red Gingerbread Toss) .... one fat quarter
C. Pattern #22328 – LTBRO1 (Brown Snowflake)....................... one fat quarter

Version 3
Cocoa Basket
Materials Needed:
A. Pattern #22329 – RED1 (Red Stripe)...................................one fat eighth
B. Pattern #22325 – DKBLU1 (Blue Mitten Toss) ....one fat quarter
C. Pattern #22328 – RED1 (Red Snowflake)............................one fat quarter

For each basket, you will also need four wood buttons and ByAnnie's Soft & Stable™.

Cutting Instructions:
A. 1. Cut (2) 2½" x 9"
   2. Cut (1) 2" x 13"
B. 1. Cut (1) 9" x 12"
C. 1. Cut (2) 3" x 9"
   2. Cut (1) 1½" x 13"
   3. Cut (1) 9" x 15"

From ByAnnie's Soft & Stable™, cut (1) 11" x 17", and (1) ¾" x 12".

Piecing Instructions:
(Version 2 is used for the example. Use ½" seam allowances unless otherwise stated. You will use ¼" seams for the handle to reduce bulk.)

1. Fold each (C1) 3" x 9" rectangle in half lengthwise, WST, and press.
2. Line up the long raw edges of one (C1) strip with one of the 9" ends of (B1) 9" x 12" rectangle, right sides together. Baste in place.
3. Lay one (A1) 2½" x 9" strip on top of the (C1) strip, right sides together, raw edges matching, and sew together using ½" seam. Press the seams open.
4. Follow steps 1 through 3 for the other 9" end of (B1).
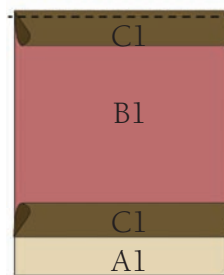   **(See Figure 1.)**

Figure 1

Quilting Instructions:
1. Lay the pieced basket layer on top of the 11" x 17" piece of ByAnnie's Soft & Stable™. Quilt as desired. Be sure the folded strip (C1) that was sewn into the seam between (A1) and (B1) does not get quilted down.
2. Trim the Soft & Stable even with the pieced basket layer.
3. Using a ruler and a fabric pencil, draw lines from one 9" end to the other 9" end, following **Figure 2.** Make a mark along both sides, ½" from the edge. These indicate the seams. Starting at one of these lines, draw a line every 2".
4. Starting at the left side, pull the edge of your folded strip (C1) downward, and pin in place. It should extend past the line drawn ½" from the edge for the seam. At the next line drawn (at the 2½" mark), pull (C1) upward, and pin in place. Continue doing this at each line drawn, alternating up and down, until you reach the right edge. **(See Figure 3.)** These are not perfectly straight. They will make a bit of a gather.
5. Sew with a coordinating thread along the lines drawn. For the side seams, you only need to sew a basting stitch to hold the (C1) strip in place. There is no need to stitch along the whole line.
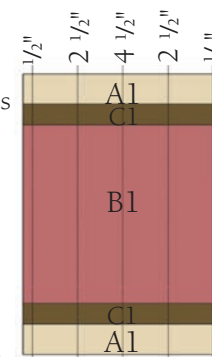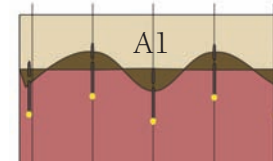
Figure 2

Figure 3

Assembling the Basket:
1. Fold the quilted basket in half, right sides together, matching all edges, with the 9" ends at the top. The 9" ends will be the top opening of the basket. Pin along the right and left sides. Sew along the basket sides using ½" seams.
2. Pinch each of the bottom corners lining up the side seam with the center fold on the bottom.
3. Measure in 2" from each corner, and draw a line perpendicular to the side seam. Sew along this line. **(See Figure 4.)**
4. Trim the excess off each corner ¼" from the seam.
5. Turn the basket right side out, and push each of the corners out.
6. Follow steps 1 through 4 above, using the (C3) 9" x 15" lining piece. Leave an opening along one of the sides. It should be large enough for turning the basket right side out. Leave the lining wrong side out for now.
7. To make the handle, lay the (C2) 1½" x 13" strip on top of the (A2) 2" x 13" strip, right sides together, matching the right edges. Sew together using a ¼" seam. Line up the left edges of these two pieces, right sides together, and sew along the edge using a ¼" seam. Turn the handle right side out, and press. Try to have the same amount of the back piece (A2) showing on both the right and left sides of the handle. **(See Figure 5.)**
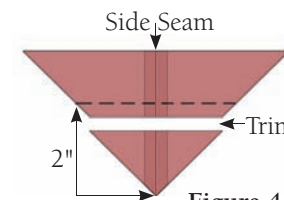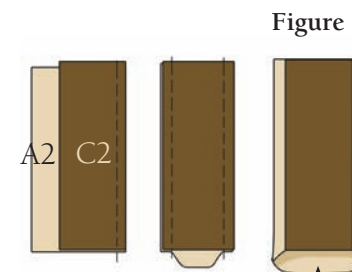
Side Seam

Trim

2"

Figure 4

Figure 5

A2 C2

Insert and center batting strip.