

# 🧵 Complete Tutorial: Fabric Catchall Basket with Pearl Detail (Highly Detailed Guide)

This guide expands every step so even a complete beginner can confidently make this basket from start to finish. Take your time with each stage—you'll get a beautiful, structured result! 😊

## COMPLETE TUTORIAL: FABRIC CATCHALL BASKET WITH PEARL DETAIL



### 1 PREPARE PATTERN & MATERIALS

**PATTERNS (CM):**  
 Base D=15cm  
 Segment Height=15cm  
 Wider Top Width=12cm

Interfacing (e.g. medium weight fusible) (8 per basket)  
 Fusible Fleece (optional for softer look) (8 per basket)

Cut 8 pattern pieces for one basket.

### 2 CUT & INTERFACE FABRIC

A. Cut 8 pieces (4 Outer, 4 Lining).  
 B. Cut 8 Interface pieces (Outer only or or all 8 for stiffness).  
 C. Fuse interfacing to fabric back (following product instructions).

### 3 SEW SEGMENTS (P)

A. Match Outer segments R.S.T. (Right Sides Together), stitch sides with 0.5cm seam allowance.  
 B. Repeat for Lining segments.  
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 C. Match one outer set to one lining set, R.S.T., leaving a turning gap.

### 4 ASSEMBLE BASKET CORE

A. Place base (15cm diameter) on workspace.  
 C. Position and sew (Note: Turn through the gap vail Panel 3 after base as is partially done for easier turning, then close.)  
 A. Turn basket R.S. out.  
 B. Press carefully.  
 C. Layer a light batting (optional) between layers if desired.  
 D. Quilt the layers by topstitching over the segment seams, from base to top.  
 E. Add decorative parallel topstitching lines.

### 5 QUILT & TOPSTITCH (Q)

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 B. Press carefully.  
 C. Layer a light batting (optional) between layers if desired.  
 D. Quilt the layers by topstitching over the segment seams.  
 E. Add decorative parallel topstitching lines.

### 6 ADD PEARL DETAIL & FINISH (E)

A. Attach decdia) where segment tops meet, hand-stitching with strong thread.  
 B. Close any remaining turning gaps with invisible ladder stitch. Your basket is ready!

- P** **PIECING** - Sewing varied fabric pieces along edges to form a new pattern.
- Q** **QUILTING** - Layering and stitching together a top, batting, and backing.
- E** **EMBELLISHMENT** - Adding decorative details like pearls, embroidery, or trim.
- R.S.T.** **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER** - Aligning fabric patterns face-to-face.

## **Step 1: Prepare Pattern & Materials**

### **Understanding the Pattern Shape**


Each basket is made from **8 identical curved panels** that form the scalloped sides.

Each panel should have:

- Height: **15 cm (about 6 inches)**
- Bottom width: **12 cm (about 4.7 inches)**
- Top: gently curved and wider than the base
- Slightly angled sides so they form a circle when joined

You will also need:

- A **base circle: 15 cm diameter (6 inches)**

 Tip: Draw one panel on paper first, cut it out, and use it as your template.

### **Fabric Cutting Plan**

You will cut:

- 8 panels → **outer fabric**
- 8 panels → **lining fabric**
- 1 base circle → outer fabric
- 1 base circle → lining fabric

### **Materials Checklist**


- Cotton fabric (quilting cotton works great)
- Medium-weight fusible interfacing
- Optional: fusible fleece (for softness and body)
- Matching thread
- Hand sewing needle
- Pearls or decorative beads
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or sewing clips
- Iron + ironing board

 Fabric Tip: Avoid very thin fabric—it won't hold shape well.

## Step 2: Cut & Apply Interfacing

### A. Cutting Accurately

- Place your paper template on fabric
- Trace lightly or use clips and cut around it
- Cut **precisely**—accuracy matters so pieces fit well later


 Cut slowly and keep edges smooth to avoid uneven seams.

### B. Interfacing Application

- Take each **outer panel**
- Place interfacing on the **wrong side** (back side of fabric)
- Fuse using an iron:
  - Press down firmly for 10–15 seconds
  - Lift and move (do NOT slide the iron)

If using fusible fleece:

- Apply it the same way on top of interfacing or instead of it

 Result: Your panels should feel slightly stiff and structured.

## Step 3: Sew the Panels (Outer & Lining)

### A. Sewing Outer Panels Together

1. Take two panels
2. Place them **right sides together (RST)**
3. Align edges carefully
4. Sew one side using:
  - Seam allowance: **0.5 cm (¼ inch)**
5. Add the next panel:
  - Again, RST
  - Sew along one side
6. Continue until all 8 panels form a loop

 Important:

- Keep seam allowances consistent
- Backstitch at the start and end

## B. Repeat for Lining

- Do the exact same process with the 8 lining panels

## C. Join Outer and Lining (Top Edge)

1. Place outer piece and lining piece **RST**
2. Match all seams carefully
3. Pin around the top edge
4. Sew around the entire top edge BUT:
  - Leave a **5–7 cm (2–3 inch) gap**

💡 This gap is crucial—you will turn the basket through it later.

## Step 4: Assemble the Basket Core

### A. Attaching Outer Panels to Base

1. Take the **outer base circle**
2. Divide it mentally into 8 sections (or mark lightly)
3. Match each panel seam to a section
4. Pin panels to the circle:
  - Right sides together
  - Raw edges aligned
5. Sew slowly around the circle:
  - Use the same 0.5 cm seam allowance
  - Slightly ease fabric if needed

💡 Go slowly here—this is one of the trickiest parts.

### B. Attach Lining Base

- Repeat the same steps with lining panels and lining base

### C. Important Turning Tip


If it feels tight:

- You can partially sew one seam later to make turning easier

## **Step 5: Turn, Shape, Quilt & Topstitch**

### **A. Turning the Basket**

- Pull the entire basket through the gap
- Gently push out seams using fingers or a blunt tool

 Be careful not to tear stitches.

### **B. Pressing**

- Press all seams flat with an iron
- Shape the scalloped edges carefully

### **C. Optional Batting Layer**

If you want a softer, quilted look:

- Insert thin batting between outer and lining before fully shaping

### **D. Quilting (Topstitching Structure)**

1. Sew straight lines over each vertical seam
2. Start from base → go up to top edge
3. This locks layers together

 This step gives the basket structure and durability.

### **E. Decorative Topstitching**

- Add extra parallel lines between seams if desired
- Keep spacing even for a professional look

## **Step 6: Add Pearl Detail & Finish**

### **A. Sewing Pearls**

1. Identify each top point where panels meet
2. Thread a needle with strong thread
3. Sew one pearl at each point:
  - Go through fabric multiple times
  - Tie securely on the inside

 Pearls add both decoration AND help define the scalloped shape.

## B. Close the Turning Gap

Use a **ladder stitch**:

1. Fold raw edges inward
2. Stitch invisibly back and forth
3. Pull thread tight to close

## C. Final Shaping

- Adjust the basket with your hands
- Push out curves evenly
- Lightly press again if needed



## Helpful Beginner Tips

- Sew slowly—accuracy matters more than speed
- Always align edges before stitching
- Pressing after each step improves results a lot
- If something looks uneven, fix it early (don't wait!)



## Finished Result

You now have a structured, elegant fabric catchall basket with:

- Beautiful scalloped edges
- Clean seams
- Decorative pearl accents

Perfect for:

- Jewelry
- Sewing supplies
- Desk organization
- Gifts 🎁