

Handy Storage Tubs

These easy to make handy tubs are perfect to organise your crafty stash

What you'll need:

Medium weight patterned fabric. 35½ x 12" (90 x 30cms)

Lining in a complimentary plain colour. 35½ x 12" (90 x 30cms)

Medium weight iron-on interfacing. 35½ x 12" (90 x 30cms)

Dressmakers' pins

Scissors or Rotary Cutter

Erasable fabric pen or Tailors chalk

Large ruler

Compass/Circular plate or in my case - a pan lid!

Optional – If you want to make the storage tags:

Scrap fabric for storage tag. 4¾ " x 4 (12x10cms)

Iron-on interfacing 4x3 (10x8cms)

Clear flexible plastic or medium weight clear acrylic.

Follow the optional steps at the end of this project and apply after step 2.

How to Make:

1. For the large storage: Cut 1 main patterned fabric, 1 lining and 1 medium weight interfacing each measuring 26 x 11" (66 x 28cms).

For the base: Cut 1 main fabric circle, 1 lining circle and 1 medium weight interfacing each diameter 8¾ " (22cms)

For the medium storage: Cut 1 main fabric, 1 lining and 1 medium weight interfacing each measuring 20½ x 9¾ (52 x 25 cms)

For the base: Cut 1 main fabric, 1 circle and 1 medium weight interfacing each measuring a diameter of 7" (18cms)



2. Iron the interfacing pieces to the wrong side of the patterned fabric panel and circular base fabric.

3. Fold the panel in half, right side to right side and machine stitch about a 1cm seam allowance, you'll now have a cylinder shape. Make small snips into the bottom of the cylinder, this will help when attaching the base.



5. With right sides together, machine stitch the base to the cylinder, taking care and easing the fabric as you sew along the circumference. Trim off excess fabric to remove any bulk.

Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the lining, except leave a gap in the side seam to be able to turn through.



6. With right side together drop the lining cylinder into the fabric cylinder and pin around the top edge and machine stitch. You'll have what looks like a bolster cushion shape.



7. Through the gap in the lining, turn through to the right side and give it a press. Then make a little turn over (cuff) revealing the contrasting lining.



JJ'S Tips

- If you don't have fabric in the dimensions suggested in this project, just sew 2 pieces of fabric together to create the rectangle panel, or make a patchwork panel from your fabric scraps!
- Furnishing fabrics work really well for the storage tubs and calico is perfect for the lining.
- Scale up to make storage tubs for laundry or towels, alternatively scale down to make tubs for toiletries and hair accessories.
- You don't have to turn the tops down to create a cuff, you could add handles and so your tub can be hung... perfect for toys!

TAGS – OPTIONAL....if you want to add tags follow these steps after step 2 and before you stitch the side seams of the panel.

1. Cut a rectangle area out from the centre of your interfacing and iron onto the wrong side of your tag fabric. Fold all four sides of the fabric inwards and press. Topstitch stitch around the 4 sides of the tag.
2. Then make a snip into the centre of the fabric, so you can get your scissors in to cut a straight line, then cut into the 4 corners. Fold back the corners and press, cut off any excess fabric. Topstitch around the centre rectangle.
3. Using super strong double-sided tape attached to all four sides of your acrylic and stick to the wrong side of your tag.
4. Follow the outer edge topstitch line of your tag, using this as a guide machine stitch the tag to the centre of your storage tub (about 10cms up from the base)

