Divided Organizer Caddy

Measures approximately 5" tall x 11" wide x 5" deep.



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Today I am here to show you how to sew a divided organizer caddy that you can use to organize a variety of items.

For this project you will need approximately ¾ yard of 54" twill material, such as the Premier Prints used in the demo piece. You may use two different fabrics for the outside and inside boxes if you wish to have a contrasting caddy. With twill fabrics, the caddy will stand by itself.

To begin, precut the following pattern pieces:

- (3) 6" x 12" exterior body panels. **NOTE:** Cut fusible/sew-in Pellon to line these panels.
- (2) 6" x 6" exterior body panels **NOTE:** Cut fusible/sew-in Pellon to line these panels.
- (10) 6" x 6" interior body panels and exterior side panels. **NOTE:** Cut fusible/sew-in Pellon to line the 2 panels that will be the divider.
- (2) 3" x 8" handles. **NOTE:** Cut fusible/sew-in Pellon to line the inside of the handles.

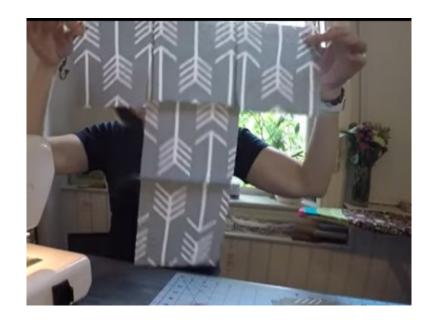
Fuse or sew (with a 1/8" seam) the Pellon to the wrong side of the correspondingsized <u>exterior</u> fabric and the inside of the handles.

Interior Cubes

NOTE: Seam allowance is 3/8".

You will need 10 of the 6" squares to make 2 open cubes.

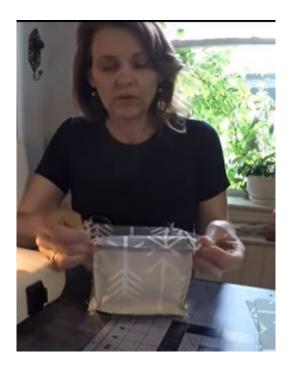
- 1. Position 2 of the squares, right sides together, and sew the seam down the right edge.
- 2. Attach the 3rd square to the left-hand side and stitch the seam. You now have 3 panels sewn together. Set aside
- 3. Take 2 more squares, right side facing and stitch across the top.
- 4. Position the 2 squares on the 3-square panel, right sides together, centering the 2 squares.



5. Take the side and align with the left. Take the left side of the top of the "T" and sew it to the bottom of the 3 panels. You can see a cube is starting to take shape.

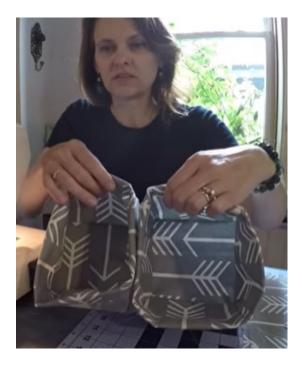


- 6. Align the unfinished seams and sew together to make the cube.
- 7. Fold the top edges down about $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" as shown in the photo below.



8. Repeat steps to form the 2^{nd} cube.





9. For the two inside 6" x 6" squares that will become the divider, fuse or sew (with a 1/8" seam) the Pellon interfacing to those sides.

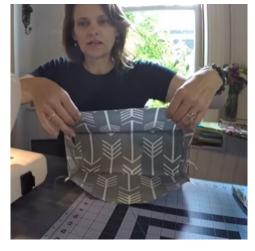
Exterior Rectangle Box

You will need two of the 6" x 6" squares and three of the 6" x 12" rectangles.

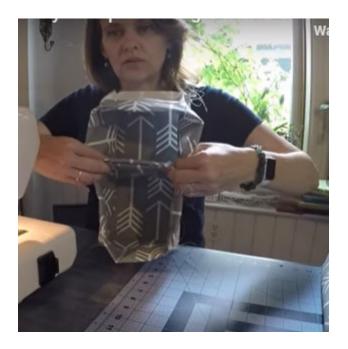
- 1. The construction is basically the same as the cubes. Fuse or sew (with a %" seam) the Pellon interfacing to all pieces.
- 2. Take one 6" x 6" square and place face down aligning to the right edge of the 6" x 12' rectangle. Sew the right edge seam.
- 3. Attach the other 6" x 6" square to the left side and stitch the seam, and you now have a tri-fold.
- 4. Take the 2 rectangles and place right sides together and stitch along one long edge.



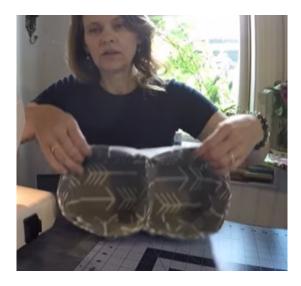
5. Continue stitching to make a long rectangular box, same as the small boxes were created.



- 6. Now the exterior is complete. Turn right side out and fold the top edge inward the same amount as your inside cubes (½" 1").
- 7. Take the 2 square boxes and place together the fused/sewn-in interfacing sides as shown below.



- 8. Align top edges and pin, stitch close to the divider edge to connect the 2 cubes, from one side seam line to the other. Stitch again ¼" away.
- 9. Place the 2 square cubes inside the longer rectangular box. Line up the fronts and sides and pin to keep everything in place.



- 10. Now make your handles like you would a double binding on a quilt from the 3" x 8" rectangles. Sew the open edges of the handles together with a small seam. You may sew ¼" away from the edge if you like.
- 11. Place the handle on the edge and pin into place. Repeat for the second handle.



12. Stitch close to the top seam edge on one side of the divided basket, around the end to the center where the divider is. **NOTE:** You may want to do a tiny slipstitch between both fabrics just to keep the fabric together evenly.



- 13. Then stitch the other side the same way.
- 14. Stitch ¼" away from the edge around the 2 dividers.

Congrats! You have completed the divided fabric basket.