



MATERIALS

Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
Coats & Clark Metallic Thread

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 SEWING, FABRIC CRAFTING | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

Featuring Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP®

Whether you fill it with holiday treats, ornaments or a wrapping supplies, these soft fabric baskets will add a bit of whimsy to your seasonal decorating.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Baskets:

5/8 yd (57.15cm) each red, white, and green holiday prints
1 1/8 yd (1.03m) fusible fleece, 45" (114.30cm)
Pattern tracing paper

Holly:

1/8 yd (11.43cm) three dark green prints
1/8 yd (11.43cm) gold lamé
Polyester fiberfill

Gingerbread man:

1/4 yd (22.86cm) brown print
1/4 yd (22.86cm) white baby rick-rack
Three red buttons, 3/8" (.95cm)
Two small white star buttons
1/4 yd ribbon, 3/8" (.95cm)

Snowman:

1" (2.54cm) flower button
1 yd (.91m) ribbon, 7/8" (2.22cm)
Seven buttons, 5/8" (1.59cm)
Orange felt, 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" (3.81cm x 8.89cm)

MEASUREMENTS

Finished size: 6" x 6" x 6" (15.24cm x 15.24cm x 15.24cm)

PREPARATION

To make the basket pattern, draw an 18 1/2" square onto the tracing paper. Draw a 6" square at each corner and trim out those squares, forming a large cross. The cross section is pattern for the basket.



CUTTING

From red, white, and green prints, cut from each:

(2) baskets, using the pattern provided

From the scraps, cut

- (6) strips (in matching pairs),
3 ¼" x 8" (8.26cm x 20.32cm),
for handles

From fusible fleece, cut:

(3) baskets, using the pattern created

(3) holly leaf, using the pattern provided

(1) rectangle, 7" x 8" (17.78cm x 20.32cm)

From the orange felt, cut:

(1) nose, using the pattern provided

From the three dark green prints, cut from each:

(2) holly leaf, using the pattern provided

From the gold lamé, cut:

(3) 2" (5.08cm) circles

From the brown print, cut:

(2) rectangles, 7" x 8" (17.78cm x 20.32cm)

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

ASSEMBLY

Basket

1. With right sides together, sew the adjacent basket corner edges together. Press the seams open.
2. Sew the corners of the basket lining together. Press the seams open. Trim ¼" (.64cm) from the upper basket edge.
3. With right sides together, slip the lining over the basket (handles are between) and match the corner seams. Sew around the top of the basket leaving a 3" (7.62cm) opening in the back section for turning. Press the seams open.
4. Turn the basket right side out and push the lining into the basket. Press the upper edge.
5. Hand-stitch the opening closed.
6. Topstitch the upper basket edge with the handles extended.

Basket Handles

1. Press the handles in half wrong sides together. Fold the long cut edges to the middle crease and press.

2. Edgestitch both long edges of the handles.
3. Mark the upper edge center on each basket side. Matching the cut edges, pin the handle ends in place 1" (2.54cm) from the center marking on both sides. Baste in place.

Note that handles and linings can be mixed and matched as desired.

EMBELLISH THE BASKET

FRONT

Holly

1. Fuse the fleece leaf to the wrong side of one leaf of each print fabric.
2. With right sides together, sew matching leaf sections together (one has fleece, one doesn't). Leave the stem open for turning. Clip the curves and corners. Turn the leaves right side out and carefully poke out the corners. Press.
3. Using metallic thread, stitch veins in the leaf extending the lines toward the points.
4. Group the three leaves as desired and stitch together at the base, turning under the open stem areas.

5. To make the berries, hand-stitch a running stitch around each lamé circle edge, pull up the threads and stuff to form a ball. Secure the threads and stitch the berries at the base of the leaf grouping. Set aside.

Gingerbread man

1. Fuse the fleece rectangle to the wrong side of one brown rectangle. Trace the gingerbread outline onto the right side of that rectangle, including the placement lines. Sew the rick-rack across the arms and legs at the placement lines. Trim the gingerbread person along the marked outer lines.
2. Place the trimmed shape right side together on the remaining brown rectangle and sew around it. Cut a small slit in the non-fleece-backed layer only at the lower back.
3. Turn the shape right side out through the opening, then whipstitch the opening closed. Press to shape. Sew on the buttons, eyes, and hand-stitch a mouth. Make and attach the ribbon bow. Set aside.

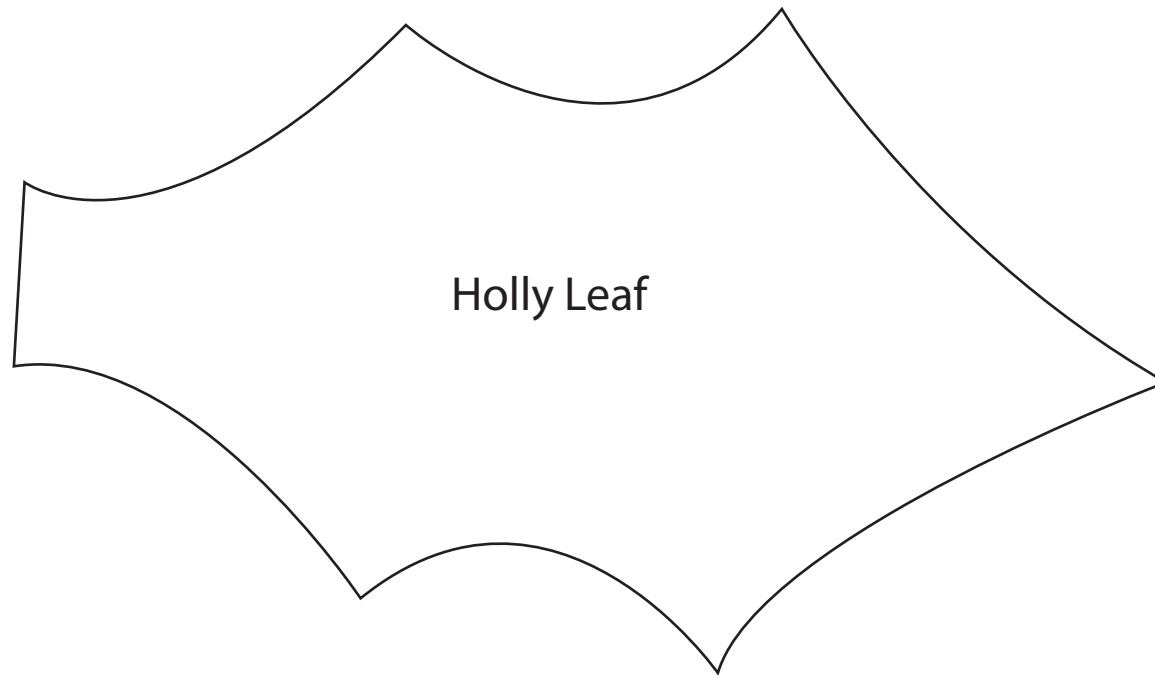
Snowman

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the fleece basket to the wrong side of the fabric print baskets, one of each color. Save the remaining basket pieces for linings.
2. Position the eye and smile buttons as desired on one white basket side no closer than 1¼" (3.8cm) to the side edges. Hand-stitch in place.
3. Position the felt nose and appliqué in place using a narrow zigzag and matching thread.
4. Lay a piece of ribbon across the lower basket front. Baste at the ends.

FINISHING

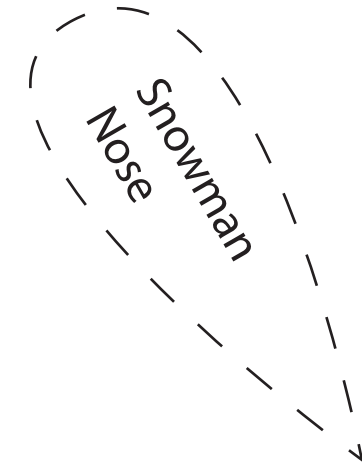
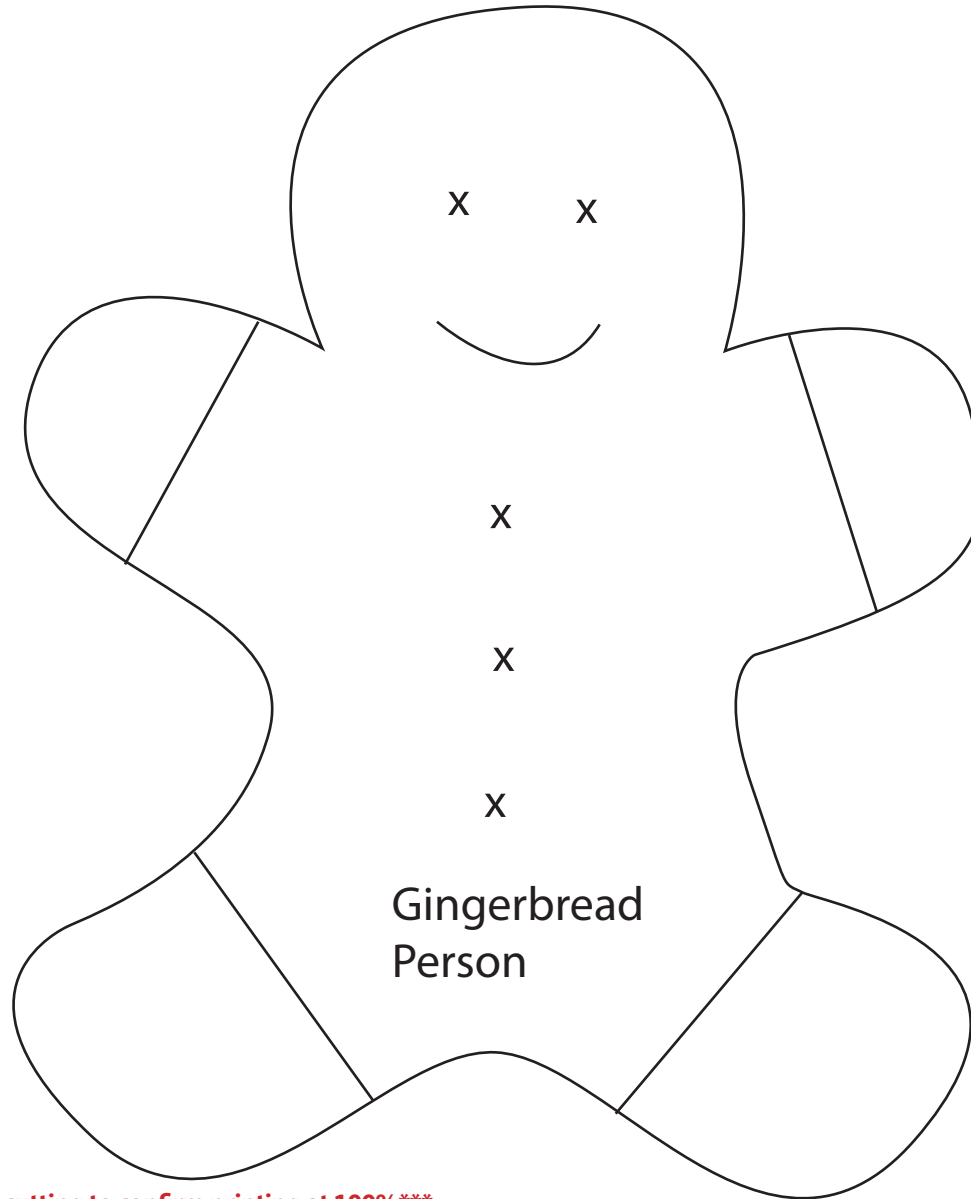
1. **For the snowman:** Tie a bow over the ribbon, add the flower button and hand-stitch in place. Trim the ribbon ends at an angle.
2. **For the holly:** Hand-stitch the holly leaf/berry grouping to the front of the basket.
3. **For the gingerbread person:** Hand-stitch the shape to the front of the basket.





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