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## Supplies

- Bin or Bucket (plastic locker bin used in the video)
- Fabric quantity depends on the bin or bucket to be covered
- Fusible Batting
- Floriani Medium Tearaway stabilizer
- Embroidery Thread and Embroidery Bobbin
- All Purpose Thread
- Fusible Tape for Hem
- Optional: E6000 glue and cardboard for covering bottom



## Instructions

### *Measure to Create a Pattern*

Measure the bucket or bin. Square or rectangular items are best covered with individual panels for each side. The sides of round buckets can be one continuous panel or separate panels. To create a pattern for covering the bin or bucket, add ½" to the measurements for ease. Draw a pattern using these dimensions on paper, cut the paper and place the pattern up to the object to check for size. (Trace the bottom of the bin or bucket on paper for a pattern if the bottom of the bin or bucket will be covered.) Cut the pattern and adjust for fit. Add ½" seam allowance to the patterns and a 2" hem allowance to the bottom of the exterior sidepieces.

Inside lining patterns are smaller than outside pieces. The lining pieces may be quilted or interfaced to add body to the fabric. Sturdy fabric, such as canvas, need not be interfaced. Create a separate set of patterns for the inside side pieces or cut using the outside patterns and sew the pieces together with a larger seam allowance. The inside bottom of the bin or bucket should have a separate pattern piece for a good fit. Pockets are easily added to the inside lining. Always check the fit before adding pockets.

The **embroidery or quilting measurements** for the locker bin pieces used in the video are:



- Exterior – 7" high, top edge 10" wide and bottom edge 8" wide
- Interior – 7" high, top edge 10" wide and bottom edge 7" wide
- Interior bottom – 7" square

The **pattern pieces** for the locker bin are:

- Exterior – 9 ½" high ( ½" top seam and 2" hem), top edge 11" wide ( ½" seams) and bottom edge 9" wide ( ½" seams)
- Interior – 8" high ( ½" seams), top edge 11" wide ( ½" seams) and bottom edge 9" wide ( ½" seams)
- Interior bottom – 8" square ( ½" seams)

### ***Embroider or Quilt the Pattern Pieces***

Create quilted fabric pieces for each of the patterns. Cut fabric and batting pieces larger than the individual pattern pieces and layer the fabric on the batting. Fuse the fabric right side up to the batting following manufacturer's directions. Patterns that fit into the hoop of the embroidery machine can be embroidered with a decorative fill pattern (see below). Patterns that are too large for the hoop of the machine can be machine quilted or divided into sections that will fit in the hoop. After the pieces are quilted, add text or any other embroidery design to embellish the fabric.

Test the exterior and interior fit separately by basting the pieces together. Adjust any fit and construct the exterior and interior pieces separately. Add any pockets before sewing the side seams. The inside bottom of the lining is sewn to the bottom of the lining pieces. For a square bottom, sew each side of the lining to the bottom lining piece from seam to seam

and not through the seam allowance. Trim the batting from the seam allowance for a smoother fit.

### ***Create Custom Machine Embroidered Sides***

Create exterior sidepieces with decorative fill embroidery quilting using IQ Designer. Open the IQ Designer workspace. Select the Shapes icon, the square, a color and OK. Use the Size key to make the square a little larger all around than the embroidered area desired. Select a decorative fill from the Region Properties menu and a color. Select the Paint Bucket icon and then touch inside the shape. Modify the seam lines to No Sew by selecting that option from the Line Properties menu. Select the Paint Bucket and touch the line. Select Preview and modify the decorative fill as desired. Save the artwork to memory. Select Next and send the embroidery design to the machine. Save the embroidery design. Add additional text or embroidery designs inside the pattern. Embroider the design on the fabric/batting using Floriani Medium Tearaway as the stabilizer in the hoop. When embroidering multiple pieces on fabric, leave adequate space for seam and hem allowances all around the embroideries.

### ***Construct Cover***

Sew the exterior and interior pieces. Attach the bottom of the interior to the bottom of the interior sidepieces. Sew from seam to seam and do not sew into the seam allowances. Leave the bottom hem edge of the exterior pieces for now. Join the top edge of the exterior and interior lining pieces. Insert the bin into the cover through the open bottom. The plastic bin will bend to insert into the cover. Fold up the bottom hem and pin. Remove the cover and hem the bottom with fusible tape.



The cover with an open bottom is removable to launder. The bottom can be covered with a sewn or cardboard covered lining piece. Hand sew fabric to the bottom edges or cover a piece of shirt cardboard with fabric and glue to the bottom with fabric glue or E6000.