

# Fabulous Fabric Tray

*Perfect idea for scrap fabric, you can even piece fabric together to create enough to make a fabric tray.*

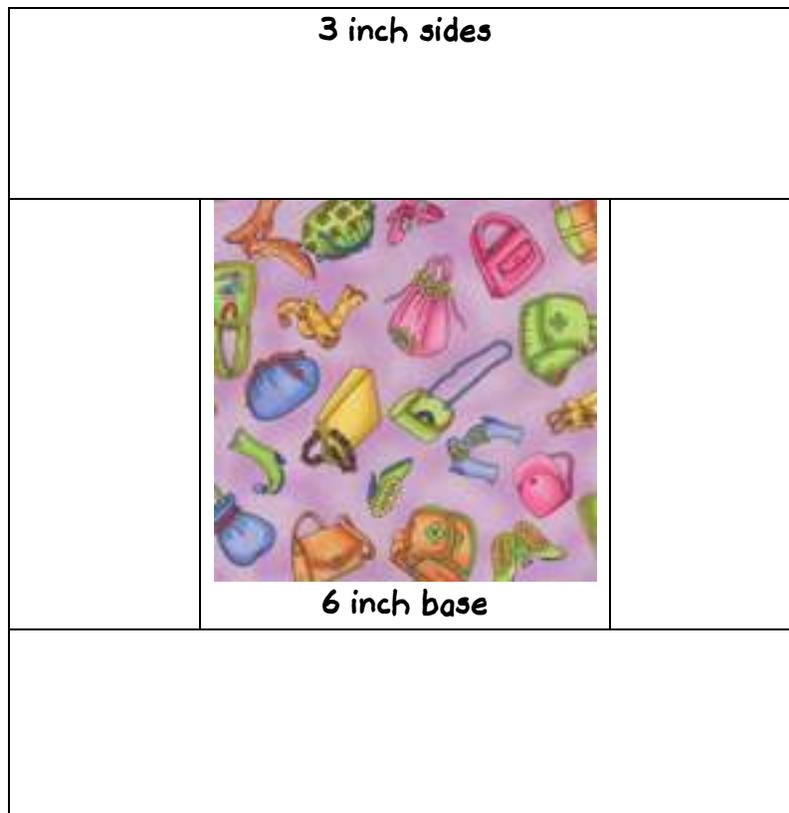
How to determine size of fabric for tray:

1) Decide how wide you want the base of your tray (it doesn't have to be square - you could do a rectangle):



6 inch base (not to scale)

2) Decide how deep you want your tray's sides to be (2, 3, 4 inches?)



3) If I want a tray with a 6-inch base and my 4 sides to be 3 inches, my fabric will need to be 12 inches square, plus the 1/2 inch seam allowance. I will need 2 pieces of fabric that are 13 inches square.

- Use two different colors or prints, one for the inside of the tray and one for the outside of the tray.
- Warm® Fusible Fleece or Felt (Batting) same size as the fabrics
- 1/4", -3/8" wide Grosgrain Ribbon (see below to determine length)

3) To decide how much ribbon you will need, add 12 to 14 inches to the finished length of your tray. The tray above will be 12 inches finished, so I would need 24 to 26 inches per side.  $26 \times 4 = 104$  inches total. Divide by 36 inches (per yard) and I will need almost 3 yards of ribbon to complete the tray.

### Sewing Instructions:

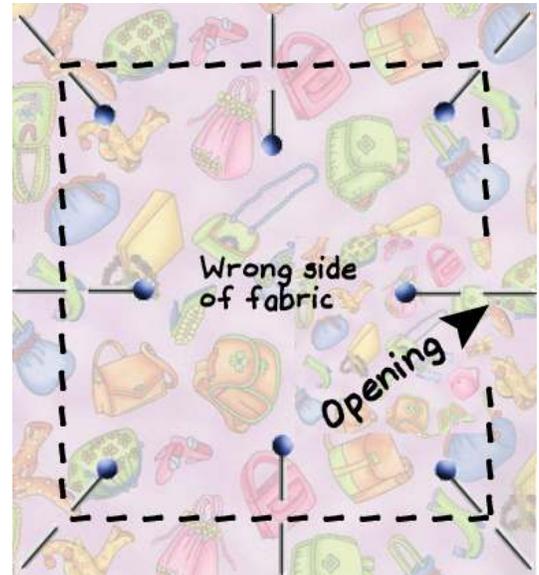
1) If you are using a fusible fleece, press it into the wrong side of one of your fabric squares following manufacturer's instructions.

2) Lay your fleece or felt (if it's not fusible) on a table, then lay both of your fabric squares (right sides together) on top of the fleece. Pin the squares together.



3) Do not start at a corner when you begin to sew.

- You will need to leave a 3 or 4 inch opening to turn the tray right side out.
- Use matching thread on your sewing machine, stitch all the way around your squares at the 1/2 (4/8) mark leaving a 3 or 4 inch opening.
- Make sure to pivot at the corners. I pin diagonally at the corners so that when I get to that pin I know I need to pivot (pivot = leaving the needle down into the fabric and rotating the square to sew the other side).



4) Before you turn the tray right side out, diagonally cut the corners close to the line of stitching. This will create very crisp corners by eliminating the bulk of the fabric.

5) Once you turn the tray right side out, use a point turner to gently poke the corners out.

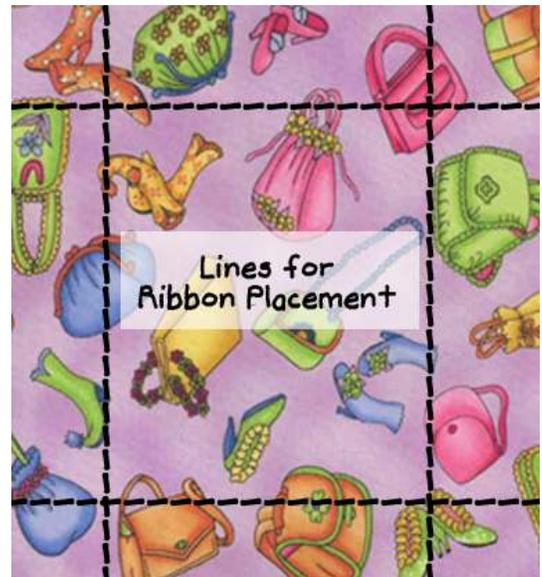


6) Steam press the square flat.

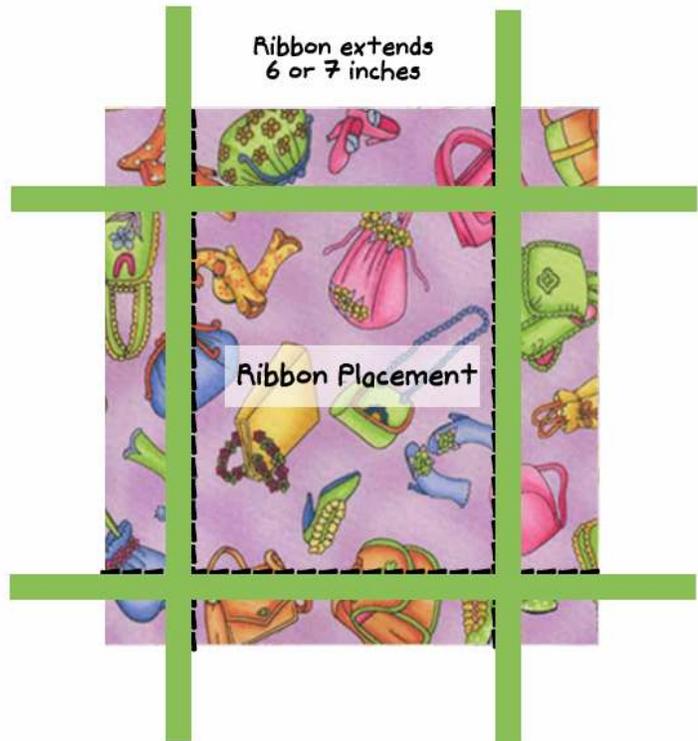
7) You will need to slip stitch the opening close with matching thread.

8) Mark the placement of the ribbons using tailor's chalk or a fabric-marking pen.

Remember this will determine how deep the sides are on the tray. In our example, I wanted to make my sides 3 inches. So I will mark my lines 3 inches on all 4 sides.

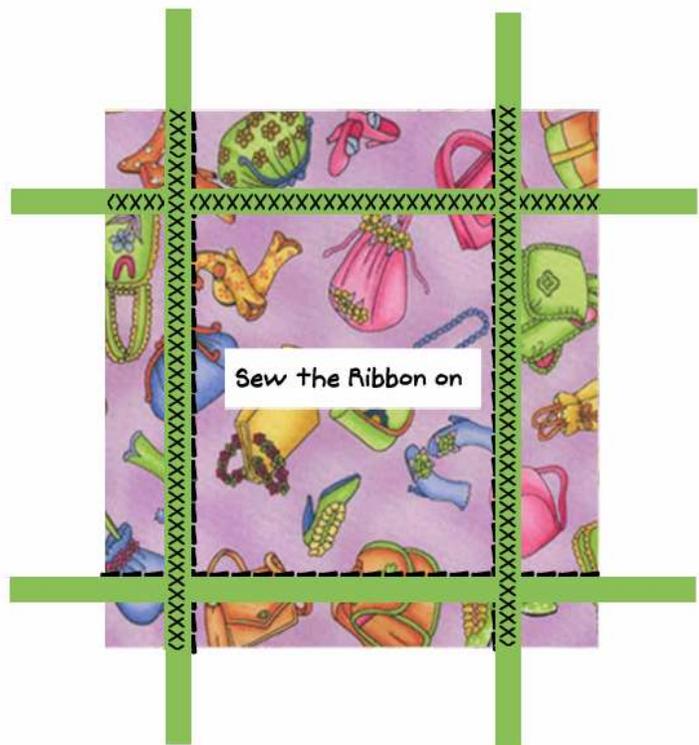


9) Ribbon extends 6 or 7 inches off each edge of tray so that you can tie the corners together to create the fabric tray.



10) Use a zigzag or a decorative stitch on your sewing machine to sew down the center of the ribbon to attach it to the tray. Just sew to the edge of the fabric tray.

11) Tie the ribbon into bows at each corner and your fabric tray is completed!!



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<http://usaapp.husqvarnaviking.com/education/americasews/projects.html>