

Easter Egg Basket



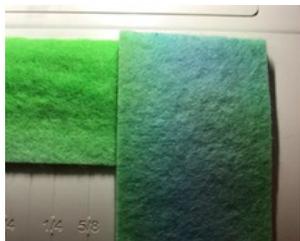
Materials List

- Cotton Cord (5mm diameter) x 11.5 metres
- Wool Felt x ¾ metre
- Universal needle #90
- Bernina Sewing Machine
- Reverse Pattern Foot # 1 or #34
- Double – Cord Foot #60C
- Matching thread

Method

Create a Continuous Felt Strip

- Cut felt into 4cm strips.
- Cut enough strips to equal approx. 10 metres of length.
- Lay one end of a felt strip diagonally on top of another and sew together across the diagonal.

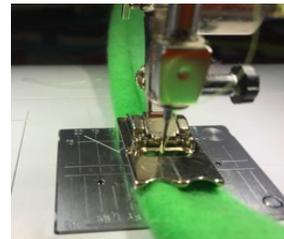


- Trim excess felt from the seam allowance.
- Fold top felt piece back on itself to create a longer strip.
- Iron seam open.
- Repeat this process with all remaining strips of felt until you have one long continuous strip.

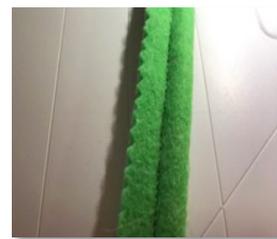


Create The Cord

- Attach Foot #60C



- Place the cotton cord inside the centre of the felt strip.
- Fold the felt over the cord and place it under the left hand side groove of the foot.
- Move the needle two positions to the left.
- Stitch the cord into place for the entire length of the felt strip.
- Trim the seamed edge with pinking shears.



Create the Round Base Coil



- Attach Foot # 1 or # 34.
- Select a triple straight stitch.
- Reduce the presser foot pressure to 10 (*refer to your manual*).
- Twist the cord around in a circle approx. 3 – 4 times, with the pinking shear edge at the bottom of the coil.
- Secure with a few pins.
- Turn the coil over so that the pinking sheared edge is on top.
- With your fingers, splay the pinking sheared edge to the outer edge.
- Place the centre of the coil under the foot (*use the knee lift to help the bulk of the coil fit easily under the foot. If you do not have a knee leaver, drop the feed dogs, as this will also assist with placement. Remember to return them to normal sewing position*).
- Beginning at the centre of the coil (*this helps keep the pinking sheared edge splayed in one direction.*), stitch a line to the outer edge.



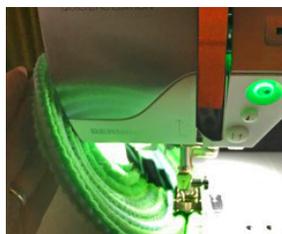
- Repeat this process another 7 times, until the coil base is secure.

Create the Basket



- Attach Foot #60C.
- Select the triple zig-zag stitch.
- Adjust the stitch width to 5.5mm.
- Turn the coil over so the pinking sheared edge is underneath.
- Place the coil under the foot so that both grooves of the foot hug the coil.
- Begin stitching from where the cord is unattached from the base.
- Continue to stitch the cord for another 3 rows.

Angle the Position



- Lift the base with your left hand, until the coil touches the vertical side of the sewing machine.
- Hold this position and continue to stitch the remainder of the cord in place, being sure to stop approx. 10cm before the end.



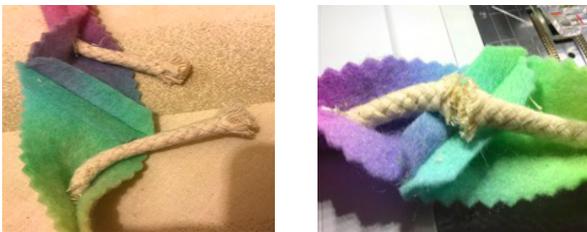
- Trim the end of the cord and gradually stitch over previous row to create a smooth finish.

Make the Cord for the Handle

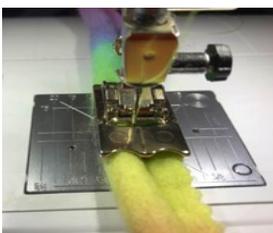
- Repeat the first process and join together enough 4cm wide felt strips to make a continuous strip of approx. 1.3 meters in length (*this can be done in a different color*)



- Attach foot 60C
- Select straight stitch and move the needle two positions to the left.
- Repeat the process of creating the cord, but leave approx. 10cm at each end of the cord open.
- Attach Foot # 1 or #34.
- Take both open ends and place one end diagonally on top of the other and straight stitch into place.



- Trim the excess felt from the seam and iron seam open.
- Attach Foot #60C.
- Trim the cord and place it together
- Close the felt over the cord and place back under the foot.
- Move the needle two positions to the left and complete the seam
- You should now have a continuous circle of cord.



Create the Handle



- Create two loops of approx. 8cm in length and mark with a pin
- Select double Zig Zag stitch.
- Place the cord under the foot so that both grooves hug the cord.
- Begin stitching at the pin mark .
- Continue stitching and finish at the second pin mark.



- Hand sew the handle in place onto each side of the basket.
- Now that your basket is complete, fill with eggs and enjoy!

