

Casserole Carrier - bound version

SUPPLIES

If you are quilting from scratch:

1.5 meters of 44" wide fabric if both top and lining are the same.

Batting of your choice. If not using Thermolam or Insulbright, consider using two layers of batting.

12 inches of co-ordinating velcro

One 9 x 12 canvas board or masonite

Optional web strapping

If you are using pre-quilted fabric:

.6 meters of pre-quilted fabric

.5 meters fabric for co-ordinating binding and straps

PREPARE

Make two quilted pieces as follows:

1 piece - 43 x 11 inches

1 piece - 32 x 14 inches

If working from scratch, layer and quilt two, pre-sized pieces separately or prepare one piece 44 x 28 and trim to size.

BIND all four sides of the two quilted pieces using preferred binding width. I like to use single binding so cut it 1 3/8" wide (1 1/2 if the carrier is double batted) and use a 1/4 " seam allowance. Sew binding to lining side with right sides together, turn, fold seam allowance under and top stitch in place on the right side. Use a zig zag or decorative stitch to finish your binding rather than finishing it by hand.

MAKE TWO HANDLES. Cut one strip 44 x 4". Fold lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch, turn and press with seam located up the middle of one side. Top-stitch both edges and then run a row of stitches up the middle. Cut to make two 16" handles.

BONUS: If you made one large piece of quilting, you will have a piece 12 x 17" left unused and you can make a matching 9 x 12 inch hot pad with that if you like. Lay the hot pad on the bottom of the carrier to provide extra bottom insulation and use it under the casserole after it is removed from the carrier.

ASSEMBLE

Mark the centre of each piece with pins. Lay the pieces with lining side up to form a cross, centering the pieces in both directions. Pin in place. Stitch just inside the binding, through both pieces around two short sides and one long side leaving an opening for the board. (Photo left)



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Apply the handles evenly and securely to the outside of the short side of the short piece folding raw ends under. Apply the handles about 3 inches from the edge makes the carrier pretty stable.



FINISHING (already!)

Cut Velcro 11 inches long. You will apply the velcro to the long piece. Stitch the prickly part to the lining side, parallel to the end of the long piece.

Cut the soft part in half to make two 5.5 inch pieces and apply these strips to the top side of the same long piece, parallel to the sides and evenly spaced. Check to ensure that the prickly part will reach it when there is a casserole inside.

In the photo right, the second side of the long piece is folded towards the middle.



Cut the last inch of velcro into two 1/2 inch pieces and apply them to the insides of the opening where the board will go. This is not essential but is a nice finishing touch. Insert the board and you are ready to go.



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Alternate handles. If you wish, you can apply long handles to the bottom of the carrier so when you are carrying it, there are four layers of quilt over the top of the casserole. You will have to apply these straps to the short piece BEFORE you sew the two pieces together or you will not be able to get the board in the opening. This variation might be better done with the webbing rather than self fabric handles.

Feel free to try your own variations. Have fun.