

Casserole Carrier – sew and turn

Adapted by Dawn Bolger from a pattern by Patty Cucman

This pattern is done with a sew and turn edge rather than using a binding. The basic ideas are the same but the first pattern is done with a binding and this pattern is done without a binding.

1. Supplies

Fabric Choices: The carrier may be made from one fabric or it may have a coordinating fabric as the lining. The fabric should be a washable cotton or cotton blend.

- 2 fabric pieces 30" x WOF (width of fabric generally 44") (total 1.5 meters)
- 32 x 44" batting Insulbright or Thermolam
If not using Thermolam or Insulbright, consider using two layers of batting.
- 12 inches of coordinating Velcro
- One 9 x 12 canvas board or masonite

2. Quilting

- Layer one fabric piece (outside of carrier) and batting and quilt as desired. I found that straight lines 3" apart worked well. Any quilting that you are comfortable with may be used. Trim off excess batting once quilting is done.
- Alternatively you may do the quilting after you have put the fabric layers together. Make your decision based on your fabric and your interest in actual quilting

3. Cutting

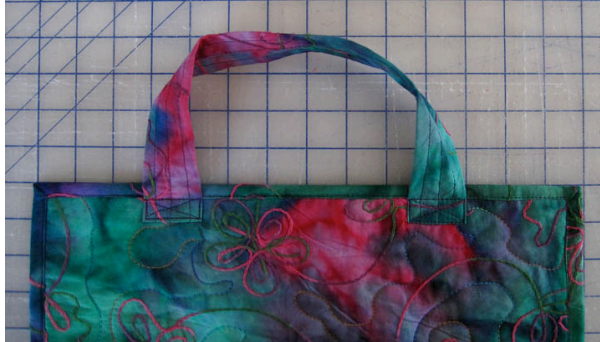
- From your quilted fabric (outside of carrier) cut
 - i. 1 piece – 43 x 11 inches
 - ii. 1 piece – 32 x 14 inches
 - iii. 1 piece - 44 x 4 inches (**HINT:** This will be used to make the handles and may be slightly narrower because of the quilting.)
- From un quilted fabric cut 2 pieces
 - i. 1 piece – 43 x 11 inches
 - ii. 1 piece - 32 x 14 inches

4. Make the handles

- Fold the 44 x 4 " quilted fabric in half and sew together with a ¼" seam
- Cut into two 18" pieces and turn right side out.
- Fold the handle in half so that the seam is going down the middle. Top stitch ¼" from each edge and down the middle.
HINT: We found that the handles were difficult to turn so you may alternatively fold and press the fabric with right side out and stitch in place from the right side.
- Carefully attach the handles to the wider carrier piece. The handle piece should be attached 3" in from the outer edge and 1" of the handle should extend past the edge of the fabric.
- The handles should be extending down the right side of the fabric so that when the fabric is stitched together, and then turned, the handles will be on the outside, which is the right side of the fabric.

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- Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the carrier piece. The 1" extension will be stitched down to be reinforced after the carrier is sewn together.
- In the picture the handles are turned up. The handles should be going down the length of the fabric and extend 1 inch over the edge.

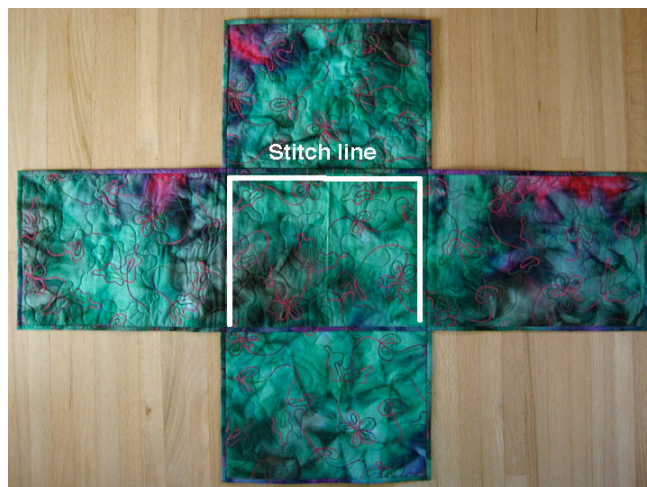


5. Make the carrier pieces

- Layer the non quilted fabric right sides together against the same size pieces of quilted fabric
- Sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam leaving an opening to turn. **NOTE:** Be sure that the handles are turned correctly inside the layers so that when it is sewn and turned the handles will be on the outside.
- Turn right side out and then top stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge all around each side of two carrier pieces.
- To reinforce the handles: mark the area carefully with an X inside a square and topstitch around the 1 inch handle extension inside the layers. (The photo example above shows how the handles appear with pattern using a binding.)

6. Assemble

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



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7. Finishing (already!)

- Cut the prickly part of the Velcro 10 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 (2 pieces 6" long) and apply to the top side of the same long piece parallel to the sides and evenly spaced and ensure that the prickly part will catch it. (Note: there is a small 2" piece of the prickly part that is left over and can be thrown out) In the photo, the second side of the long piece is folded towards the middle.



Leftover quilted fabric: You should have a piece of quilted fabric approximately 12 x 17" left unused. This may be made into a matching 9 x 12 inch hot pad to put under the casserole in the carrier. It can then be used to provide extra bottom insulation or as a hot pad under the casserole when serving it. That fabric could also be made into a smaller pot holder to match the carrier.

Have fun creating a useful, interesting casserole carrier! These make great gifts when you are taking food to a friend's house.