

Easter Basket Liner Worksheet

Fill this out for each basket and keep it as your custom pattern record.

Basket Name / Description: _____

Your Basket Measurements

Measure the inside of your basket and choose your overhang before doing any calculations.

Bottom inside diameter: _____ "

Top diameter: _____ "

Basket height: _____ "

Desired overhang: _____ "

Your Pattern Measurements (keep these for next time!)

Record your final numbers here so you never have to measure this basket again.

Circle diameter: _____ "

Rectangle size (T x H): _____ "

Measurement B: _____ "

Transition Line (from top edge): _____ "

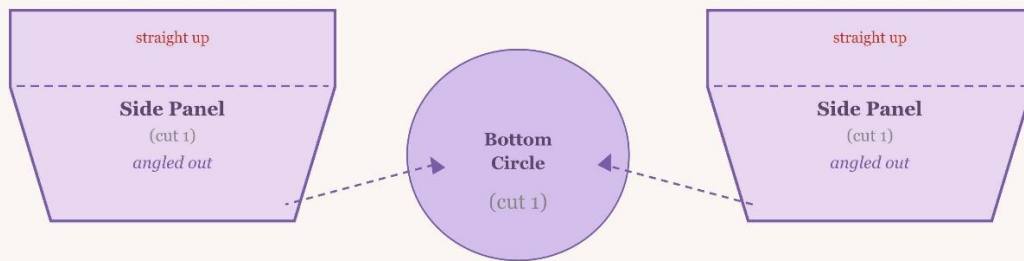
Measure Your Basket

With a flexible tape measure, measure across the bottom of the basket inside, across the top of the basket from handle to handle, and measure the height of the basket. Look at the outside of the basket and decide how far down you would like your liner to extend. (This is your desired overhang measurement.)

Using Your Measurements to Make the Pattern

Your liner has three pieces: a circle and two identical side panels. Use your basket measurements to find the right size for each piece. I'll walk you through the math below.

Your Liner Is Three Pieces of Fabric



The two side panels sew together, then attach to the circle at the bottom.

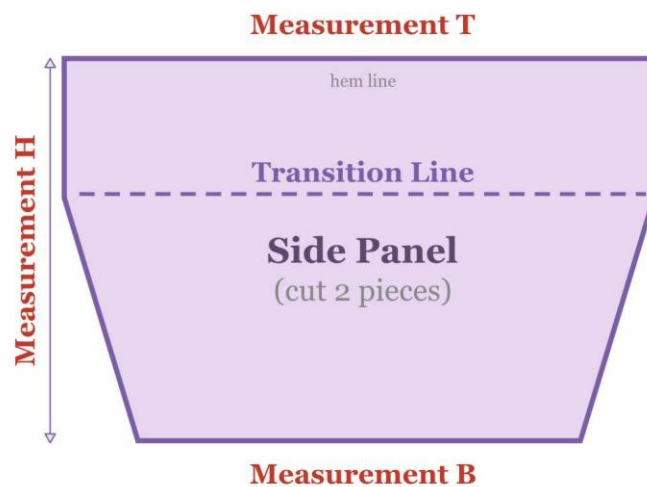
The Circle (Bottom of Liner)

This one is simple. You will cut your circle the same size as the bottom inside diameter of your basket. Just enter that measurement in the table above for "Circle Diameter."

The Two Side Panels

You will cut two identical side panels. Here's where it gets "mathy," but I promise if I can do it, anyone can.

Each side panel will look similar to the diagram below, depending on your basket's measurements.



Use the calculations below to find the width and height of your fabric rectangle, where to place the transition line, and the width at the bottom edge.

Note: **Measurement T** is the width of your side panel at the top. **Measurement H** is the height of your side panel. **Measurement B** is the width of your side panel at the bottom. The **Transition Line** is where the fabric narrows diagonally to the bottom width.

Measurement T

Multiply the basket's top diameter by pi (3.14) to find the circumference, divide by 2 for two panels, then add .75 for seam allowances. **Tip:** .75 equals two $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowances.

$$\frac{\text{top diameter}}{\text{top diameter}} \times 3.14 = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{circumference}} \div 2 = \frac{\text{half circumference}}{\text{half circumference}} + .75 = \frac{\text{Measurement T}}{\text{Measurement T}}$$

Measurement H

Add basket height, overhang, seam allowance (.375"), and hem allowance (1"). **Tip:** .375" = one $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance.

$$\frac{\text{basket height}}{\text{basket height}} + \frac{\text{overhang}}{\text{overhang}} + .375" + 1" = \frac{\text{Measurement H}}{\text{Measurement H}}$$

Transition Line

The transition line is where the side panel starts to angle inward. You'll measure this distance DOWN from the top edge of your fabric rectangle.

$$\frac{\text{overhang}}{\text{overhang}} + 1" (\text{hem}) + 1" (\text{buffer}) = \frac{\text{transition line}}{\text{transition line}}$$

Measurement B

Start with the bottom diameter, multiply by pi, divide by 2 for two panels. Divide by 2 once more because you'll mark from the fold of your fabric. *We don't need to add seam allowances here; see the footnote in the blog post if you're curious about why.

$$\frac{\text{bottom diameter}}{\text{bottom diameter}} \times 3.14 = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{circumference}} \div 2 = \frac{\text{Measurement B}}{\text{Measurement B}} \div 2 = \frac{\text{half of Measurement B}}{\text{half of Measurement B}}$$

Cutting Your Fabric Pieces

✂ Cut the Circle

Cut your fabric circle to the size recorded above. One easy way to do this is to find an object that is already the correct size. (See the blog post for more circle-cutting tips and tools.)

✂ Cut a Rectangle

Now you will start your side panels. Lay two pieces of fabric on top of each other to cut a rectangle that is Measurement T wide and Measurement H tall. Cutting both layers at the same time saves you some effort and gives you two identical side panels.

✂ Mark and Cut the Side Panels

Fold your rectangle in half lengthwise and press. With the fabric still folded, make two marks:

1. From the top edge, measure down your transition line distance on the open (unfolded) side edge and mark.
2. From the folded edge, measure half of Measurement B along the bottom edge and mark.

Use a ruler to connect the two marks with a straight line. Double-check your markings, then cut along the diagonal line. When you unfold, you'll have two perfectly mirrored side panels.

Sewing Your Liner

Hem the handle openings.

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On each of the four handle opening edges, fold over ¼" and then another ¼" and press. Lengthen your stitch to 3.5 and sew close to the folded edge. Repeat on all four edges.

Attach the ties and sew the top hem.

Fold the top edge of each panel down ½" and press. Cut four pieces of ribbon about 9-11" long and lay one on each panel at each handle opening, parallel to the top edge, with about 1" tucked into the fold. Sew a small rectangle of stitches to secure each tie — these will be pulled, so stitch well. Fold the top edge down another ½", encasing the raw edge and the ribbon tails. Press and sew close to the folded edge with the same lengthened stitch.

Tip: Sewing the hem and handle openings while the panels are still flat is much easier than trying to do it after assembly.

Sew the two side panels together.

Return your stitch length to normal (2.5). Place the two panels right sides together and line up the edges. Pin or clip the diagonal sections on both sides. Beginning and end with a backstitch, sew along the diagonal edge with a 3/8" seam allowance.

Tip: Don't sew above the transition line. You're only sewing the liner together on the diagonal line; leave the handle opening unsewn.

Test-fit your liner in the basket to make sure everything looks good before sewing your circle. Make any adjustments needed before moving to the last step.

Sew the circle to the side panels.

Fold the circle in half and press a crease, then fold in half again the other way and press. You will have four crease marks dividing the circle into quarters.

Match one center crease on the circle to a side seam, right sides together, and pin. Match the other center crease to the other side seam and pin. Match the remaining two creases to the center of each panel and pin.

Sew all the way around with a 3/8" seam allowance, with the circle on the bottom against the feed dogs. Go slowly and focus only on the fabric directly under the needle — the rest will look a little wild, and that's completely normal.

Tip: Double-sided wash-away tape can substitute for pins when attaching the circle.

Finish your liner.

Turn the liner right side out and place it in the basket. Bring the open edges up around the handles and tie each pair of ties into a bow on the outside of the basket.