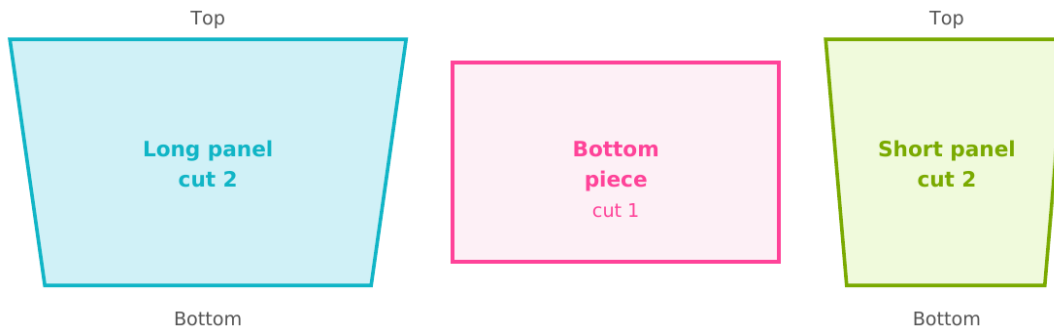


Picnic Basket Liner Worksheet

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

Basket: _____

Your Basket Measurements	Your Cut Dimensions
Inside bottom length: _____ "	Long panels — cut 2
Inside bottom width: _____ "	Top: basket length at top _____ " + 1/2" = _____ "
Outside top length: _____ "	Height: basket height _____ " + overhang _____ " + 1 1/4" = _____ "
Outside top width: _____ "	Inside bottom length _____ " ÷ 2 = _____ "
Inside height: _____ "	Short panels — cut 2
Desired overhang: _____ "	Top: basket width at top _____ " + 1/2" = _____ "
<i>Measure inside bottom edge to edge. Measure outside top edge to edge. Height is from inside bottom to rim.</i>	Height: same as long panels = _____ "
	Inside bottom width _____ " ÷ 2 = _____ "
	Bottom piece — cut 1
	_____ " × _____ "
	Handle slit depth
	overhang _____ " + 1 1/4" = _____ "



Shaping the Side Panels

Each side panel starts as a rectangle and is trimmed into a trapezoid so it fits the basket's flared shape.

1. Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, fold on one side and cut edges on the other.
2. Along the bottom edge, measure from the **fold** over by the half-bottom number you already calculated above. Mark that point.
3. Use a ruler to draw a straight diagonal from that mark up to the **top corner** on the open side.
4. Cut along the diagonal. Unfold — you have a trapezoid, wider at the top and narrower at the bottom.

Tip: Stack both matching panels (long on long, short on short) and cut both at once.

Cutting the Handle Slits

1. Find the center of your long panel and the center of the basket's long side. Line them up, hold or pin the fabric against the basket, and mark the handle positions directly on the fabric.
2. Cut straight down from the top raw edge to your slit depth at each marked position.
3. Test the panel against the basket. If everything lines up, cut a small U shape at each slit to fit around the hardware. If something is off, adjust before cutting the U — a straight slit is easy to correct, a U is harder.

4. Clip small notches around the curves so the hem lies flat. Fold each slit edge back $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then $\frac{1}{4}$ " again, press, and sew close to the edge.

Tip: Want a reusable pattern? Measure from the center of the basket to the center of each handle, then transfer those measurements to the fabric from the center fold. If the handles are symmetric, you can fold the panel and cut both slits at once.

Tip: Do this before sewing any panels together — it is much easier on the flat.

Sewing the Liner

Sew the panels into a ring. Arrange: long, short, long, short. Sew the vertical edges together, right sides facing, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Stop each seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom edge — leave that little gap at each corner free.

Attach the bottom piece. Pin each side of the bottom piece to its matching panel, right sides together. Sew each side with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each corner. The gaps in the vertical seams allow the corners to open up cleanly.

Test fit the liner in the basket before hemming the top. This is your last chance to adjust — if the overhang looks shorter or longer than planned, you can still change how much you fold over for the top hem.

Insert the ties and hem the top. Fold the top edge down $\frac{1}{2}$ ", press, fold down another $\frac{1}{2}$ ", press. Before stitching, tuck a tie into the fold on each long panel, one on each side of the slit. Stitch a small rectangle to secure each tie, then sew the hem closed across the full top edge of all four panels.

Finish. Turn right side out. Place the liner in the basket, drape the overhang over the outside, and tie the ties around the handles.