















Tracy's Tips & Tricks: Flat Strap Handle Construction & Insertion for

Tiny Treat Baskets Pattern by J. Minnis Designs

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NOTE: Step #6, Using a 7 inch piece of chenille stem is OPTIONAL. It will give the basket strap more form when hanging the filled bag on a tree but it is not necessary.

<p>1. Cut fabric strip 2.5 inches x 8 inches. Fold in half lengthwise wrong sides together. Press.</p> 	<p>2. Open fabric to show center crease.</p> 	<p>3. Fold one long, raw edge toward center crease. Press. Repeat on other long raw edge.</p> 
<p>4. Raw edges should be enclosed, touching the center crease. Your fabric piece should look like this.</p> 	<p>5. Sew a blanket stitch or zig zag along each long edge. Use either coordinating or contrasting thread.</p> 	<p>6. OPTIONAL: Insert a 7 inch piece of chenille stem into one open end and slide up to center. If not using, skip to #9.</p> 
<p>7. Feel the chenille stem and slide it to roughly center within strap channel.</p> 	<p>8 Place one end of strap on flat surface and lift. You should have approx. one half inch at each end with no chenille stem.</p> 	<p>9. On inside of each side seam of Tiny Treat Basket, mark 1/4" from folded edge, as shown.</p> 
<p>10. Unfold basket top. Pin strap RIGHT side up, centering raw edge on side seam against the marked line.</p> 	<p>11. Place under machine needle. Remove pin. Stitch into place. Backstitch each end to secure.</p> 	<p>12. Pull strap up, vertically out of basket. Finger press flat. Top-stitch in place approx. 1/4" from previously sewn & folded edge.</p> 
<p>13. Repeat steps 9 thru 12 on other side of basket being very careful NOT to twist the strap. I find it most helpful to push the strap deep inside the basket along the center seam line so it stays right side to the top and does not twist.</p>	<p>14. Refold the basket cuff top. Smooth and press the cuff. Smooth and straighten strap.</p> 	<p>15. Insert gift card if desired and fill with tiny treats as desired (i.e., candies, cookies, small items, etc.).</p> 

Hang your Tiny Treat Basket on a Christmas tree, use it as a candy dish on your desk or in your living room; or use it as a delightful little gift bag and ornament gift for thoughtful, last minute gift giving.

