

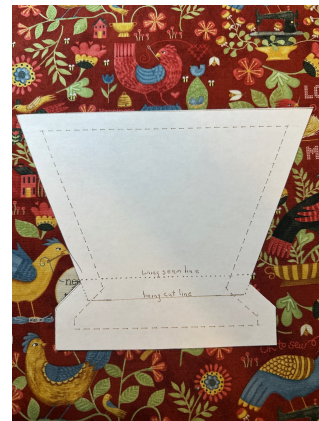
CoCo's Garden Finishing Instructions by Susan Coates

Items Needed:

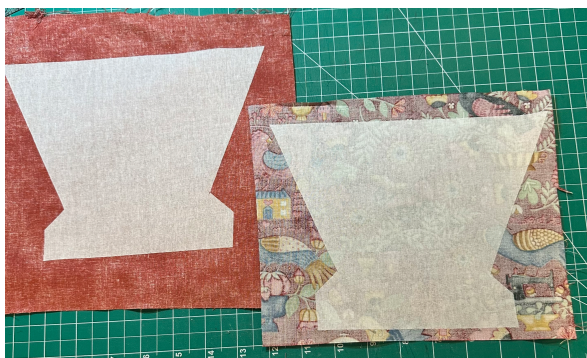
- Stitched piece
 - Printed and cut Template
 - Fabric for back of basket
 - Fabric for lining of basket
 - Frixion heat erase pen
 - Pellon SF101
 - Fusible fleece 971F
 - Sewing machine
 - Needle and thread
 - 4 buttons
 - Coated professional floral wire approximately 12 inches long
 - Ribbon - color of your choice
1. Center template over your completed stitching (note: the template is sized for the called for fabric count).
 2. Trace template outline over the stitching using a heat erasable pen (Frixion is my preferred) and be sure that it is centered before cutting out your stitching.

Note: Susan had already finished CoCo's Garden before writing the instructions. Therefore, she is just using quilting fabric in these photos, not the stitched piece.

You will have your stitched piece, a backing fabric and two pieces for the inside of the basket.

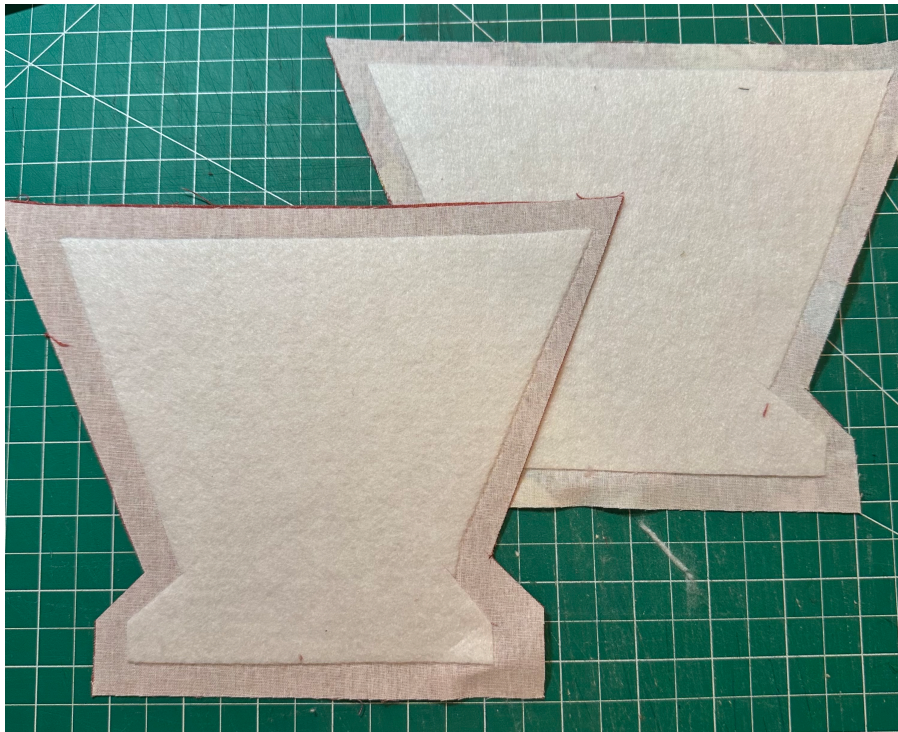


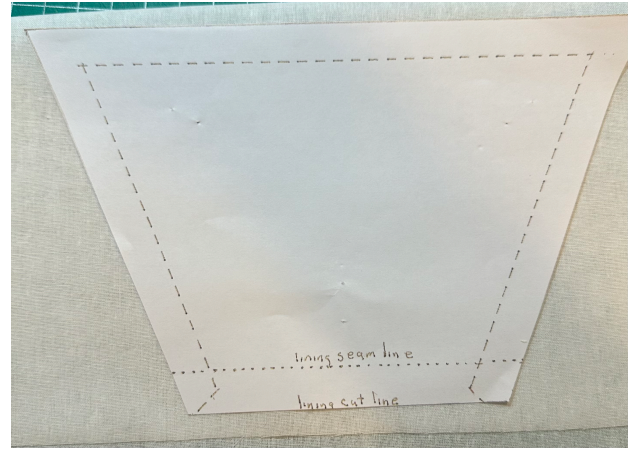
3. Cut out 2 layers of Pellon SF101 from the template pattern. Be sure that the grain is straight and that you have the right sides together.





4. Fuse 1 piece to the back of the stitched piece and the other piece to the back of the chosen outer fabric according to the instructions. See above photos.
5. Cut out 2 layers of fusible fleece from the template pattern only to the dotted line on the pattern. Be sure that you have the right sides together.
6. Fuse 1 piece to the back of the stitched piece and the other piece to the back of the chosen outer fabric according to the instructions. See below photo.



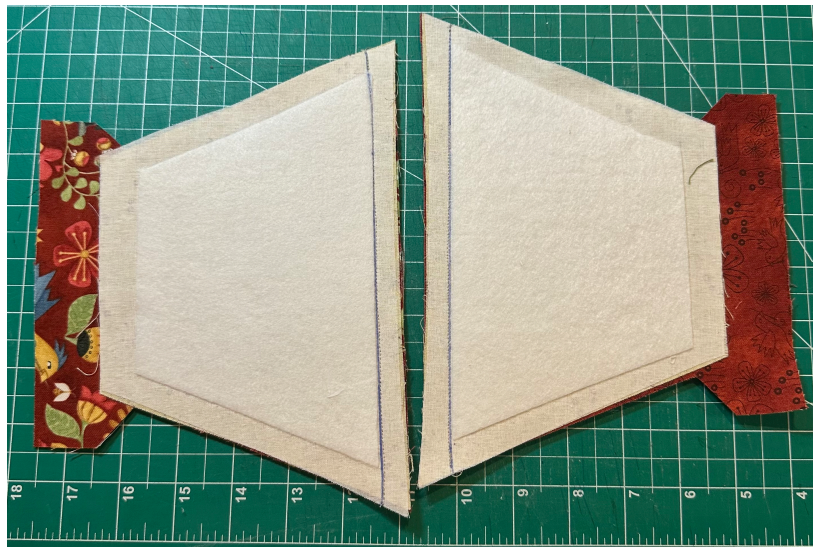


7. Following the lines indicating the lining pieces, cut 2 from the chosen lining fabric with wrong sides together. See above photo left.
8. Cut out 2 layers of Pellon SF101 from the lining template pattern. Be sure that the grain is straight and that you have the right sides together. See above photo right.
9. Fuse to the back of each piece of the chosen lining fabric according to the instructions.



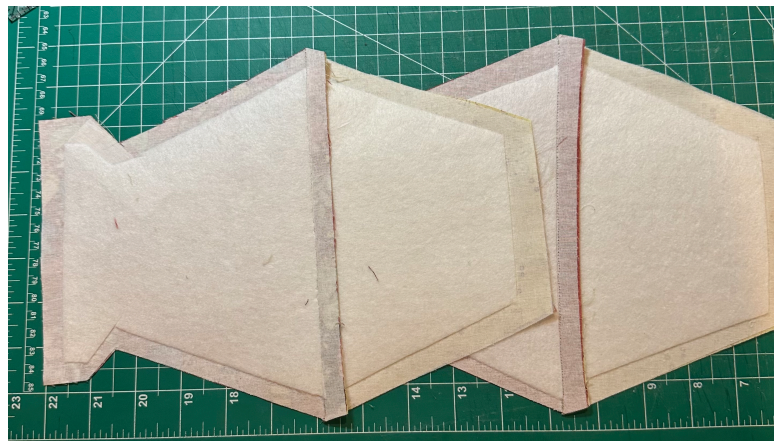
10. Cut out 2 layers of fusible fleece from the lining template only to the seam line on the pattern. Be sure that you have the right sides together.
11. Fuse to the back of each piece of the lining fabric according to the instructions. See above photos.





12. Align the top of one of the lining pieces with the top of the stitched piece with the right sides together using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

13. Repeat with the backing piece and the other lining piece.



14. Press seams toward the lining, turn right side up and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge on the lining side on both pieces.

15. Place the 2 pieces right side together being sure that the lining pieces are right sides together and the stitched piece and the backing piece are right side together.





16. Pin or clip around the outer edges. Mark to leave a 2.5" opening at the bottom of the lining piece for turning.
17. Using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance stitch around the pieces, Be sure that the top seams are aligned properly.
18. Backstitch at either side of the opening in the lining.
19. Trim seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and clip across the corners to ease bulk. Do NOT cut the stitching.





20. Carefully turn the “basket” through the opening being sure to push the corners out using a chopstick.

21. Push the lining to the inside of the basket.

22. Whip stitch, by hand, the opening in the lining closed.



23. Sew buttons on each side leaving enough room for the wrapped wire to sit snugly.

24. Cut a piece of wire approximately 12” long and bend into a handle shape. Form a U on each end to fit under the side buttons.



- 25.Wrap the wire with ribbon to cover.
- 26.Make a bow for each side and attach.
- 27.Your basket is ready to fill and hang.

These last three photos I took of the model Susan finished for me.



Thank you, Susan, for finishing CoCo's Garden just as I had envisioned. I'm also grateful you shared your finishing instructions with everyone.

Susan Coates does beautiful cross stitch finishing for Keepsakes Cross Stitch Shop in Cincinnati Ohio.



CoCo's Garden Template

stitched on 40 count
If stitched on a different
count, you can enlarge
the template to fit.

