

Easter Bowl with a Twist

Requirements

For a basket of this size (18 x 9 cm) you will need:

- **Approx 7m soft cotton cord, 1 cm in diameter**
- **1m cotton fabric (the ugliest fabric works a treat!)**
- **Rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat**
- **Size 90 jeans needle**
- **Thread - matching or contrasting colour**
- **A few pins**
- **Foot # 60 (can also use #59)**



1. Iron fabric and cut bias strips (45 degrees) **Fig 1**. Strip width 65mm (approx 11m in total)
2. Wrap the bias strip around the cord diagonally and tuck under the start. Cover approx 200mm.
3. Start turning the cord into a spiral, secure in place with pins. **Fig 2**
4. With a # 20, 34 or 39 foot for easier vision, sew an **X** over this coil to hold into place.
5. Change to your double cording foot and using stitch 22 or a zigzag, continue to wrap a piece then sew a piece, (stitching in between the cords) until you have completed about 8 turns. **Fig 3**

Keep your cord straight and keep turning your spiral into the cord. This will become easier the bigger you get, as the cord will drop into the grooves of the foot.

6. To add another strip of bias, leave approx 50mm not sewn, lay the new strip on top of the previously un-sewn strip, with the right side down and incorporate the new piece into your wrap.

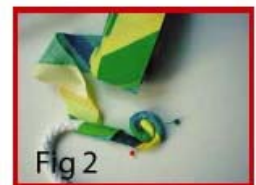
Note: You can make a coaster or placemat simply by continuing in this fashion until you get the size you want. **Fig 4**

7. If you are making a bowl, you will start to shape it now. With your left hand, tip your sewn base upwards and pull slightly on the cord. This will start to shape your base up into a bowl. You will need approx 3 rounds, then without pulling on the cord just continue wrapping and sewing until your bowl is the desired height. **Fig 5**
8. To finish, cut off cord and wrap the bias strip around the end of the cord, cut bias and sew until the end. Alternatively make a loop by wrapping the cord without sewing for approx 100mm. Finish the end and tuck the loop back into where you stopped sewing and attach.

Tip

The harder you pull on your cord, the tighter the curve will be for shaping. Always decide on the base size before you start shaping.

Try different shapes and styles, e.g. for ovals you will start with a long straight and then turn at each end rather than a spiral.



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