

# skyquilter's Pattern For:

## “Simple Gifts – Fabric Trays”

Fabric Trays – Two sizes – approximately 4.5” x 4.5” and 6” x 6”

Would you like to make a simple gift? These fabric trays are easy to make, even for a beginner sewist. This pattern could also be used as a great little lesson for a youngster interested in learning how to sew. Feel free to make several for your group's next fundraiser.



### Fabric Required – Large Fabric Tray

- ❖ 2 - 10” x 10” squares of quilting cotton; these can be matching or coordinating fabrics; it is best to not use a directional fabric on the bottom (outside of the tray)
- ❖ 1 - 9 ¾” x 9 ¾” square of batting
- ❖ 1 - 6” x 6” square of Sew-In Ultra Firm Pellon Peltex

### Fabric Required – Small Fabric Tray

- ❖ 2 - 8” x 8” squares of quilting cotton; these can be matching or coordinating fabrics; it is best to not use a directional fabric on the bottom (outside of the tray)
- ❖ 1 - 7 ¾” x 7 ¾” square of batting
- ❖ 1 - 4” x 4” square of Sew-in Ultra Firm Pellon Peltex

## Other Supplies Required

- ❖ Marking Notion, such as an Air Erasable Marker, chalk, pencil or hera marker
- ❖ Temporary Basting Spray

## Finishing your Fabric Tray

- ❖ First, place the batting on the table in front of you.
- ❖ Lightly spray the Peltex with temporary batting basting spray (I used 505 Spray And Fix).
- ❖ Place the Peltex, centered, on top of the batting, sprayed side down against the batting. (It is helpful to mark on the batting where the Peltex will go, first.)
- ❖ Place the bottom (outside of the tray) fabric face up on top of the Peltex.
- ❖ And last, place the top (inside of the tray) fabric face down on the very top. The 2 fabrics are now right sides together (RST).
- ❖ Pin in place.
- ❖ Stitch a ¼” seam around all 4 sides, leaving a 2-3” opening on one side. Be sure to backstitch your beginning and ending stitches. You’ll want to catch the batting in this seam.
- ❖ Clip the 4 corners with scissors, being careful to not cut too close to the seam.
- ❖ Turn right side out, carefully pushing the corners out.
- ❖ Press.
- ❖ Stitch around all 4 sides close to the edge, carefully closing the opening.
- ❖ Using an Air Erasable Marker, chalk or pencil, mark a small dot at each corner that is 1 ½” from each edge. Connect the 4 dots with one of the above, or with a hera marker. (I used a purple air erasable marker.)
- ❖ Pulling the bobbin thread up to the top, as in machine quilting, stitch on this line. Continue to do a small amount of straight line quilting inside this stitch, such as an ‘X’ from corner to corner.
- ❖ Fold each corner, stitching from the stitched corner to the edge. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end to secure.