



## Instructions for Easter Basket\*

(Time to complete: about 30 minutes)

### Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Fabric
- Marker or pen for tracing
- Pin
- Needle
- Thread
- Colored thread

### How to make it:

For an experienced Poekie maker, this is easy. After printing and cutting the pattern,<sup>\*2</sup> just follow the usual steps:

- Place the patterns on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric.<sup>\*3</sup>
- Trace around the pattern.<sup>\*4</sup>
- Cut ON the lines you traced.
- Repeat the cutting and tracing until you have all the pieces.
- Put the two bottom pieces exactly on top of each other with the wrong sides together (marker-lines are on the inside), and stick a pin in it.
- Fold the basket edge along the dotted line as marked on the pattern, and stick a few pins in it.
- Lay the long, open, side of the edge on the edge of the bottom.
- Get a needle and thread<sup>\*5</sup> and tie a knot at the end.<sup>\*7</sup>
- With a whip-stitch<sup>\*6</sup> sew the edge onto the bottom all the way around, as marked on the pattern with the striped line. Matching up the edge as you go along.
- When you get to the beginning, whip-stitch the two short ends together.
- At the top of the edge, tie a knot and cut the thread.
- With the colorful thread, do a running-stitch<sup>\*6</sup> all the way around the top edge. (Since it is rather thick, do one stitch at a time). Tie off your thread when you get to where you started.
- Lay the two basket handle pieces on top of each other, right sides out (marker-lines are on the inside), and stick a pin in it.
- With a colorful thread, sew with a running-stitch along one edge, following the striped line on the pattern.
- Tie a knot and repeat for the other edge.
- Without tying a knot, sew the short end of the handle onto the basket edge, using a running or whip stitch (as marked on the pattern with the dotted line).
- Tie a knot and sew the other short end to the other side of the basket.
- Tie off thread and you're done!

I can't wait to see what you've made at home and let me know if any part of these instructions is confusing!

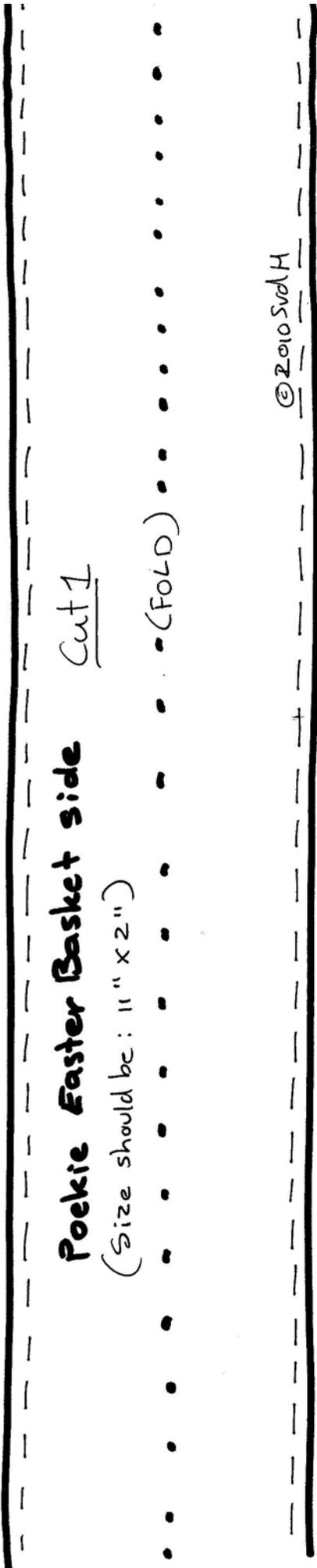
With love from the Poekies,

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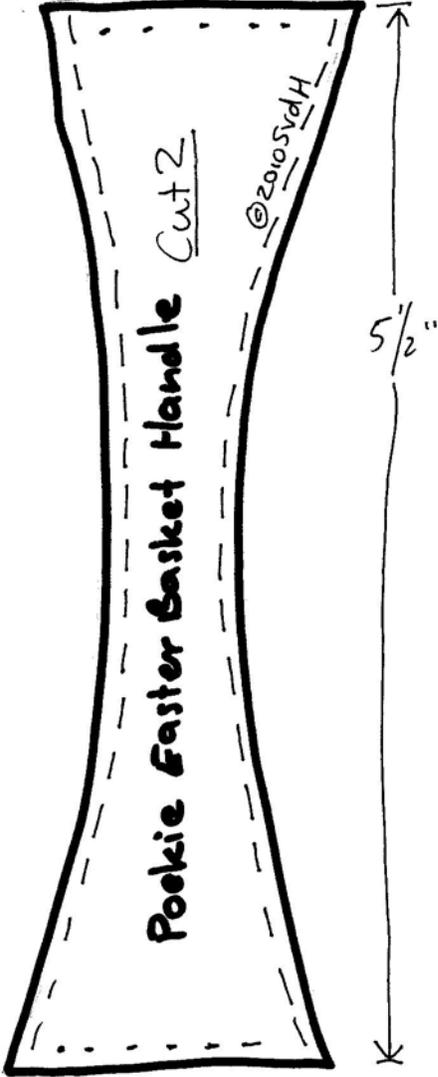
\* For children age 8 and up, with parental guidance.

Warning: 1. Pins and needles' mission in life is to poke, and scissors only know how to cut. You must be careful and make sure that they poke and cut only the things that you want them to! 2. None of the materials used belong in a person's mouth, so be careful when you make this while little children are around you.

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