

Block Butler

Based on a heavy cardboard tube 16" long and 2 3/4" in diameter (Thanks, Ed!)

Supplies:

- Tube as above
- 3/4 yard fabric
- 3/4 yard white flannel
- 3/4 yard 1/4" elastic (Cut 2 ea. 11" pieces)
- 3/4 yard 3/8" ribbon (Cut 2 ea. 11" pieces)

Cutting:

Flannel:

1 ea. 18 1/2" X 24" A

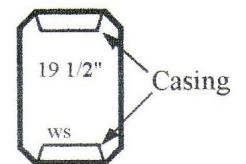
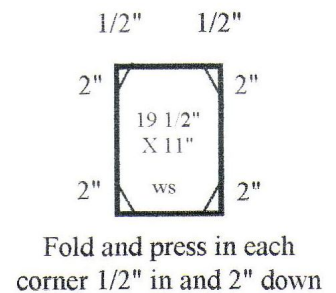
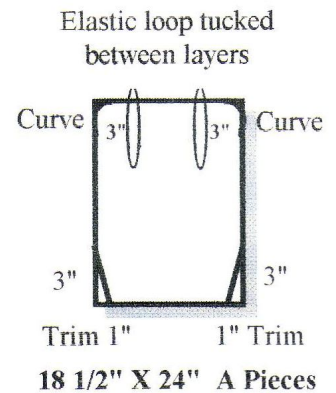
Cotton:

1 ea. 18 1/2" X 24" A

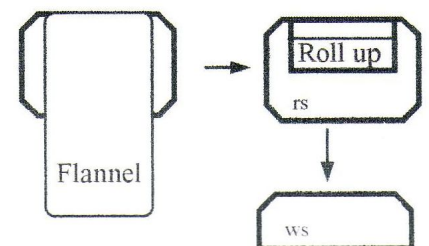
1 ea. 19 1/2" X 11" B

Assembly:

1. Layer the the flannel and cotton A pieces right sides together. Using a glass or other curve draw and cut curved corners on one short side.
2. On the other short side, measure in 1" and up 3" as shown at right to contour that end.
3. Tuck your elastic lengths between the layers about 3" in from either side on the curved edge, forming loops. Pin or baste.
4. Stitch the layers together along 3 sides, leaving the "short" edge open. Turn and press.
5. Now working with the B piece, fold and press in each corner 1/2" in and 2" down. Do not trim.
6. Next press each short edge under 1/4" then another 1/2" to form casing. Stitch. Insert ribbon into each casing, centering.
7. Here comes the hard part. Lay the B piece right side up. Then place the open edge of the A unit along one long edge of the B unit, centered, with cotton sides together.
8. Roll the A unit up, then bring the lower edge of the B unit up and pin. Stitch, catching all layers.
9. Turn butler right side out. Insert cardboard tube. Tie ribbon on either end, pulling tight.
10. Your butler is ready for blocks!



Next press each short edge under 1/4" then another 1/2" to form casing. Stitch.



Bring lower edge up and pin then stitch, catching all layers

Note: ws = wrong side of fabric
rs = right side of fabric