

Things to Make

Compiled by Leslie Pope

It is that time of the year when we think of gift giving. Here are some ideas for things to make – for yourself, for family and friends. These projects are great ways to try new fabric combinations, to use that last little bit of a favorite fabric, to use small pieces of batting and leftover binding. And any pattern is easier the second time you make it, so after making one for keeping or gifting, think about making another one or two to donate to the BQE Quiltique Booth, coming up in April.

If you have your scraps out to make the log cabin blocks for Community Quilts, use the smaller ones to make crumb fabric. Here are some tutorials on ways to do that –

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/crumb-quilting-101-turning-crumbs-into-quilts/>

<https://agilejack1.com/2022/07/04/agilejacks-crumb-block-tutorial/> (also links to a video)

<https://www.missouriquiltco.com/pages/crumb-quilting-triple-play-tutorial>

<https://katecollerandesigns.com/how-to-make-crumb-quilt-blocks/>

And you can find many more tutorials with an internet search. If you use scraps from a quilt, they will be color coordinated. Or go wild with all your scraps – Jenny Doan talks about that in her tutorial. Use your crumb fabric to make one of the small projects below.

Note: If your computer security settings don't let you click through directly on these links, remember that you also can copy and paste them into the browser search bar.

Simple wallets for gift cards or credit cards



Samples by Leslie Pope

These samples were made from a pattern in a book, but here is an online tutorial with the same construction method. Some quilting was added, and notice the size was adjusted slightly to make a wallet that could also hold some cash.

<https://jimbhandmade.com/easy-to-sew-fabric-business-card-gift-card-holder/>

There are many tutorials for similar simple wallets, some constructed slightly differently, some with additional pockets. Here are a couple –

Christine's Home Affairs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eg2F00TtExA>

TheCraftyGemini <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5owEnSlgFVg>

Fabric bowls



Nesting bowls by Leslie Pope



Nesting bowls by Barbara Garvine

Nesting bowls made using this online tutorial-

<https://aspoonfulofsugardesigns.com/2011/03/tutorial-gathered-round-basket/>



Structured bowls made by Barbara Garvine from a purchased pattern.

Threadcatcher or storage bin



Sample from tutorial



version by Leslie Pope

<http://www.thesewingchick.com/2014/05/tutorial-quilt-as-you-go-thread-catcher/>

Small threadcatcher/ storage bin



Samples from Carolyn Friedlander's blog



slightly modified versions by Leslie Pope

<https://blog.carolynfriedlander.com/quick-thread-catcher-tutorial/>

Fabric covers for composition books



Variations made by Leslie Pope

<https://www.bloom-australia.com/bloomblog/2009/02/journal-cover-tutorial.html>

<https://www.bloom-australia.com/bloomblog/2014/10/new-journal-cover-tutorial.html?rq=new%20journa%3B>



The journal cover on the left was made by Leslie Pope in the class taught by Cheri Ucci, using her pattern. Cheri has given permission to sell covers made from her pattern.

Zipper pouches



Sample pouches from the color-block-pouch tutorial

<https://www.sotakco.nl/free-tutorials/2015/11/color-block-pouch-free-tutorial.html>

This designer has other tutorials for various bags and totes, some complete in themselves, others are geared towards one of her patterns for sale. They are all listed at

<https://www.sotakco.nl/free-tutorials>



Sample pouches from the open-wide-zippered-pouch tutorial



Pouch made by Leslie Pope

<https://blog.noodle-head.com/2012/06/open-wide-zippered-pouch-tutorial-size.html>

Swing Fabric Basket



Sample from tutorial

<https://insewingtimes.blogspot.com/2020/08/diy-swing-fabric-basket-how-to-make.html>

There is also a video –

<https://youtu.be/eKELwl42I7A>



Sample, modified slightly, made by Leslie Pope

This sample is about 80% of the size of the original, and uses batting instead of interfacing. The handles are also longer.

Project bag with vinyl



Sample from tutorial



made by Charlotte Noll, owned by Leslie Pope

<https://www.maychappell.com/2015/09/02/lucky-project-bags-tutorial/>

Hints for sewing with vinyl -

<https://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/2015/02/sewing-with-vinyl-and-shortening-zippers.html>