

**FREE
PROJECT
SHEET**

HM HouseMart
Ben Franklin Crafts

As seen in
M MiniWeek

SIMPLE PAPER BASKETS



SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- 6 in. x 6 in. Cardstock – solid or printed for basket
- 1-1/2 in. x 8-1/2 in. Cardstock – coordinating color/print for handle
- 1/4 in. Double Stick Tape #30013284
- Glue Dots – 1/2 in. Craft #30001508
- Score Board #30195075
- Scissors

Optional: embellishments for handle ends like stickers, buttons, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS



1. Basket Handle
Take the 1-1/2 in. x 8-1/2 in. strip and place on the score board with the 1-1/2 in. edge aligned to the top edge. Score at the 1/2 in. and 1 in. marks, creating 3 even rows.



2 Fold the outside sections of the strip to the center. Overlap and tape together to create a 1/2 in. wide basket handle. Set aside.



3. Basket
Place the 6 in. x 6 in. cardstock on the score board and score at the 2 in. and 4 in. marks.

Turn a quarter and score again at the 2 in. x 4 in. marks. You should have a cardstock with 9 squares. Crease all the scored lines.

INSTRUCTIONS



4. On the top row, cut the cardstock at the 2 in. and 4 in. marks, cutting down to the second row scored line.

On the bottom row, cut the cardstock at the 2 in. and 4 in. marks, cutting up to the second row scored line.



5. Take the basket piece and fold up the center sections on both sides. Center and tape the handle ends to the center sections, about 1/2 in. down from the top edge.



6. Bring in the two side sections at an angle. Overlap the sides and tape over the ends of the handle.



7. Finishing

Your basket is done as is, but there are other versions you can also do.

You can fold down the pointed edges and tape in place to the inside of the basket, creating a straight top edge.



8. You can cut 1-3/4 in. x 1-3/4 in. squares of a coordinating cardstock and tape to the outer sections.



9. You can cover the midpoint at the ends of the handle with an embellishment like a stick or a button. Add some paper shreds to your basket and place treats inside.