

BOX FOR EXPEDIT—Part II

These instructions are based on a tutorial on the blog **Make it and Love it**.

<http://www.makeit-loveit.com/2011/09/fabric-storage-boxes-per-your-request.html>

Finished box is 13" high, 12" wide on front and back, 13" on sides



Materials:

One piece of fabric for outer box 51" x 20 1/2"

One piece of fabric for lining 51" x 20 1/2"

Two pieces of fusible interfacing 51" x 20"

(1st box -- I used the Pellon 931 TD Fusible Midweight, 2nd box – Pellon 808Craft Fuse)

One piece of fabric for handle 10" x 3"

One piece of fabric for bottom insert 13" x 27"

5 pieces of plastic canvas or cardboard:

2 - 12 1/2" x 12" for front and back

2 - 12 1/2" x 11 1/2" for sides

1 - 11 1/2" x 12 1/2" for bottom insert

1/2" seams throughout

Cut fabric, lining and interfacing.

Iron the fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the fabrics according to interfacing directions.

Sew outer fabric wrong sides together on short end. Do the same with lining fabric. Trim seams to 1/4" and finish with zig zag stitch.

Turn under 1/2" on top on both pieces and stitch.

You should now have two tubes of fabric – one outer and one lining. Press the seam. Press the exact opposite side to create a fold. The seam will eventually be the exact back of the box. The new pressed fold is the center of the front.

Measure 6" from each side of the seam and mark with chalk. Draw a line on each side. Do the same on the side with the pressed fold.



(The easiest way to do this is to leave the fabric with the seam on one side and the pressed fold on the other. Measure 6" from each edge. Flip fabric over, do the same.)

Create Handle

Fold wrong long sides together, press, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from edge on 3 sides—leaving one narrow end open. Turn right sides out. Tuck in raw edges of open end. Topstitch close to all edges

Center handle on center front (the center front is the pressed fold). Pin handles 2" from top, 2" from each chalk marked side. Attach each end by sewing a one inch square then end with an X to make handle secure.



Slide the lining inside of the outer fabric, with the wrong sides together. Match up the seam and the pressed fold on both fabric tubes.



Sew down the four chalk lines, making sure you only catch in one layer of the outer and lining fabric. Now you have pockets in the tube!



Measure up 7" from the bottom of the tube and make a chalk line around the entire tube at 7".



Sew on the chalk line. Again, only catch one layer of the outer and lining fabric. You still want this to be a tube.

Turn the tube inside out with the upper edge at the top. Make sure the pressed fold is directly in the center of the front and the seam is exactly in the back. Sew the tubes together at the bottom. Trim and finish raw edge with a zig-zag stitch.



Boxed Bottom

Put a pin right at the 7" seam on the very end.



Pull the two layers apart.



Turn the fabric over on its side and make a point, lining up the seam that's now running along the top even with the pin that's on the back. Fold and Adjust until there is a horizontal line



Front



Back

Sew on the existing horizontal line.

Cut off the excess fabric and zig-zag the raw edge.



Do the same with the other corner. Now you should have a nice square bottom.

Turn right side out

Slide appropriate inserts into pockets. Top stitch along top edge.

Bottom Insert

Turn under each short end $\frac{1}{4}$ " and stitch. Fold right sides together.

Stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams on both long sides.

Turn right side out. Slide plastic canvas or cardboard into pocket. Stitch along open short end.



Done!