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Casserole Carriers for 9" X 13" and 1-1/2 Quart Sizes

Carrier for 9" X 13" Casserole

Materials:

For 9" x 13" Carrier -

- Two matching kitchen towels with fringed edges.
- 1 pair 54" shoestrings, color coordinating with the towel.
- Thread to match towel.

For 1-1/2 Quart Carrier -

- One kitchen towel with fringed edge.
- 1 pair 36" shoestrings, color coordinating with the towel.
- Thread to match towel.
- Same notions as listed above.

Techniques:

- Straight stitching.
- Making casings.
- Backstitching.
- Threading shoestrings through the casing.

Equipment:

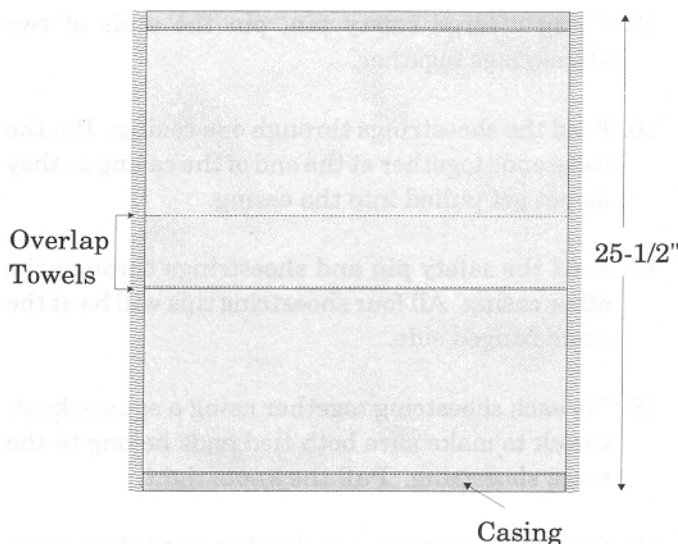
- Sewing machine
- Pins
- Yardstick
- Disappearing ink pen (optional)

Directions for 9" x 13" Carrier:

1. To make casings for each of two matching kitchen towels, turn under 1" along lengthwise edge, wrong sides together. Use the side opposite the care label.
2. Stitch close to bound edge, backstitching at start and finish of the seam.
3. Working on a flat surface, overlap the length-

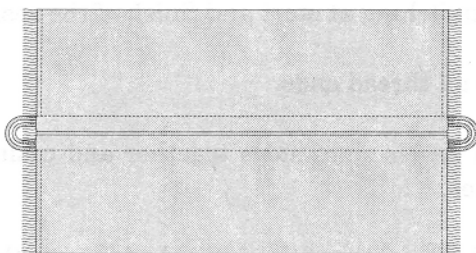
wise edges with the care labels. Match the fringed areas on both ends. Some towels are not the same length and in that case, position so the difference in length is equal on both ends.

4. With a yardstick, measure the overlapped towels from casing edge to casing edge. The distance should be 25-1/2". Adjust the overlap for the correct distance.



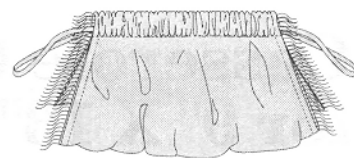
5. Pin the overlapped towels together along both edges of the overlap to hold them securely in place. 4 pins on each edge is enough.
6. Stitch close to the bound overlapped edges, backstitching at start and finish of the seam.
7. Clip all thread ends.
8. Fold towels right sides together and casings together.
9. Find the center of the fringed edge on both ends. Mark the center with a pin or a disappearing ink pen.

10. Lay the towels wrong side up on a flat surface.
11. Fold each casing to center marks on fringed edges, wrong sides together. Casings should touch but not overlap.
12. Pin along fringed edges.
13. Stitch fringed edges together but **DO NOT STITCH ACROSS CASINGS**. The fringe will be on the outside of the carrier.
 - A. To keep the casings from overlapping, start stitching at the casing seam line and stitch to the folded edge, backstitching at the start and finish of the seam. This will require 4 separate stitchings but will give a nicer looking finished carrier.
14. Clip thread ends.
15. Using a large safety pin, pin the ends of two shoestrings together.
16. Feed the shoestrings through one casing. Pin the loose ends together at the end of the casing so they do not get pulled into the casing.
17. Feed the safety pin and shoestrings through the other casing. All four shoestring tips will be at the same fringed side.
18. Tie each shoestring together using a square knot. Check to make sure both tied ends belong to the same shoestring. Pull the knots tight.
19. Grasp one shoestring and pull it until the knot is positioned near the center of one casing.
20. Grasp the other shoestring and pull it until the knot is positioned near the center of the other casing.



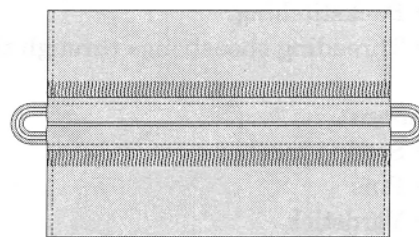
21. Check the shoestrings by pulling on one string at each fringed edge. This will cause the carrier to be gathered together in the center. To open the carrier, pull on the center of the fringed edges to make the shoestrings the same length on both ends.

22. To use the carrier, slide the 9" x 13" casserole dish into the carrier with the 13" side parallel to the casing. Lift the other casing up and over the other side of the casserole.
23. Pull on the shoestrings to tighten the carrier over the casserole. The shoestrings then form the handle for carrying.
24. You have finished a nice gift for use when attending potluck dinners.

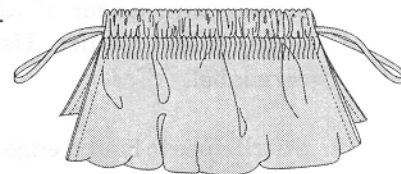


Directions for 1-1/2 Quart Carrier:

1. To make casings, fold each fringed edge over 1" so the terry is overlapped 1", (not including the fringe), right sides together.
2. Stitch along edge of terry, backstitching at the start and finish of the seam. The fringe will be on the design side of the towel.
3. Find the center of the long edge on both sides of the towel, mark with pin.
4. Fold the towel, wrong sides together, so the casing edges meet each other at the pins.
5. Stitch along the edges, starting at the casing stitching line and stitching to the fold. Do this on both sides. Be sure to leave the casings open on the ends.



6. Follow steps #15 through #21 above, using a pair of 36" shoe strings.
7. Enjoy your casserole carrier.



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