



## A WB Freebie!

This is a freebie from The Wooden Bear, and is taken straight from the pages of our *Hugs & Holly Book*! We hope you enjoy the project!

*We have the Soft and Stable and wooden buttons available on our website at [www.thewoodenbear.com](http://www.thewoodenbear.com)!*



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# Santa's Cookie Bucket

Finished size is approximately 6" high x 6" wide on each side.



I just love these little buckets. Despite their appearance, these are quite simple to make. I used **Soft and Stable™** from [byannie.com](http://byannie.com) (used in place of batting) to give the buckets their great shape, and it truly holds firm but with a soft touch. Using the **Soft and Stable™** in the handle added another benefit... when the handles are sewn on with just the buttons, the handles easily rotate down to make for easy loading, and especially unloading, of the Christmas cookies!

## Materials Needed for Gingerbread Bucket:

A. Red Gingerbread Toss- 1/2 yard

B. Brown Snowflake- 1/3 yard

1/4 yard for binding

1/2 yard for backing

**Soft and Stable™**

Approximately 1 yard of jute or ribbon for tie closure



1. Cut (1) 7 3/4" x 26" rectangle for body of bag.

2. Cut (1) 7 3/4" square for bottom of bag.

3. Cut (1) 2 3/4" x 16 1/2" strip for handle.

B. Brown Snowflake

1. Cut (1) 4" x 25" strip for top of bag.

2. Cut (1) 3" x 25" strip for drawstring sleeve.

Cut (2) 2 1/2" x WOF strips for binding.

## Buttons:

From *Hillcreek Designs* button pack **#B-B04TWB Santa's Cookie Bucket**. Package includes (2) wooden buttons.

## Cutting Instructions:

A. Red Gingerbread

(These pieces will be cut slightly larger and then trimmed down after quilting with the **Soft and Stable™**.)

## Quilting the Pieces:

1. Layer (A1) 7 3/4" x 26" rectangle with a piece of **Soft and Stable™** and a piece of backing, both cut slightly larger than (A1). Baste and quilt as desired. Trim your quilt sandwich down to 6 3/4" x 25".

2. Layer (A2) 7 3/4" square with a piece of **Soft and Stable™** and a piece of backing, both cut slightly larger than (A2). Baste and quilt as desired. Trim your quilt sandwich down to a 6" square.

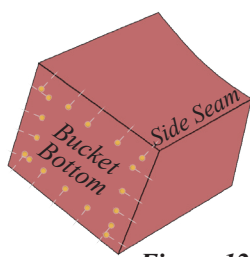
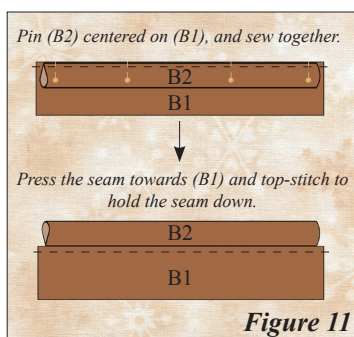


3. Layer (A3) 2 3/4" x 16 1/2" strip with a piece of **Soft and Stable™** and a piece of backing, both cut slightly larger than (A3). Baste and quilt as desired. Trim your quilt sandwich down to 1 3/4" x 15 1/2".

### ***Piecing the Bucket:***

**Note:** Pay close attention to seam allowances used. You will use 1/2" seam allowances for piecing (because of bulkiness), and 1/4" seam allowances for applying binding.

1. Fold each short end of the (B2) 3" x 25" strip under 1/4" and press. Fold each short end another 1/4" and press. Sew along each short end to finish.
2. Fold the (B2) strip in half matching the long edges, wrong sides together (WST), and press. Pin this centered to one long edge of the (B1) 4" x 25" strip, RST. Using 1/2" seam allowance, sew together. Press the seam towards (B1), and top-stitch to hold in place. *See Figure 11.*
3. Fold (B1) in half so that the short edges meet, RST, and pin in place. Sew together along the short edges of (B1) using 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seam open and turn right side out. Top-stitch on both sides of the seam to hold in place.
4. Fold your quilted (A1) piece in half, RST, matching the short edges. Pin in place. Sew along the short edges using 1/2" seam allowance. Top-stitch on both sides of the seam. This forms the body of your bucket.
5. With the bucket body wrong side out, pin the quilted (A2) 6" square to the bottom edges of the bucket body, RST. Start by matching the side seam of the bucket body with one corner of the (A2) bucket bottom, and then pin all edges together. *See Figure 12.* Sew the bucket bottom to the bucket body using 1/2" seam allowance. Turn the bucket right side out.
6. With the (B1) top closure piece turned wrong side out, place it inside the bag and match the bottom raw edge of (B1) with the top raw edge of the



bucket. Pin WST and sew together with a basting stitch along the edge.

### ***Finishing the Bucket:***

1. Bind the edges of the (A3) handle and the top edge of your bucket using the 2 1/2" strips.
2. Hand-sew the handle to the bag along with a wooden button at each end.
3. Run a piece of jute or ribbon through the drawstring sleeve and gently pull to gather. Tie in place.



*Rotate the handle and open the top for easy filling!*

These buckets would also be great without the top closure, making an open bucket perfect for displaying baked goods at the buffet table. Be sure to check out page 14, and also page 2, for recipe cards that you can copy. Make the goodies and include the recipe card for a great gift! (Check out our website for more free goodies!)

