

The Wrap-and-Go Hot Dish Carrier

An Original, Easy Sewing Pattern for Beginners & Experts Alike

This carrier is designed to securely wrap around a standard 9" x 13" (23x33 cm) baking dish, keeping your food warm and making transportation effortless. It features integrated, padded handles that loop through durable D-rings for a simple, elegant, and secure closure system.

Finished Dimensions:

- **Flat:** Approximately 28" x 28" (71x71 cm), including the extended side flaps.
- **Closed:** Securely folds to fit a standard 9" x 13" casserole dish, with adjustable tension via the handle pull.

Materials List

- **Fabric A (Outer Print):** 1 yard of 44" or 54" wide quilting cotton. *(A modern geometric or bold motif works well)*
- **Fabric B (Lining & Contrast):** 1 yard of 44" wide quilting cotton. *(A solid or subtle tonal coordinate)*
- **Insulation layer:** 1 yard of specialized insulated batting, such as Insul-Bright or similar heat-reflective material.
- **Padded Interfacing:** 1/2 yard of fusible fleece (essential for structured, comfortable handles and a stable base).
- **D-Rings:** Four 1.5" (38mm) wide heavy-duty metal D-rings.
- **Thread:** High-quality coordinating cotton or polyester thread.
- **Tools & Notions:** Sewing machine, iron and pressing mat, fabric scissors or rotary cutter, quilting pins or fabric clips, fabric marking pen/tailor's chalk, acrylic quilting ruler, and a point turner tool.

Pattern Cutting Guide

FROM FABRIC A (OUTER):

- Cut one (1) 20" x 20" (51x51 cm) square — **Main Base**
- Cut two (2) 5" x 20" (13x51 cm) rectangles — **Side Flaps**

FROM FABRIC B (LINING & CONTRAST):

- Cut one (1) 20" x 20" (51x51 cm) square — **Lining Base**
- Cut two (2) 5" x 20" (13x51 cm) rectangles — **Lining Side Flaps**
- Cut four (4) 6" x 18" (15x46 cm) rectangles — **Handles**
- Cut four (4) 3" x 5" (8x13 cm) rectangles — **D-Ring Tabs**

FROM INSULATED BATTING:

- Cut one (1) 20" x 20" (51x51 cm) square — **Base Insulation**
- Cut two (2) 4" x 19" (10x48 cm) rectangles — **Side Flap Insulation**
- Cut four (4) 1.5" x 17" (4x43 cm) strips — **Handle Insulation**

Step-by-Step Instructions

All seam allowances are 1/2" (1.3 cm) unless explicitly stated otherwise. Double-check your alignments before sewing.

1. Prepare and Quilt the Body Base:

- Lay the 20" square of insulated batting flat on your work surface.
- Place the 20" Fabric A (Outer) square perfectly right-side up on top of the batting. Smooth out any wrinkles and pin or clip heavily around the perimeter and across the body.
- Quilt the layers together. A simple linear, parallel style (lines spaced 1.5" apart) provides a clean, contemporary look while securely anchoring the insulation. Use a fabric marker to draw your lines before stitching.

2. Construct the Side Flaps:

- Center the 4" x 19" insulated batting rectangles onto the wrong side of the Fabric A (Outer) 5" x 20" side flap pieces. Baste in place with a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Place one outer side flap and one Fabric B (Lining) side flap right-sides together. Stitch along the two short sides and one long side, leaving one 20" edge open.
- Clip the corners to reduce bulk, turn the flap right-side out, and press crisply. Repeat for the second side flap. Topstitch around the three sewn edges at 1/4".

3. Assemble the D-Ring Tabs & Padded Handles:

- **Tabs:** Fold the 3" x 5" Fabric B pieces in half lengthwise, right sides together, and stitch the long edge. Turn right-side out and press flat with the seam centered on the back. Slide two D-rings onto each tab, fold the tab in half to trap the rings, and baste the raw ends together. (Make 2 sets).
- **Handles:** Take the 6" x 18" Fabric B pieces. Press the 1.5" x 17" handle insulation strips to the wrong side. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise (right sides together) and stitch the long edge. Turn right-side out, press with the seam centered on the back, and topstitch down both long edges for a sturdy, premium feel. (Make 4 handle straps).

4. Attach Components to the Base:

- On opposite sides of the quilted outer base square, center and baste the raw edges of your completed side flaps, matching raw edges.
- On the remaining two opposite edges of the base, position your handle straps and D-ring tabs. Place two handles on one side (spaced evenly to align with your casserole dish handles), and position the

matching D-ring tabs directly opposite them on the opposing side. Baste securely within the seam allowance.

5. Final Assembly & Turning:

- Place the 20" Fabric B (Lining Base) square directly on top of the assembled outer base, right sides together. All handles, tabs, and side flaps should be tucked neatly inside, sandwiched between the layers.
- Pin or clip around all four edges securely.
- Stitch around the entire perimeter, leaving a 6" (15 cm) opening on one side for turning. Backstitch securely at the start and finish of the opening.
- Trim corner bulk carefully, turn the entire carrier right-side out through the opening, and use a point turner to gently pop the corners out cleanly.

6. Finishing Touches:

- Tuck the raw edges of the 6" opening inside so they line up perfectly with the rest of the seam. Press the entire outer perimeter flat with an iron.
- Topstitch around the entire outer perimeter of the carrier base at 1/8" or 1/4", which will cleanly close the opening and provide a beautiful, professional edge finish.

How to Use: Place your hot baking dish diagonally or squarely in the center. Fold the side flaps over the top, loop the long padded handles through the corresponding D-rings, pull taut to secure your dish, and carry safely!