

Overlocker Woven Basket



Let's get crafty with Kraft-tex! This unique material is used to make a fun woven basket. Learn how to use overlock stitches to construct and embellish this quick and fun project. Any 4-thread overlock machine can make this project. The BERNINA L 860 was used for this sample.

SUPPLIES:

- 3/4 yd Kraft-tex - any color, 18 1/2" -20" wide
- One spool of 12 wt cotton decorative thread (WonderFil Spagetti or Fruitti recommended)
- Two spools of coordinating regular thread (Isacord, Mettler Seracor, etc.)
- 90/14 ELX705 needle
- Rotary cutter and mat
- 20" rotary ruler
- WonderClips
- Thread snips
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Marking pencil
- Hera marker
- Roll and Press

MACHINE & ACCESSORIES:

- Standard Overlock Foot #L10
- Cording Foot #C17
- Right Seam Guide
- BERNINA L 860

Basket Construction

- Using the rotary cutter, cut 12 strips of Kraft-tex 2" x WOF (18 1/2" or 19" long, depending on your Kraft-tex piece).

NOTE: For this basket you will only use 11 strips. It's nice to have an extra...just in case. Use the leftovers for testing.

- Using the hera marker (or other scoring tool) and ruler, score lengthwise down the center of each strip.
- Fold each strip in half lengthwise along the score line, using the Roll and Press to make a sharp crease.



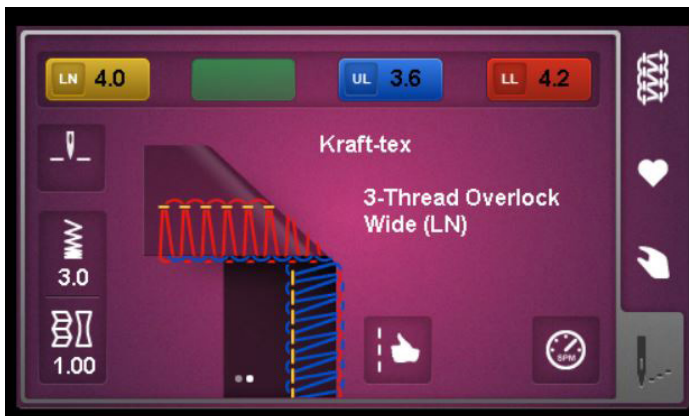
- Select the 3-Thread Wide Overlock stitch #3.
- Thread the machine with the 12 wt thread in the upper looper.
- Thread the left needle and lower looper with matching regular thread.
- Install the Right Seam Guide even with the blade so that the Kraft-tex is riding next to the blade but not being cut.

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- Test the stitch on a folded piece of scrap Kraft-tex. Adjust as needed.
- These settings worked well for me, but you will want to test on your machine:

THREADING/THREAD TENSION SETTING				MACHINE SETUP					
Left needle	Right needle	Upper looper	Lower looper	Roller Hem Selection Lever	Upper looper converter	Cutting width	Stitch length	Differential feed	
4	-	3.6	4.2	0	-	6	3	1	

- If using an L 860 or L 890, save the stitch in Personal Memory and call it "Kraft-tex".



- Stitch the long raw edges together on all of the strips.



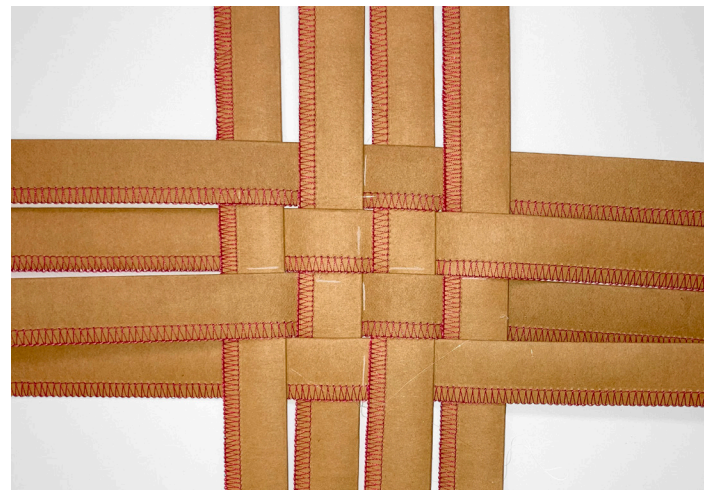
- Mark the centers of eight strips on the wrong

side (non-decorative thread side).

- Place four strips horizontally on the table in front of you with the decorative thread side facing down and all stitched ends facing in the same direction.



- Place one strip on either side of the center marks of the horizontal strips, right side down. Weave and glue to hold. Use a WonderClip to hold a moment until dry, if you like.
- Place one strip on either side of the first two and repeat. This is the base of your basket.



- Weave one strip all around the basket. Place the beginning end in the "under" position and glue in place. Add a clip to hold.
- Snug the strip down to the base. It may be helpful to use clips to hold together the tops of

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the vertical strips. Trim any excess at the end of the woven strip and glue in place.

- Repeat with two more strips.



- Weave the top ends of the vertical strips back down to the inside. Use glue to hold in place where you can't tuck in.
- Every other strip folds onto itself to the inside and tucks into the second row. Glue at the top to hold.



Serger Cord & Wire Ribbon Embellishments

- Set the overlocker for a 3-Thread Rolled Hem stitch #8 with the decorative thread in the upper looper and matching regular thread in the right needle and lower looper.

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Left needle	Right needle	Upper looper	Lower looper	Roller Hem Selection Lever	Upper looper converter	Cutting width	Stitch length	Differential feed
-	4	4	5.5	R	-	5.5	1	1

- Stitch about three yards of serger cord, pulling slightly from the back.
- Use the serger cording as an embellishment. Add beads for extra bling.

TIP: A dental flosser works great to thread the cord through the beads.

- I preferred 26-gauge beading wire that I found at my local craft store.
- Use wire cutters, NOT your scissors to cut the wire
- Use Fray Block on the ends after cutting your ribbon tail
- Use the 2-Thread Rolled Hem #13 with WonderFil SoftLoc in the lower looper for best results
- Use the Cording Foot #L17. The guides keep the wire from interfering with the needle and knife.



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- I also like batik fabrics for ribbon, since both sides are “right”.
- For detailed instructions to make wire-edged ribbon, refer to weallsew.com and search for [DIY Wire-edged Ribbon](#).



- Experiment with different sized bases and heights. This basket is a 4X4 with a three strip height. Other options are a 2X2 with a four strip height or a 2X5 with three strip height. You are only limited by the length of your strip of Kraft-tex.
- Try out different decorative threads and embellishments, too!