



# Cork Can Cooler Written Instructions

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## MATERIALS NEEDED

- 20" x 4.75" or Medium cut of cork from Fabric Funhouse
- (2) 4.25 x 3.25 InsulBrite Thermal Batting
- Coordinating Thread
- Clips (*Fabric Clips, alligator clips, etc.*)
- Optional*
  - Quick Dry Fabric Glue (*Beacon Fabri-tac*)
  - Chalk or fabric pen for marking lines

**Please read entire pattern before beginning.**

**Seam Allowance is 1/8" throughout.**

### 1) PRINT AND PREP PIECES

Print pattern pieces at "Actual Size"/100%.

With *Can Cooler Body* wrong side up and short edges on left and right of your work area, mark lines at 5", 10", and 15".

Take **Pattern Piece A** and lay it at the top left corner, lining up top and left straight edges of both the *Can Cooler Body* and **Pattern Piece A**. Trace around pattern piece. Flip the pattern piece down to the bottom left corner, lining up left and bottom side straight edges, trace. Repeat these two steps with the top right corner and bottom right corner. The notches of the pattern piece will face the center of the *Can Cooler Body*.

Lay **Pattern Piece B** in the middle of the *Can Cooler Body*, matching midline on pattern piece to the 10" line we made earlier, lining up long straight edges with the notches facing in toward the center. Trace. Flip the pattern piece to the opposite side of long edge of **Can Cooler Body**, centering it on that same 10" midline. Trace.

Cut out all areas that you've traced using scissors.

### 2) ATTACH INSULBRITE

Glue one Insulbrite batting piece to **wrong side** of the *Can Cooler Body*, measuring roughly 1/4" on the right side of the 5" marked line, and centered on top and bottom long edge. This doesn't have to be an exact science so don't fret if it's not perfectly centered. Repeat for 2nd piece of batting, lining it up roughly 1/4" on the left side of the 15" line.

### 4) FOLD SHORT EDGES

Fold **left side short edge** in toward center of *Can Cooler Body* at 10" line previously made. Line up all cut out areas, glue or clip in place.

Repeat for **right side short edge**, folding in to the left, aligning all cut out areas on that same 10" line. Glue or clip in place.

The folded edges will now be referred to as the **Top Lip Edges**.

## 5) QUILT LAYERS TOGETHER

Starting at any point on the Can Cooler, quilt everything together.

You can be wild here and sew in any and all directions, be more controlled and sew measured lines, or even "draw" with your thread. The point of this step is to ensure all layers are now quilted together as one. **Regardless of the stitch pattern you decide on, be sure to topstitch around entire outside of the Can Cooler Body.** See diagram below.

## 6) FINAL CONSTRUCTION

Fold what will be the *Can Cooler Body's* **OUTSIDE**, *right sides together*, lining up the *Top Lip Edges*. That 10" marked line will now be exposed along the bottom of the can cooler. Clip the raw edge short sides together. Using a 1/8" seam allowance, stitch down both raw edge sides as shown in diagram to the right.

Be sure to backstitch **VERY WELL** at the beginning and end, or if you have the option on your sewing machine, use the triple stitch option. We want these side seams to be as strong as possible because flipping this Can Cooler right side out is going to stress those stitches.

## 7) FINISHING

Starting at the bottom cut out area of the assembled Can Cooler, flip the piece so that the right side is out. Once you have it all situated, you can lay a heavy object on it to flatten it all and relax everything back out.

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