

# Two-Sided Basket with Stampin' Up! Baskets & Blooms Sizzix Bigz XL Die



A BIG "Thank You" to fellow Stampin' Up! Demonstrator, Nancy Student, for letting us know about this great project that was demonstrated at the recent Albuquerque Regional Stampin' Up! Conference. I have been so excited to be able to make something other than the small round (but definitely cute!) basket for which the Baskets & Blooms Die was designed.

**A few notes about the following:** (1) You can make the basket as wide as you want! Just make your strip wider or thinner. (2) If you want to decorate the front and back of the basket with brads/eyelets/etc., you may wish to do that before you adhere the sides. (3) An 8" long piece is sufficient for the basket cuts. I just used 8-1/2" because that's the width of Stampin' Up! Card Stock. (4) You can snip the part of the side piece that fits inside the curved basket bottom more if you wish to make a smoother edge, but each segment must have its own piece of Sticky Strip. (5) You can use regular Designer Series Paper, but it's best to glue (I use Anywhere Glue Stick) it to coordinating card stock before cutting if you wish a sturdy basket. See the middle basket, above.

**Supplies:** Sizzix Big Shot, Stampin' Up! Baskets & Blooms Sizzix Bigz XL Die, Extended Cutting Pads (2). You don't need the crease pad. Card stock or Stampin' Up! cover weight Designer Print Specialty Paper. Fiskars cutter fitted with the scoring blade. Paper snips. Sticky Strip.

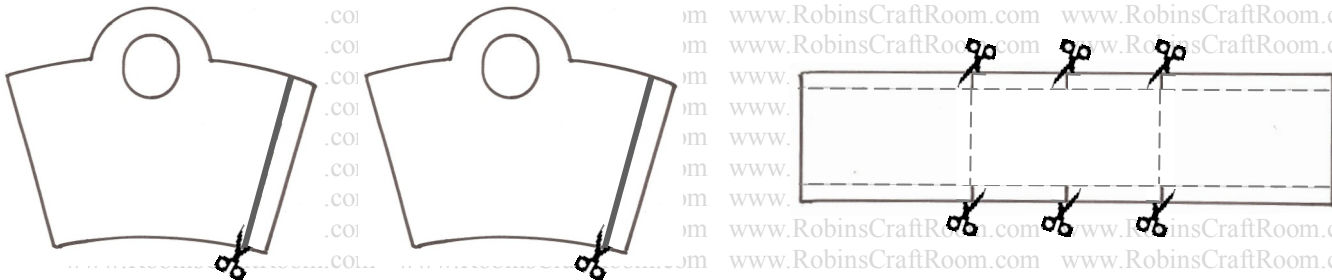
## Instructions:

**Cut** one 8-1/2" x 5" piece and one 8-1/2" x 2-1/2" piece for each basket.

Place the 8-1/2" x 5" piece on the **Baskets 'n Blooms die** to cover the two basket pieces and **run through the Sizzix Big Shot** to create the front and back of the basket.

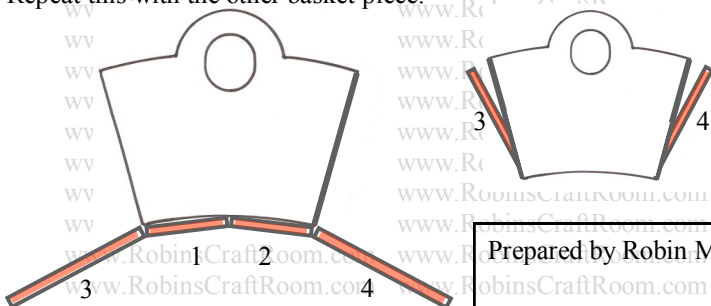
**Trim** the perforated side of each basket piece on the perforation line (shown by the small scissors).

**Score** the 8-1/2" x 2-1/2" piece 2-3/4" from each short end, then 1/4" from each long side (see the dashed lines). **Crease** the 8-1/2" by 2-1/2" piece on all score lines (using a bone folder is a good idea). **Clip** to the long score line along the two short score lines; clip to the long score line half way between the first two clips. I've placed small scissors where these snips should be made.



**Fold** the 1/4" sides up and **adhere** a piece of Sticky Strip (shown in red) on the outside edge of each segment on each side. The segments for each side are numbered 1 - 4, below.

Starting with one side, remove the sticky strip cover from segments 1 and 2 and **adhere** the segments to the inside of the bottom of one basket piece, adjusting them so that the side pieces do not show below the edge of the basket piece. Remove the sticky strip cover from segment 3 and fold it up and adhere it to the left inside of the basket side. Repeat with segment 4. Repeat this with the other basket piece.



You're done with the basic construction! Here's what the side of the basket looks like when it's finished.

