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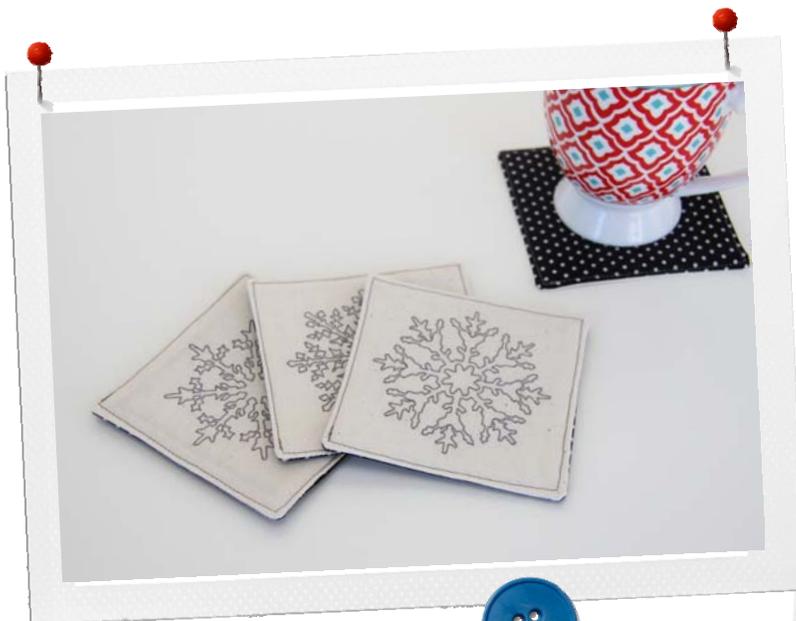
Embroidered Fabric Coasters

Grab one of these and you can make any place your tea corner. The “sweetener” is how quick they are to make. A perfect use for your fabric scraps collection, where bold prints meet embroidered neutrals. BTW, plain cottons are great for this.

Next time you’re invited for tea (or coffee) bring a stack of these as a gift—and look for the smile you’ll get in return.

materials and tools

- Scraps of plain fabric large enough to hoop for your embroidery machine (or, if you won’t be embroidering them, large enough for cutting 4½" squares)
- Scraps of a coordinating print fabric large enough for cutting 4½" squares
- Isacord or Polysheen embroidery thread
- OESD LightWeight Cut-Away Stabilizer
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler (optional)
- Edgestitch foot



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step one

- To begin, select some embroidery designs to use for your coasters. Be sure that your design is smaller than the 4" finished coaster, so the edges aren't too crowded.

If you don't have an embroidery machine, skip to step 4.



step two

- If you have a large enough embroidery hoop, try to fit more than one image within the stitching space, as long as the images don't crowd the 4½" square of fabric you'll need for each coaster.



step three

- Bond a sheet of cut-away stabilizer to the wrong side of your fabric using fabric adhesive spray. Hoop the fabric/stabilizer.
- Embroider the designs on your plain fabric pieces, one for each coaster.
- Trim the stabilizer about ¼" from the completed stitching.

step four

- If you don't have an embroidery machine, apply double-sided fusible web to the wrong side of some fabric scraps and cut out shapes or letters to appliqué to your coasters.
- Fuse the shapes to your fabric, leaving space to cut a 4½" square around each one. Place cut-away stabilizer underneath, then sew the edges with a zigzag or decorative stitch.



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step five

- Mark a 4½" square around each design, making sure each design is centered. Cut out each square along the marked lines.
- For the back of each coaster, cut a 4½" square from your coordinating print fabric.

step six

- Cut 3⅞" squares of felt and double-sided fusible web for each coaster.



TIP: Because of the thickness of the felt, cutting it slightly smaller than the finished coaster helps reduce bulk at the outer edges.

step seven

- Place one design square and one backing square right sides together.
- Sew around the edges with a ¼"-wide seam allowance, leaving a 2½" to 3" opening along one side.

step eight

- Place a square webbing piece on the wrong side of the backing fabric, and place a felt square on top. Be sure that both are within the seam allowances of the square; trim the felt and webbing if necessary.
- Press to fuse the felt to the coaster backing.



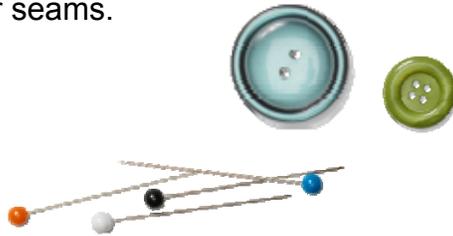
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step nine

- Trim the corners, making sure not to cut through any of your seams.



step ten

- Turn the coaster right side out and poke out each corner.
- Fold the edges of the opening toward the inside of the coaster. Press flat.

step eleven

- Topstitch around the very edge of each coaster (about 1/8" from the edge).

TIP: For perfectly placed stitching use an edgestitch foot, such as BERNINA's Edgestitch Foot #10.

