

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING VARIOUS COASTERS

General:

1. Most coasters start with either a 4.5" or 5" square.
2. One fabric can be used, a fussy cut applique can be put on fabric or a multitude of other artistic options can be used. (see references)
3. A quilt sandwich can be made with batting, batting + therma flec heat resistant fabric or felt. If you are going to be using with very hot cups, mugs you might want to add the heat resistant fabric. (Available at Beverlys)
4. Quilting is done after you have put the sandwich together in most cases. Appliques may be applied before and either fused or stitched.
5. Use your scraps and bits and pieces that never made it into the quilt. It is also fun to play with different borders and threads.

Basic Coaster

1. Start with a 5" square front and back.
2. Cut the batting ½" shorter 4.5"x 4.5"
3. Put right sides of fabric together. Batting will be on one side
4. Sew around the edges and leave a small opening so you can turn the coaster inside out.
5. With right sides out (front and back) stitch around all sides.
6. Quilt as you like.

Self Bordered Coaster

1. Start with front of coaster 1" larger square than the back. If front is 6" then back is 5". Center with the batting in the center with front larger than back.
2. Applique and quilt the front with the quilt sandwich put together.
3. When finished with the front turn the edges to the back, fold under and stitch.
4. Done

Coaster with binding

1. Decide on application and size and put together in a quilt sandwich.
2. Cut front, back and batting same size.
3. Quilt.
4. To make binding use a piece of fabric 2" in width and 2" longer than the 4 sides of your coaster. Example: if the coaster is 5" square (20"), cut the binding at 22". Sew the ends of the binding together at an angle as usual, cut off excess and iron. Be careful not to twist the fabric.
5. Attach as you would on a quilt and hand stitch (or machine stitch) the back side to the back of the coaster.
6. Done.