



## sewing project of the month

### fabric coasters



What you need to make 12 coasters: -

- ½ yard of 45" wide decorative American looking fabric
- ½ yard Insul-Bright™ (or other insulated fabric which can be used in potholders and oven mitts etc.)
- Thread to match
- Pins
- Sewing machine
- Black pen
- Scissors (or cutting mat and rotary cutter)

*\*I had enough Insul-bright leftover from the October casserole cover project to make these 12 coasters, so I didn't need to purchase anymore of this fabric.*

\*Remember to always read directions a few times so that all steps are very clear. This makes sewing so much faster and easier! 😊



Fold your fabric in half lengthwise matching up the selvages. Place your folded fabric on your working surface with the fold to the left and the selvages to the right. Cut (3) 5 inch wide strips. (these 3 strips will each measure 5"x 45" when you are done cutting them)



Keeping the fabric folded lengthwise, take the three strips and stack them one on top of the other.



Measure and cut the strip every 5 inches. You will end up with (24) 5"x5" squares.

Next cut (12) 5"x5" squares out of the padding.



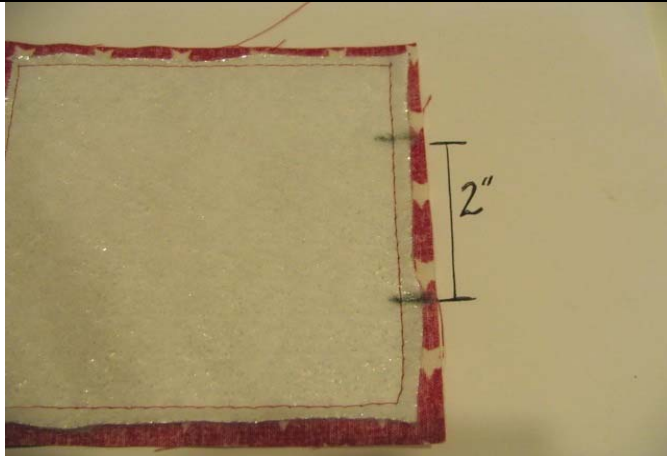
Take a piece of padding and place it on your working surface. Take one of your fabric pieces and place it right side up on the padding. Pin the fabric to the padding.



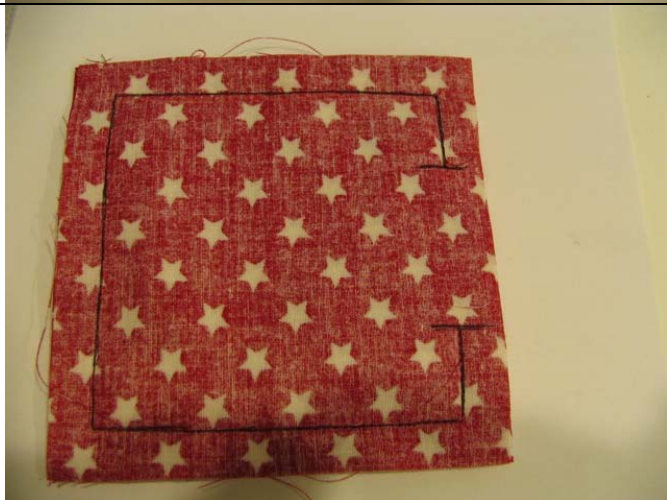
With a basting stitch sew the two pieces together with a 3/8" seam allowance. After sewing, trim away the edge of the padding close to the line of stitches.



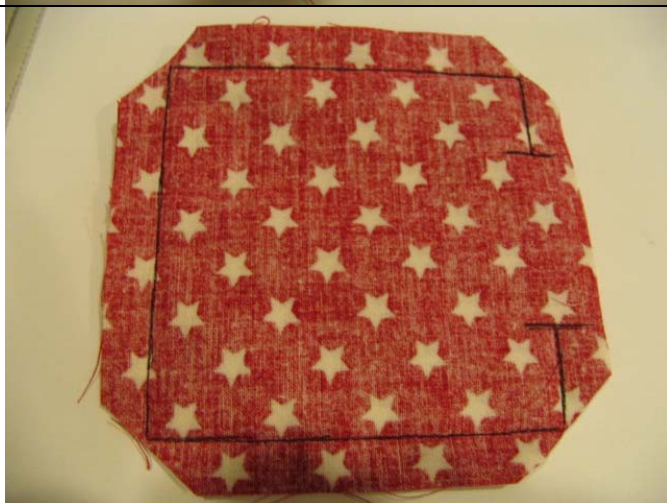
Place a fabric piece (one *without* padding attached to it) face up on your working surface. Place one of padded fabric pieces face down on top of it. Pin together all the way around.



Mark and leave a 2" opening on one of the 4 sides.



With a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance sew all the way around leaving the 2" opening. Be sure to backstitch on either side of the opening.



Clip each of the corners close to the stitching, but don't cut through the stitching.



Turn the coaster right side out through the opening. Push the corners out with a pencil, and iron in crisp edges. Fold the edges of the opening in  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", iron, and stitch the two edges together very close to the edge of the coaster.



Topstitch  $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from edge. You are done!



What a nice splash of color to put around the surfaces of your home when having a party!