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Difficulty Level: Easy

What you need

- 7" (18cm) Fabric
- 6" (15cm) Fusible Batting
- Embroidery Needle
- Embroidery Floss
- Scissors
- Fabric Chalk
- 6" (15cm) Embroidery Hoop (If View A: Intricate Embroidery)
- Pins
- Measuring Tool/ Tape
- Regular Thread
- Regular Sewing Needle

Fabric Recommendations

Medium weight woven fabrics such as:

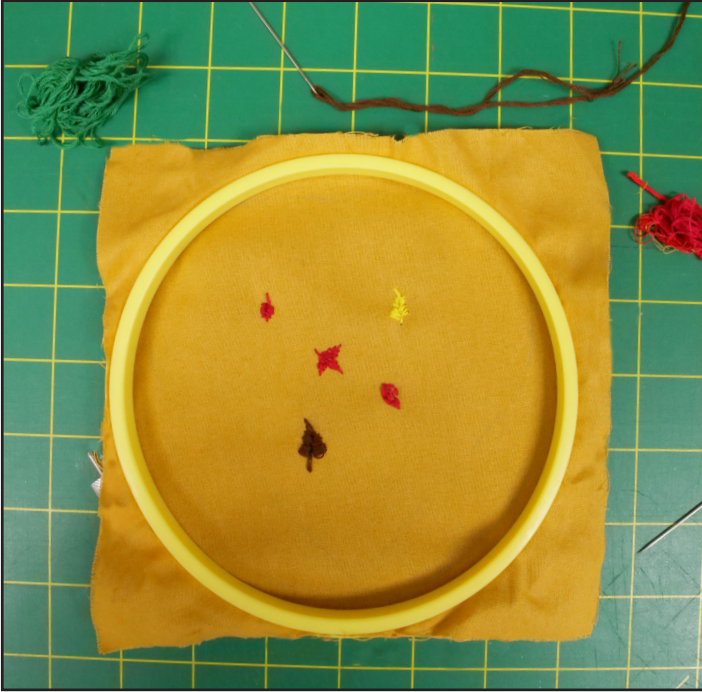
- Craft Cotton
- Organic Cotton
- Denim

Tips before you start

- It's a good idea to pre-wash and press your fabric before you start, especially with natural fibres, because they will shrink. However, some fabrics are not machine-washable, so follow the care instructions for your chosen fabric.
- Press using a pressing cloth to prevent damaging your fabric. Test your iron settings on a scrap piece of fabric before you start your project.
- Try sewing on a scrap piece of fabric before sewing your pattern pieces. Adjust your tension, stitch length, and needle type accordingly.

Before you start

Decide which look you'd prefer for the top of the coaster:



View A: Intricate Embroidery

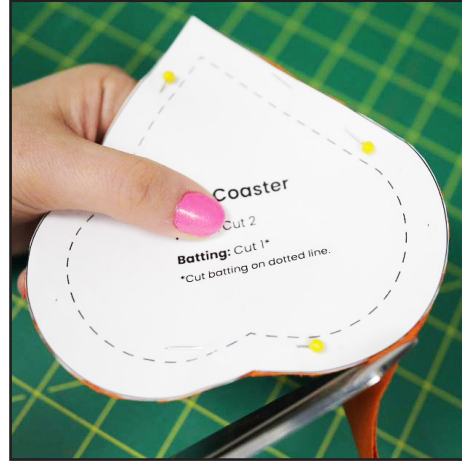
The intricate embroidery will only be seen on the top of the coaster. Be mindful of Step 1.



View B: Simple Line Designs

The line design will run through all layers of fabric.

Instructions

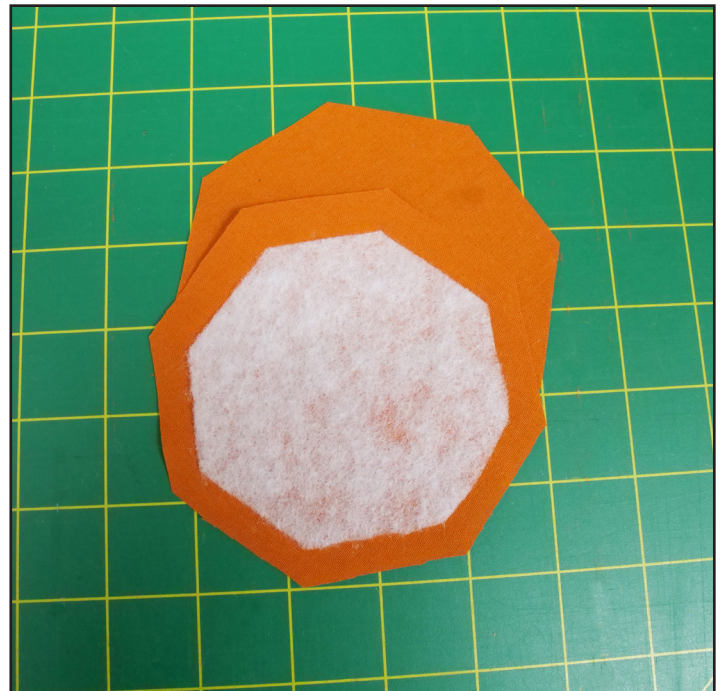
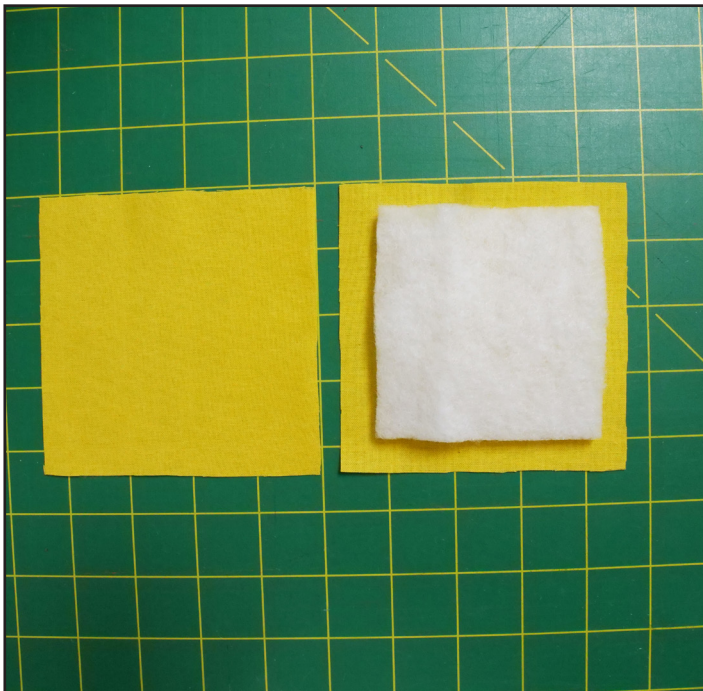


Step 1: Pattern Pieces

Select and cut your desired pattern piece shape. For each shape there will be a coordinating batting pattern piece within the pattern. The solid line indicates the fabric pattern and the dotted line indicates the batting pattern.

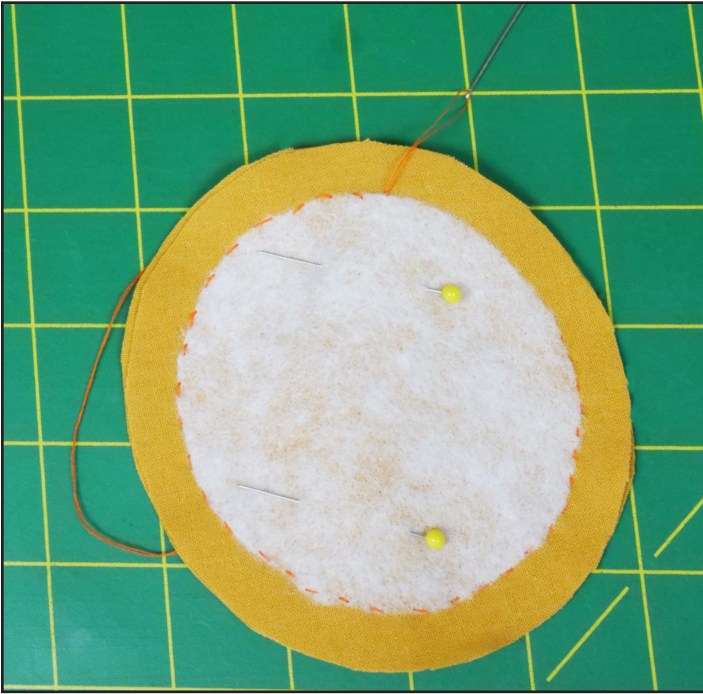
If you choose to make the View A Intricate Embroidery look, cutout 1 pattern piece and cut a 7" (18cm) square of fabric for the other piece. Trace the pattern piece in the centre of the square.

Place the square inside of the embroidery hoop and create your desired design with embroidery floss. After you've completed the embroidery, cut out the pattern shape and continue to Step 2.



Step 2: Fuse the Batting

Fuse the batting to the wrong side of the fabric that will be used as the top of the coaster.



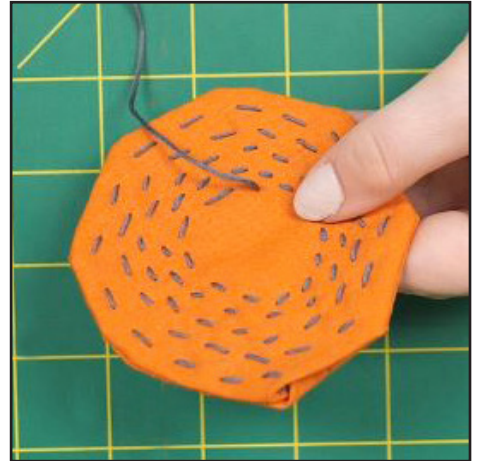
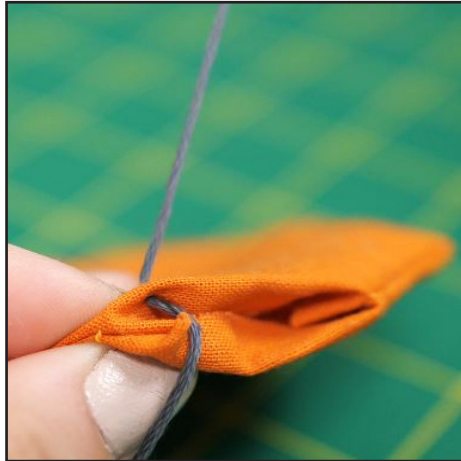
Step 3: Stitch Edge

Place the right sides of the fabric pieces together. Pin the sides. With a regular needle and thread, stitch 1/2" (1.27cm) from the edge. Leave a 2" (5cm) opening on one of the sides.



Step 4: Turn and Press

Turn the fabric inside out and finger press.



Step 5: View B: Simple Line Designs

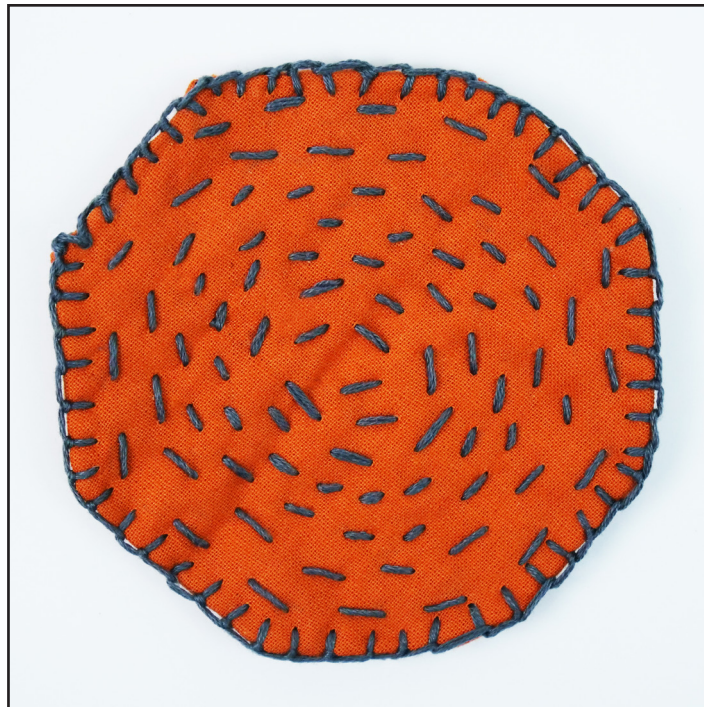
For View B: Simple Line Designs, mark with chalk where you'd like the embroidery line design to go.

Thread the embroidery needle with embroidery floss.

Stick the needle in from inside, between the layers of fabric and batting. The needle should go through the batting and out through the top fabric to start.

Follow the chalk lines, weaving in and out of all layers of fabric and batting.

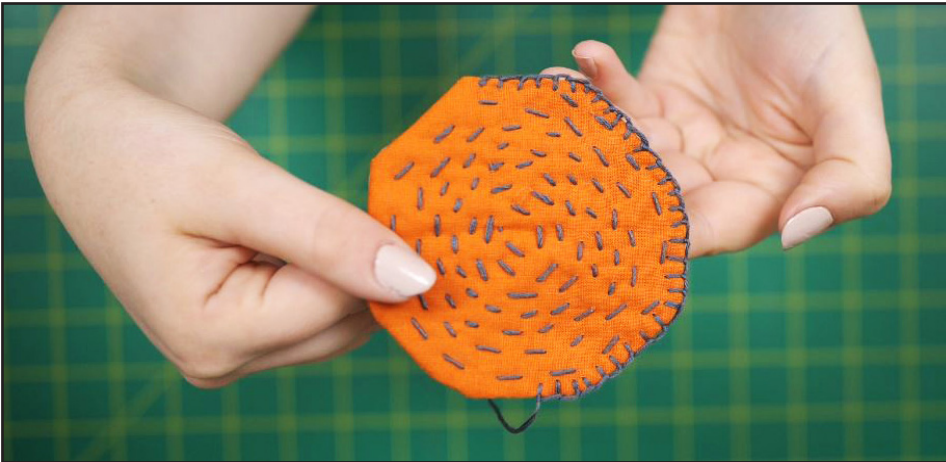
Finish the line embroidery by tying a knot in between the layers of fabric for a clean finish.





Step 6: Close the Opening

Hand-stitch the opening closed with a regular needle and thread. This step may be skipped if using the Step 7 Blanket Stitch.



Step 7: Optional Blanket Stitch

Consider adding a blanket stitch around the edges for a cozy effect!

Check out the Blanket Stitch Tutorial on our YouTube Channel.

<https://youtu.be/t1mxHetsk8A>

Project Completed

This project is now complete! Your coaster is ready to be placed under your favourite cup!



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