

Stitchitize



BEE #11

HOLIDAY COCKTAIL COASTERS



This wonderful set of linen coasters is sure to add elegance to any table setting, or holiday get-together. Tuck a set into that special holiday hostess gift, in each tin of your holiday baking, or wrapped around a gift of "holiday cheer". Their ease of laundering will allow you to scatter them at all of your holiday soiree's without fear of even red wine.

Each of the four coasters has a different embroidery design and the back is beautifully finished with crisp mitered corners.

All 4 of the embroidery designs for Bee #11 are one colour. Traditional hand sewn filigree embroidery is "tone on tone". This means that the embroidery thread colour matches the fabric for a very subtle look. Our sample is shown with pale pink linen and white embroidery for photography and visibility in the instructions.

SUPPLY LIST

Fabric requirements complete a set of 4 coasters, each 5" square.

For best laundering and pressing results, **White Linen or Cotton Fabric** (or a blend of both) and **Polyester Embroidery Thread** are recommended.

Preshrink the fabric for best results.

Also, the finishing stitches are sewn with coaster upside down, therefore, polyester bobbin will help to keep a uniform, finished look.



- (4) 7.5" (19cm) squares White Linen, Cotton, or a blend of both.
- (4) 5" (12.5cm) squares White Linen, Cotton, or a blend of both.
- (4) 8" squares Iron-on Fusible Interfacing (iron to wrong side of each 7.5" square)
- White Polyester Thread (roll 1-2 bobbins to match)
- Minimum Embroidery Hoop 3" x 3" (7.5cm x 7.5cm)
- (4) 5" (12.5cm) squares Medium weight Tear-away Stabilizer
- Embroidery Foot
- Adjustable Zipper Foot
- Grid Cutting Mat
- Point Turner
- Scissors - fabric and embroidery
- Steam Iron
- Chalk Marker (contrasting colour to fabric)
- Masking or Painters Tape
- 12" (30cm) Ruler
- **Optional quilt spray adhesive or temporary basting glue (be sure to test on scrap of fabric for marks, etc.)



EMBROIDERY

It is important that the fabric is hooped precisely for a desirable finished set. Be sure to use your grid mat and your plastic template insert on your embroidery hoop as guides in the hooping process.

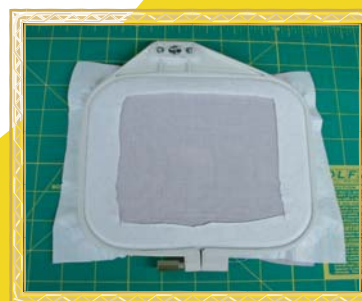
1. Prepare fabric for embroidery by centering and fusing an 8" Iron-on Fusible Interfacing square to the wrong side of each large (7.5") square of fabric. There will be 1/4" of exposed fusible at the edges. **NOTE:** For visibility of embroidery etc. our sample does not have fusible on the back.
2. Place a small piece of tape at approx. center of each (fused) large (7.5") square of fabric. Place ruler on diagonal corners to mark exact center of the square.
3. Use a ruler and cutting mat to chalk mark exact center (3.75" from corner) of 4 sides of the square. Mark a 1/4" line at each edge center. These are your hooping guides.



4. Align the base/bottom part of your embroidery hoop with the grid on your cutting mat. Place a fabric square on the hoop base and align the side guide marks with the lines on your cutting mat. Hoop the fabric being very careful not to move the fabric at this stage. If the marked guides do not line up with center marks on the hoop, remove the fabric from the hoop and try again!



TIP: If extra stabilizer is required, use a "hooping window" of cut-away. Hoop fabric and window together (window on the bottom) Illustration shows view from back of hoop with hooping window.





EMBROIDERY cont...

5. Attach hoop to machine. Center a piece of medium weight tear-away stabilizer under the hoop. Prepare machine to sew one of the Stitchitize Bee #11 designs. Be sure that the needle is aligned with the center mark on the tape. Remove tape and sew the design.



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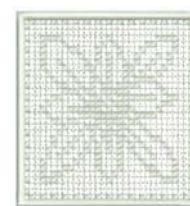
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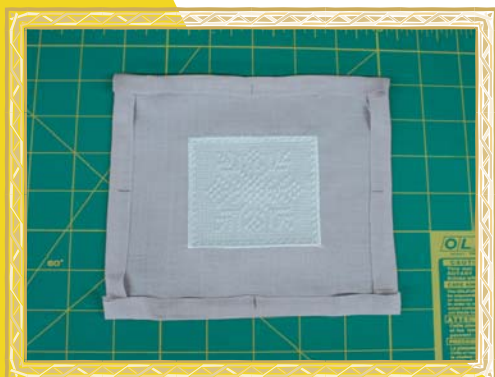


6. Sew the embroidery design to completion. Repeat for remaining 3 large fabric squares. Gently remove all tear-away stabilizer from the reverse side, trim 1/4" excess fusible from edges (fusible and fabric edge are even) and press each square to remove any hoop marks.

CONSTRUCTION

The back side of each coaster is finished with mitered corners. Here's how !

1. With embroidered side down, fold each edge of one square 1/2", Press.



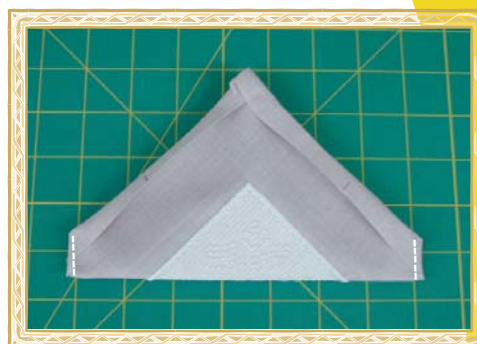
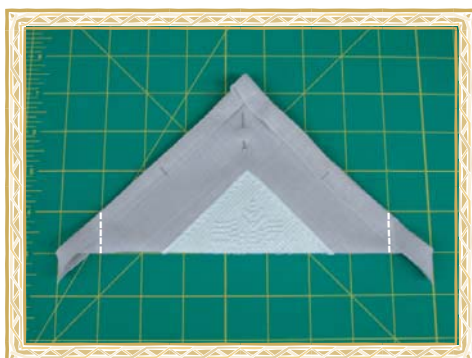
2. Turn over (right side up) and fold diagonally to make a triangle. Pin at top point center to secure. Place on cutting mat with fold on a horizontal grid line. Position corner fold (45° angle) on an intersection. Measure 1" from corner on fold and mark from edge to edge with chalk. Repeat for opposite corner.



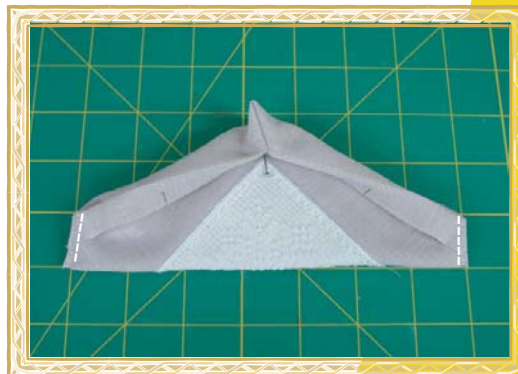
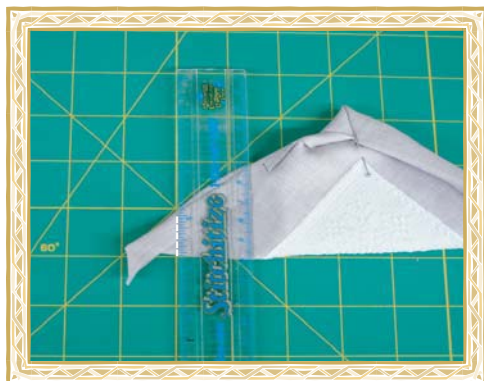


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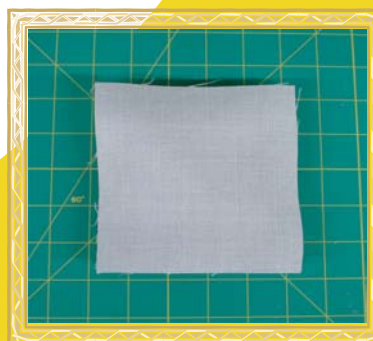
3. Prepare machine for regular sewing, attach Zipper foot. Sew along each chalk mark.
4. Trim 2 corners to 1/8" from seam.



5. Open to a square and fold on opposite diagonal. Repeat marking, sewing, and cutting on each corner.



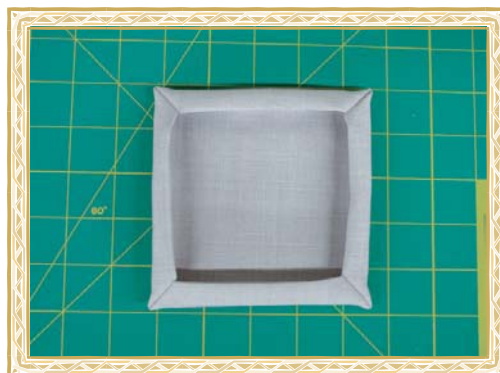
6. Open all corners inside out. Lay square embroidered side down.
7. Place small square on large square, wrong sides together. Line up corners. Small square can be trimmed slightly if needed.



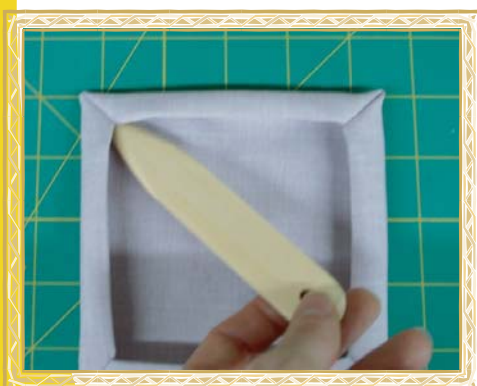


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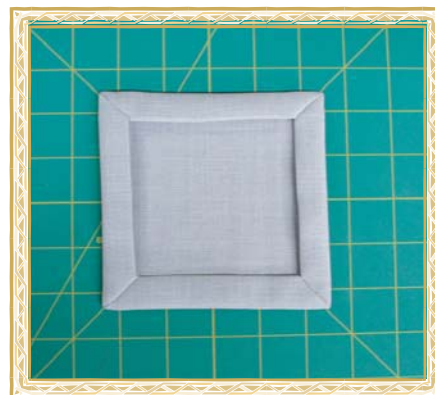
8. Turn all 4 mitered corners over, wrapping around small square. Be sure that small square stays put. A small amount of adhesive can be used here to keep the small square in place.



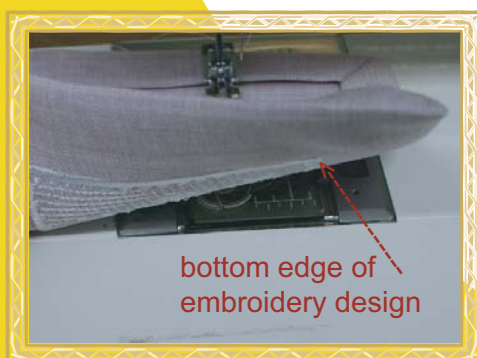
9. Use a point turner to form all 4 corners.



10. Steam Press all folds.



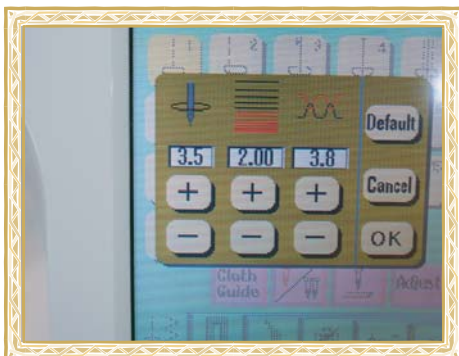
11. With embroidery side down, and bottom of embroidery design on the righthand side, align left side of zipper foot with inside fold, approx 1" from mitered corner. Be sure that your needle is very close (1/8") from the fold.





CONSTRUCTION cont...

12. Sew (2mm stitch length) running stitch around the edge of the folds. Use "needle down" to pivot the corners on the mitered seam. When you return to the start position, backstitch 2-3 stitches to secure.



13. Repeat steps 1 - 12 for remaining three embroidered squares.



IDEAS

- Make a little envelope style pouch to store or gift wrap the set. Sew one of the designs on the outside of the envelope.
- Make matching cocktail or dinner napkins, placemats, etc using this formula.
Size of smaller square determines the finished size.
Large square is always 2.5" larger than small square.
- Embellish a table cloth, table runner, centerpiece, etc. with the designs to create a dining ensemble.
- Increase the size of the square and sandwich a layer of thermal or quilt batting between the fabric squares to make a decorative hot pad for the table.