

Whip up a set of pretty patchwork coasters in time for tea...

PATCHWORK COASTERS

Pair bright prints with a neutral background to make a set of four super-cute spool coasters



YOU WILL NEED

- Fabric A: 7¼in x 9¾in
- Fabric B: 7¼in x 9¾in
- Fabric C: four (4) 2⅞in square, each a different colour
- Backing fabric: 9¼in square
- Felt wadding: 8in square

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- Needle and thread

FINISHED SIZE

- 4in square approx (each)

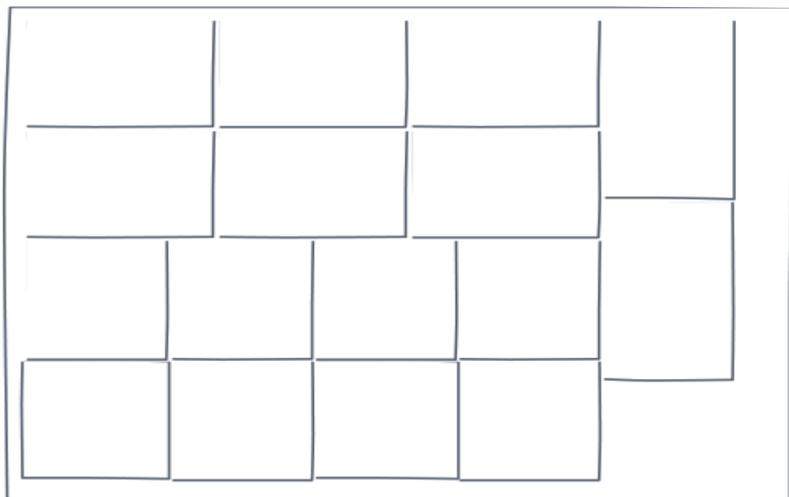
NOTES

- All seam allowances are ¼in, unless otherwise stated.

Coasters

Assembling the coasters...

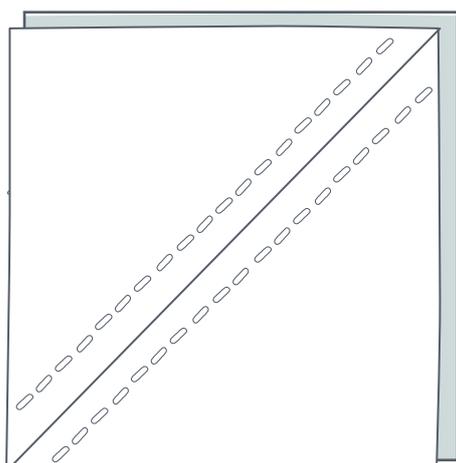
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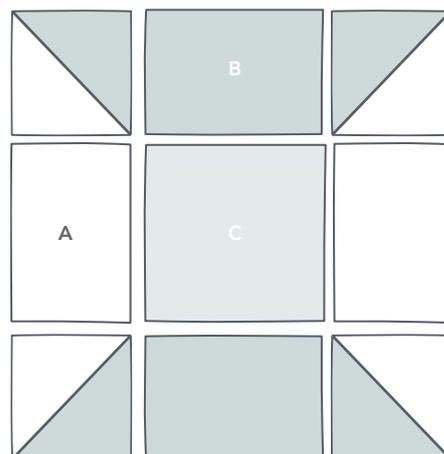
These simple little spools are a great staple block that you'll use time and time again...



b



c



CUTTING OUT

1 Cut each of your fabric A and B pieces into eight (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ in x $1\frac{1}{2}$ in strips and eight (8) $1\frac{1}{8}$ in squares. Refer to the cutting diagram (Fig a).

2 Trim your fabric C squares to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in square each.

3 Cut your backing fabric into four (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ in squares.

4 Cut your felt wadding into four (4) 4in squares.

ASSEMBLING THE BLOCKS

5 Pair a fabric A square with a fabric B square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the reverse of the lighter

square, and stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ in from either side of the line (Fig b). Cut along your drawn line, press the seam open and trim each unit to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in square.

6 Repeat step 5 with your remaining squares for a total of sixteen (16) Half-square Triangles (HSTs).

7 Arrange four (4) HSTs, two (2) strips each of fabric A and B, and one (1) fabric C square, as shown (Fig c). Sew the pieces together in three rows, then join the rows to complete the block. Repeat to make three more blocks.

QUILTING AND FINISHING

8 Pair one finished block with a piece of backing fabric, right sides together.

Sew around the edges, leaving a turning gap about 2in wide on one side and backstitching at the beginning and end to secure. Clip the corners.

9 Turn your coaster right sides out through the opening. Insert a piece of felt wadding, folding to get it inside and then finger pressing flat. Press your coaster, turning the raw edges at the gap to the inside, covering the felt edge.

10 Topstitch around the coaster, taking care to secure the unsewn seam allowance at the turning gap. Add any desired quilting, knotting off the thread ends and burying them inside your coaster. Repeat steps 8–10 to assemble three more coasters.