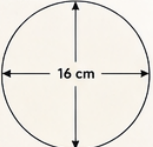


# RUFFLED BUTTERFLY COASTERS

## SEWING TUTORIAL

Add a charming handmade touch to your table with these ruffled butterfly coasters. They are fun to make, perfect for gifts or for your own home!



| FINISHED SIZE                                                                                        | MATERIALS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FABRIC - USA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |                       |              |            |                |            |               |            |                             |            |                |            |                     |            |
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| Diameter: 16 cm<br> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Denim fabric (various shades)</li><li>• Cotton fabric (butterfly details and ruffle)</li><li>• Backing fabric</li><li>• Fusible interfacing</li><li>• Embroidery floss</li><li>• Sewing thread</li><li>• Sewing needle</li><li>• Fabric scissors</li><li>• Pins or clips</li><li>• Ruler and fabric marker</li><li>• Iron and ironing board</li></ul> | <table><tr><th>Fabric</th><th>Fat Quarter (approx.)</th></tr><tr><td>Denim (dark)</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr><tr><td>Denim (medium)</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr><tr><td>Denim (light)</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr><tr><td>Cotton (ruffle &amp; butterfly)</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr><tr><td>Backing fabric</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr><tr><td>Fusible interfacing</td><td>25 x 30 cm</td></tr></table> <p>Fat Quarter =<br/>Approx. 18" x 21" (45 x 53 cm)</p> | Fabric | Fat Quarter (approx.) | Denim (dark) | 25 x 30 cm | Denim (medium) | 25 x 30 cm | Denim (light) | 25 x 30 cm | Cotton (ruffle & butterfly) | 25 x 30 cm | Backing fabric | 25 x 30 cm | Fusible interfacing | 25 x 30 cm |
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| Backing fabric                                                                                       | 25 x 30 cm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |                       |              |            |                |            |               |            |                             |            |                |            |                     |            |
| Fusible interfacing                                                                                  | 25 x 30 cm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |                       |              |            |                |            |               |            |                             |            |                |            |                     |            |

### STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

#### 1 CUT THE FABRIC

- Cut (4) circles of denim with 16 cm diameter.
- Cut (4) circles of backing fabric with 16 cm diameter.
- Cut (4) circles of fusible interfacing with 16 cm diameter.

#### 2 PREPARE THE BASE

- Join the 4 denim pieces to form a circle.
- Press the seams open.
- Repeat until you have 4 bases.

#### 3 ADD THE BUTTERFLY

- Cut butterfly pieces from cotton fabric.
- Fuse or applique the pieces onto the circle.
- Use embroidery to add details (antennae, dots, wings, etc.).

#### 4 ADD INTERFACING

- Iron fusible interfacing to the wrong side of each coaster front.

#### 5 SEW THE FRONT

- Topstitch around the circle edge (0.5 cm seam allowance) to secure the layers.

#### 6 MAKE THE RUFFLE

- Cut 4 strips of ruffle fabric 50 cm x 6 cm.
- Sew a gathering stitch along the long edge.
- Pull the thread to gather.

#### 7 ATTACH THE RUFFLE

- Pin the ruffle around the edge of the coaster.
- Distribute the gathers evenly.

#### 8 SEW THE RUFFLE

- Sew the ruffle in place with a 0.5 cm seam allowance.

#### 9 PREPARE THE BACK

- Place backing fabric wrong sides together with the front.

#### 10 SEW AROUND

- Sew around the edge leaving a 4-5 cm opening for turning.

#### 11 TURN AND PRESS

- Turn right side out through the opening.
- Press well.
- Fold in the seam allowance at the opening.

#### 12 TOPSTITCH

- Topstitch all around close to the edge.
- Your coaster is ready to use!

#### ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM

- Denim (dark)
- Denim (medium)
- Denim (light)
- Cotton (ruffle & butterfly)
- Backing fabric
- Fusible interfacing

#### MAIN SEWING METHODS USED

- Seam** - Join two pieces of fabric with a straight stitch.
- Topstitch** - Stitch on the right side for a decorative and secure finish.
- Gathering Stitch** - Long stitches used to gather fabric.
- Applique** - Attach a shape on top of the base fabric with stitch or fusible.
- Pressing** - Use iron to set seams and give a professional finish.

#### USEFUL TIPS

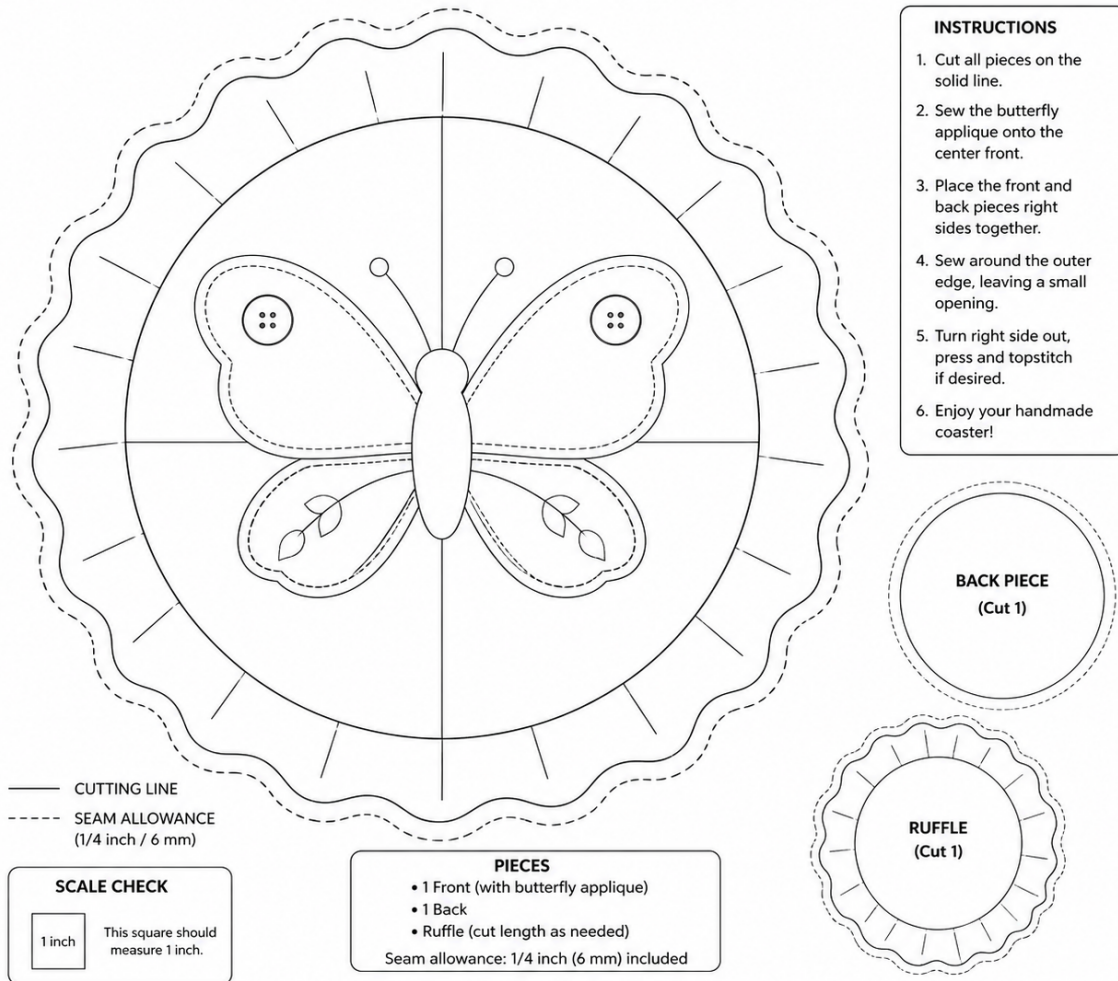
- Use denim needle (90/14) for best results.
- Press seams open for a flatter finish.
- Use clips instead of pins on thick layers.
- For a perfect circle, use a plate or template to cut.

#### CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Hand wash or machine wash gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Do not bleach.
- Air dry flat.
- Iron on medium heat if needed.

## BUTTERFLY COASTER – SEWING PATTERN

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## Ruffled Butterfly Coasters – Complete Sewing Tutorial

Welcome to this step-by-step sewing tutorial for creating beautiful Ruffled Butterfly Coasters. This project combines denim patchwork, appliqué, embroidery, and a charming gathered ruffle to create decorative coasters that are both practical and elegant.

**Whether you are a beginner looking for a fun sewing project or an experienced quilter searching for a quick handmade gift, this tutorial will guide you through every stage in detail. Every measurement, material, and technique follows the original tutorial layout while providing additional explanations so that anyone in the United States can successfully complete the project from start to finish.**

**These coasters finish at approximately 6¼ inches (16 cm) in diameter and make wonderful gifts, home décor, craft fair products, or seasonal table decorations.**

## **Finished Size**

- **Diameter: 6¼ inches (16 cm)**

## **Materials Needed**

**Before starting, gather all your supplies.**

### **Fabrics**

- **Dark denim fabric**
- **Medium denim fabric**
- **Light denim fabric**
- **Cotton print fabric for the butterfly appliqué**
- **Cotton fabric for the ruffle**
- **Backing fabric**

### **Stabilizers**

- **Fusible interfacing**

## **Sewing Supplies**

- **Embroidery floss**
- **Sewing thread**
- **Sewing machine**
- **Fabric scissors**
- **Rotary cutter (optional)**
- **Cutting mat**
- **Quilting ruler**
- **Fabric marking pen**
- **Sewing pins or sewing clips**
- **Hand sewing needle**
- **Iron and ironing board**

## **Fabric Requirements**

**Approximate fabric cuts:**

| <b>Fabric</b>           | <b>Size</b>                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Dark Denim</b>       | <b>10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm)</b> |
| <b>Medium Denim</b>     | <b>10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm)</b> |
| <b>Light Denim</b>      | <b>10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm)</b> |
| <b>Butterfly Cotton</b> | <b>10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm)</b> |
| <b>Ruffle Cotton</b>    | <b>10" × 12" (25 × 30 cm)</b> |

**Backing**      **10" × 12" (25 ×**  
**Fabric**      **30 cm)**

**Fusible**      **10" × 12" (25 ×**  
**Interfacing**      **30 cm)**

**One Fat Quarter (18" × 21") is enough for each fabric.**

## **Step 1 – Cut the Fabric**

**Begin by preparing all the circular pieces.**

**Cut:**

- **4 denim circles measuring 6¼ inches (16 cm) in diameter.**
- **4 backing fabric circles measuring 6¼ inches (16 cm).**
- **4 fusible interfacing circles measuring 6¼ inches (16 cm).**

**Take your time cutting accurately. Smooth circles make assembly much easier and produce a more professional finish.**

**Using a circle template, quilting ruler, or dinner plate helps maintain perfect symmetry.**

## **Step 2 – Prepare the Denim Base**

**Each coaster front is made from four denim sections.**

**Arrange:**

- **One dark denim piece**
- **One medium denim piece**
- **One light denim piece**
- **Another coordinating denim piece**

**Sew the four sections together.**

**Press every seam open after stitching.**

**Repeat until you have completed all four coaster fronts.**

**Pressing between every seam keeps the coaster flat and reduces bulk.**

## **Step 3 – Create and Attach the Butterfly**



**Prepare your butterfly design.**

**Using your printed cotton fabric:**

- **Cut out the butterfly body.**
- **Cut each wing separately.**
- **Cut any decorative pieces if your design includes them.**

**Place the butterfly in the center of the denim circle.**

**Secure it using:**

- **Fusible web, or**
- **Appliqué stitching.**

**Once attached, embellish the butterfly with embroidery.**

**You may embroider:**

- **Antennae**
- **Wing details**
- **Decorative dots**
- **Veins**
- **Small flowers**
- **Decorative stitches**

Feel free to personalize each butterfly while maintaining the same finished size.

## **Step 4 – Apply the Fusible Interfacing** 🔥

Place the fusible interfacing on the wrong side of each denim coaster front.

Follow the manufacturer's pressing instructions.

Use a hot iron without sliding it across the fabric.

Instead, press firmly for several seconds before lifting and moving to the next area.

Allow the fabric to cool completely before handling.

The interfacing adds body and stability to the finished coaster.

## **Step 5 – Sew Around the Front Circle**

Topstitch around the outside edge of each coaster front.

Use approximately a ¼-inch (0.5 cm) seam allowance.

This stitching secures:

- The denim layers
- The appliqué
- The interfacing

A matching thread blends beautifully, while contrasting thread creates a decorative effect.

## **Step 6 – Make the Gathered Ruffle**

**For each coaster, cut:**

**4 fabric strips**

**Each strip measures:**

- **20 inches long (50 cm)**
- **2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches wide (6 cm)**

**Fold and press if desired.**

**Using a long machine stitch, sew one gathering line along one long edge.**

**Do not backstitch.**

**Leave long thread tails.**

**Gently pull one thread to gather the strip.**

**Continue gathering until the strip fits perfectly around the coaster.**

**Distribute the gathers evenly.**

## **Step 7 – Attach the Ruffle**

**Place the gathered ruffle around the outside edge of the coaster front.**

**The gathered edge should align with the raw edge of the coaster.**

**The finished ruffle should face inward toward the center.**

**Pin or clip the ruffle evenly around the entire circle.**

**Adjust the gathers so they remain consistent all the way around.**

**Even gathers produce the prettiest finished result.**

## **Step 8 – Sew the Ruffle to the Coaster**

**Sew the ruffle in place using a ¼-inch (0.5 cm) seam allowance.**

**Work slowly around the curved edge.**

**Remove pins as you sew.**

**Avoid stretching the ruffle.**

**When finished, check that no gathers have shifted.**

**If necessary, redistribute before continuing.**

## **Step 9 – Prepare the Back**

**Place the backing fabric on top of the coaster.**

**The right sides should face together.**

**The ruffle will now be sandwiched between the front and back pieces.**

**Pin or clip all around the circle.**

**Make sure every raw edge lines up neatly.**

## **Step 10 – Sew the Coaster Together**

**Sew around the entire coaster.**

**Leave an opening approximately:**

**1½–2 inches (4–5 cm)**

**This opening will be used for turning.**

**Backstitch at both ends of the opening.**

**Trim excess seam allowance if necessary.**

**Clip small notches around the curved edge to reduce bulk.**

**Be careful not to cut through the stitching.**

## **Step 11 – Turn Right Side Out and Press**

**Turn the coaster through the opening.**

**Use a blunt turning tool or chopstick to gently push out the edges.**

**Shape the circle carefully.**

**Fold the seam allowance inside the opening.**

**Press thoroughly using steam.**

**A well-pressed coaster looks significantly more professional.**

## **Step 12 – Final Topstitching ✨**

**Topstitch around the entire outside edge.**

**This final row of stitching:**

- Closes the turning opening.
- Secures all layers.
- Keeps the ruffle in place.
- Gives the coaster a polished appearance.

Use a consistent stitch length for the best results.

Congratulations!

Your Ruffled Butterfly Coaster is now complete.

## **Finished Measurements**

**Coaster Diameter:**

**6¼ inches (16 cm)**

**Ruffle Strip:**

**20 × 2⅜ inches (50 × 6 cm)**

## **Main Sewing Techniques Used**

### **Straight Stitch**

Used to join fabric pieces together with durable seams.

### **Topstitching**

Visible stitching sewn from the right side to strengthen seams while adding a decorative finish.

### **Gathering Stitch**

**A long machine stitch used to create soft gathers for the ruffle.**

## **Appliqué**

**Attaching decorative fabric shapes onto another fabric using fusible web or stitching.**

## **Pressing**

**Using an iron throughout the project to flatten seams and improve accuracy.**

## **Helpful Sewing Tips**

- **Use a 90/14 denim needle for sewing denim.**
- **Press every seam before moving to the next step.**
- **Fabric clips work better than pins when sewing bulky layers.**
- **Use matching thread for an invisible finish.**
- **For perfectly round circles, cut with a rotary cutter and circle template.**
- **Reduce machine speed when sewing curves.**
- **Distribute gathers evenly before stitching permanently.**
- **Trim seam allowances to reduce bulk.**
- **Test embroidery stitches on scrap fabric before decorating the butterfly.**
- **Press the finished coaster one final time after topstitching.**

## **Care Instructions**

- **Hand wash or machine wash using a gentle cycle.**

- Wash with mild detergent.
- Do not bleach.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Iron on medium heat if needed.
- Avoid high heat directly on embroidered details.

## Congratulations! 🎉

You have successfully created a beautiful Ruffled Butterfly Coaster featuring denim patchwork, decorative butterfly appliqué, delicate embroidery, and a charming gathered ruffle.

This project is perfect for:

- Housewarming gifts 📺
- Mother's Day gifts 🌸
- Handmade markets 🛍️
- Coffee table décor ☕
- Tea parties 🍵
- Quilting clubs 🧵
- Seasonal home decoration 🦋

Enjoy your handmade creation, and don't hesitate to experiment with different denim shades, floral fabrics, butterfly designs, and embroidery styles to create a unique set of coasters that reflects your personal creativity. Happy sewing!

