

PATCHWORK COASTERS

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



♥ Finished size: 15 cm x 15 cm ♥

Charming patchwork coasters with lace edging and fabric flower embellishment.



1. MATERIALS

- Assorted cotton fabrics (checks, plaids, florals, dots)
- Backing fabric
- Batting (thin)
- Lace trim (approx. 0,05 cm wide)
- Cotton thread
- Fabric flower or yo-yo (or make your own)
- Button for flower center
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing board
- Scissors, pins, ruler
- Hand sewing needle



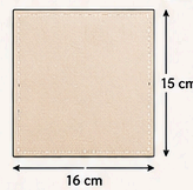
2. FABRIC CUTTING

A. PATCHWORK TOP



- Cut 25 squares of 3 cm x 3 cm
- Arrange in a 5 x 5 layout as shown. Sew together.

B. BACKING



- Cut 1 square 16 cm x 16 cm for backing.

C. BATTING

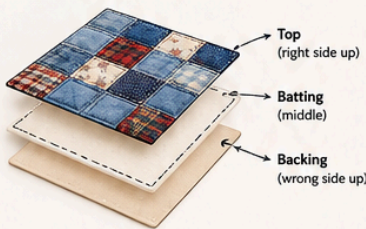
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3. SEW THE TOP



- Sew the 3 cm squares into rows.
- Press seams. Then sew the rows together to form the 15 cm x 15 cm patchwork top.
- Press well.

4. LAYER THE COASTER



- Layer the top, batting, and backing.
- Pin or clip all layers.

5. QUILT THE LAYERS



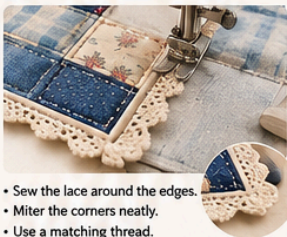
- Quilt along the seams of the patchwork (stitch in the ditch) or add diagonal lines for extra texture.

6. TRIM AND SQUARE



- Trim the coaster to 15 cm x 15 cm (if needed for even edges).

7. ADD LACE EDGING



- Sew the lace around the edges.
- Miter the corners neatly.
- Use a matching thread.

8. MAKE THE FABRIC FLOWER

A. CUT 5 PETALS



B. FOLD & STITCH



C. ASSEMBLE



- Arrange 5 petals and stitch together. Add a button in the center.

9. ATTACH FLOWER



- Hand stitch the flower to one corner of the coaster.
- Add a few leanes or plaid fabric pieces under the flower (optional).

10. FINISHED!



- Your beautiful patchwork coaster is ready to use or gift!

LEGEND: BASIC SEWING METHODS

- Straight Stitch
- - - Backstitch
- - - Running Stitch
- - - Quilting Stitch
- Pin / Clip
- Iron
- Seam Allowance

Straight Stitch: Standard stitch used for all seams.

Backstitch: Sew backward a few stitches to lock the seam.

Running Stitch: Quick basting stitch.

Quilting Stitch: Adds texture and holds layers.

Press as You Go: Always press after each seam.

Seam Allowance: 0,5 cm (1/4 inch) unless noted.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS



- Hand wash or machine wash on gentle cycle.



- Use mild detergent.



- Air dry flat.



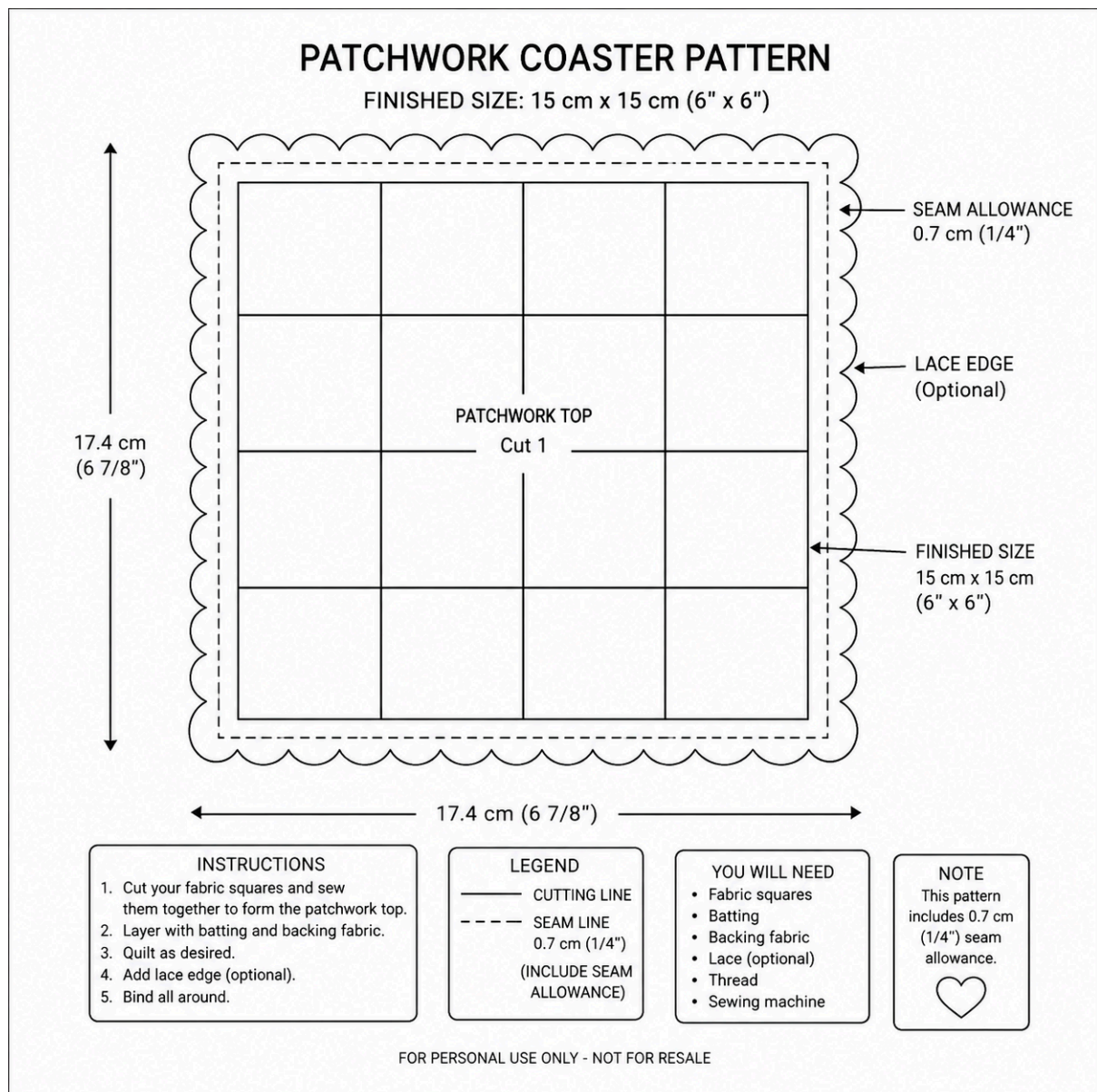
- Iron if needed.

TIPS

- ♥ Use 100% cotton fabric.
- ♥ Pre-wash your fabrics.
- ♥ Press carefully for crisp seams.
- ♥ Enjoy the process and have fun!

♥ These coasters make wonderful gifts and look lovely on any table! ♥

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Patchwork Coasters: Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial

These charming patchwork coasters combine small cotton fabric squares, lightweight batting, decorative lace, and a handmade denim-style flower. The finished coaster measures approximately 15 cm × 15 cm, or about 6 inches × 6 inches.

This project is ideal for using fabric scraps from quilting and sewing projects. You can combine plaid, floral, dotted, solid, and denim-look fabrics to create a warm country-style design. The flower embellishment adds dimension, while the lace edging gives the coaster a delicate handmade finish.

The instructions below follow the construction shown in the tutorial image. Read through the entire tutorial before cutting your materials, and press the fabric after each major sewing step for the neatest result.

1. Gather the Materials

You will need the following supplies to make one patchwork coaster:

- Assorted cotton fabrics in checks, plaids, florals, dots, and solid colors
- One piece of cotton fabric for the backing
- One piece of thin batting
- Approximately 65 cm, or 26 inches, of narrow lace trim
- Cotton sewing thread
- Fabric scraps for the flower
- One decorative button for the flower center
- Optional plaid or contrasting fabric scraps for small leaves
- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Cutting mat and quilting ruler
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Hand-sewing needle
- Fabric marking pencil or removable pen

Use 100% cotton quilting fabric whenever possible. Cotton is easy to cut, press, stitch, and wash. Prewashing the fabric is

recommended, especially when combining dark blue, red, and cream materials, because stronger colors may release dye during the first wash.

A standard 6 mm or ¼-inch seam allowance works well for this project. The original tutorial indicates approximately 0.5 cm, so either measurement may be used as long as you remain consistent throughout the project.

2. Cut the Patchwork Squares

Cut 25 fabric squares, each measuring:

- 3 cm × 3 cm, as shown in the original tutorial
- Approximately 1¼ inches × 1¼ inches

Arrange the squares in a 5 × 5 grid.

The tutorial combines several coordinating fabrics, including:

- Dark blue prints
- Light blue fabrics
- Denim-look cotton
- Red and navy plaid
- Cream floral fabric
- Small dotted prints
- Neutral woven fabrics

Before sewing, place all 25 squares on a flat surface and experiment with the arrangement. Try to distribute the darker, lighter, patterned, and solid fabrics evenly.

Avoid placing too many identical squares next to each other. A balanced layout will make the finished patchwork look more interesting.

Take a photograph of the final arrangement before sewing. This gives you a quick reference in case the squares become mixed while you work.

The finished patchwork top should measure approximately 15 cm × 15 cm, or about 6 inches square, after the rows are assembled and pressed.

Because very small squares can be difficult to sew accurately, check the final top before cutting the remaining layers. Slight variations may occur depending on your seam allowance and cutting accuracy.

3. Cut the Backing and Batting

Cut one backing square measuring:

- 16 cm × 16 cm
- Approximately 6¼ inches × 6¼ inches

Cut one thin batting square using the same measurement:

- 16 cm × 16 cm
- Approximately 6¼ inches × 6¼ inches

The backing and batting are intentionally cut slightly larger than the patchwork top. The extra fabric makes it easier to align the layers and quilt them without exposing the batting around the edges.

Choose a coordinating neutral fabric for the backing. Cream, beige, light denim, or a subtle print will complement the patchwork without competing with the front design.

Use thin cotton batting or another lightweight quilt batting. Thick batting may make the coaster unstable and could cause cups or glasses to tilt.

Set the backing and batting aside until the patchwork top is complete.

4. Sew the Patchwork Rows

Begin by sewing the five squares in the first horizontal row together.

Place the first two squares right sides together, aligning all raw edges. Sew along one side using your chosen seam allowance.

Open the squares and place the third square right sides together with the second square. Sew the next seam.

Continue until all five squares form one complete row.

Repeat this process with the remaining squares until you have five separate rows, each containing five squares.

After sewing each row, press the seams carefully. You may press all seam allowances in one direction, but alternating the direction in each row will make it easier to match the intersections.

For example:

- Press the seams in Row 1 toward the right
- Press the seams in Row 2 toward the left
- Press the seams in Row 3 toward the right
- Continue alternating directions

Alternating the seam direction allows the seam allowances to nest together when the rows are joined.

5. Join the Patchwork Rows

Place Row 1 and Row 2 right sides together.

Carefully align each vertical seam. The seam allowances should nest against one another, helping the corners meet accurately.

Pin or clip at every seam intersection. Add extra pins between the intersections when needed.

Sew across the entire row using the same seam allowance used for the individual squares.

Open the two rows and check the front. Make sure the corners align and that no fabric has folded into the seam.

Add Row 3 in the same way. Continue until all five rows are connected.

Press the completed patchwork top well. First press the seams from the wrong side, and then turn the top over and press gently from the right side.

Do not move the iron back and forth aggressively. Lift and lower the iron to prevent the small patchwork squares from becoming stretched or distorted.

Measure the completed top. Trim only if necessary to make the edges straight and square.

6. Prepare the Quilt Sandwich

Place the backing fabric on your work surface with the wrong side facing up.

Center the batting over the backing.

Place the patchwork top over the batting with the right side facing up.

The layer order should be:

1. Patchwork top, right side up

2. Batting in the middle
3. Backing, wrong side facing the batting

The right side of the backing should face downward against the table.

Smooth each layer from the center toward the outside edges. Remove wrinkles and make sure the patchwork top remains centered.

Pin or clip all three layers together.

Place one pin near the center and additional pins around the outside. You may also pin near the patchwork seam intersections.

Avoid placing pins directly where you plan to sew.

7. Quilt the Layers

Quilt along the seams of the patchwork squares. This method is often called stitching in the ditch.

Position the sewing-machine needle directly beside or inside the seam line and sew slowly across the coaster.

Begin with the center seams and work outward. Quilting from the center helps prevent the layers from shifting or forming wrinkles.

Quilt all vertical seam lines.

Turn the coaster and quilt all horizontal seam lines.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of each quilting line to secure the thread.

For additional texture, you may sew diagonal quilting lines across selected squares. Keep the extra stitching balanced and avoid making the design too busy.

A regular straight stitch with a length of approximately 2.5 to 3 mm works well.

After quilting, inspect the backing. Make sure there are no folds, tucks, or loose areas.

Press the quilted coaster gently with steam if appropriate for your fabrics and batting.

8. Trim and Square the Coaster

Place the quilted piece on a cutting mat.

Use a quilting ruler and rotary cutter to trim the coaster to approximately:

- **15 cm × 15 cm**
- **About 6 inches × 6 inches**

Check that all four corners form right angles.

Trim away the excess backing and batting so that all three layers are even.

Do not remove too much fabric. The patchwork squares should remain balanced and the outer seams should not be cut away.

Measure from several points before making the final cuts. A square ruler is especially helpful for this step.

When finished, all four sides should be straight and equal.

9. Attach the Lace Edging

Measure the perimeter of the coaster and prepare enough lace to cover all four sides.

For a 15 cm square coaster, approximately 65 cm, or about 26 inches, of lace should be sufficient. A little extra length is helpful for joining the ends.

Position the lace around the outer edge of the coaster.

The decorative portion of the lace should extend beyond the coaster, while the flat attachment edge should rest over the raw fabric edge.

Begin sewing along one side, leaving a short lace tail unsewn at the starting point.

Use matching thread and sew slowly.

When approaching a corner, stop with the needle down. Lift the presser foot and carefully fold or miter the lace so it turns neatly around the corner.

Lower the presser foot and continue stitching along the next side.

Repeat this method at all four corners.

When you reach the starting point, overlap or neatly join the lace ends. Fold the raw end underneath before stitching it in place.

Check the entire edge to make sure the lace is firmly attached and no raw batting remains visible.

Hand-basting the lace before machine sewing can make this step easier, especially when using very narrow or slippery trim.

10. Cut the Fabric Flower Petals

To create the fabric flower, cut five petal pieces.

Each petal should measure approximately:

- 4 cm × 5 cm
- About 1½ inches × 2 inches

The petals shown in the tutorial have a rounded top and a narrower base.

You may create a small paper template before cutting the fabric. Fold a piece of paper in half, draw half of a rounded petal, and cut it out. Open the paper to reveal a symmetrical template.

Trace the template five times onto your chosen fabric.

Cut the petals carefully.

Denim-look cotton works especially well because it creates a structured flower. Lightweight denim may also be used, but avoid very thick fabric because it will be difficult to fold and stitch.

The tutorial uses dark blue fabric for all five petals, but mixed blue prints can also create an attractive effect.

11. Fold and Stitch Each Petal

Take one fabric petal and fold it according to the shape shown in the tutorial.

Bring the side edges slightly toward the center so the petal develops dimension.

Fold or gather the narrow bottom edge.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with strong cotton thread and knot the end.

Make small running stitches across the bottom of the petal.

Pull the thread gently to gather the base.

Do not cut the thread.

Add the second petal to the same thread by sewing running stitches across its lower edge.

Continue until all five petals are connected.

Pull the thread firmly so the petals gather into a circular flower shape.

Arrange the petals evenly. Make sure they overlap slightly and face outward.

Secure the first and last petals together with several small stitches.

Knot the thread securely on the back.

12. Add the Flower Center

Choose a button for the center of the flower.

The tutorial uses a textured red button, which creates a strong contrast with the blue petals.

Position the button over the center opening.

Sew through the button holes several times using strong thread.

Pull the stitches firmly enough to hold the petals together, but do not distort the flower.

Knot the thread securely on the back.

For a decorative alternative, you may use:

- **A fabric-covered button**
- **A wooden button**
- **A small yo-yo**

- A felt circle
- An embroidered center

Make sure the center decoration is washable if the coaster will be used regularly.

13. Make Optional Fabric Leaves

The tutorial shows small plaid fabric pieces beneath the flower.

To make these leaves, cut two or three small leaf shapes from coordinating fabric.

A suggested size is approximately:

- 3 cm × 5 cm
- About 1¼ inches × 2 inches

Fold the raw edges toward the back and press.

You may also place two fabric pieces right sides together, sew around the shape, turn it right side out, and press it flat.

Arrange the leaves so they extend from beneath the flower.

Use the same plaid or check fabric found in the patchwork top to make the embellishment look connected to the overall design.

14. Attach the Flower to the Coaster

Place the flower near one corner of the coaster.

The tutorial positions the flower slightly inward from the lower-right area, with the petals extending over the patchwork and lace edge.

Arrange any optional fabric leaves underneath the flower first.

Pin or temporarily glue the leaves in place.

Hand-stitch around the leaves with small hidden stitches.

Place the flower over the base of the leaves.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with matching thread.

Stitch through the back of the coaster and into the lower layers of the flower. Avoid pulling the thread completely through the decorative button unless additional support is needed.

Make several secure stitches around the flower center and beneath selected petals.

Keep the stitches small so they are not highly visible on the coaster backing.

Check that the flower is firmly attached. It should not lift or move when the coaster is handled.

Knot the thread securely and hide the thread end between the layers whenever possible.

15. Complete the Final Pressing

Inspect the coaster carefully.

Trim any loose threads from the front and back.

Check the lace corners and reinforce any loose areas.

Make sure the flower and leaves are securely attached.

Place a pressing cloth over the coaster before ironing the embellished corner.

Press the patchwork area gently.

Avoid pressing directly over the button or crushing the flower petals.

Allow the coaster to cool completely on a flat surface.

The completed coaster should measure approximately 15 cm × 15 cm, or about 6 inches square.

16. Basic Sewing Methods Used in This Project

Straight Stitch: The standard machine stitch used for joining the fabric squares, assembling the rows, quilting, and attaching the lace.

Backstitch: Sewing backward for a few stitches at the beginning and end of a seam. This prevents the stitching from coming undone.

Running Stitch: A simple hand-sewing stitch that moves in and out of the fabric. It is used to gather and assemble the flower petals.

Quilting Stitch: Stitching that connects the patchwork top, batting, and backing. In this project, the quilting follows the patchwork seams.

Stitch in the Ditch: Quilting directly along the seam line or immediately beside it. This keeps the patchwork design clean and defined.

Mitered Corner: A neatly folded corner used when turning lace or binding around a square edge.

Press as You Go: Press each seam after sewing it rather than waiting until the project is complete. This improves accuracy and creates a professional finish.

Seam Allowance: The distance between the raw fabric edge and the sewing line. Use approximately 6 mm or ¼ inch unless another measurement is specified.

17. Care Instructions

Wash the coaster by hand or in a washing machine using a gentle cycle.

Use cold or lukewarm water and mild detergent.

Avoid bleach, especially when using dark blue or red fabrics.

Place the coaster inside a mesh laundry bag when machine washing to protect the lace and flower.

Reshape the coaster while it is damp.

Air-dry it flat.

Do not place a heavily embellished coaster in a high-heat dryer, because the lace may shrink and the flower may lose its shape.

Iron the patchwork area on a cotton setting if needed.

Use a pressing cloth around the flower and button.

18. Helpful Tips for the Best Results

Use fabrics with similar weights. Combining very thin cotton with heavy denim can make the small seams difficult to press.

Cut the squares accurately. Even a small cutting difference can become noticeable across five rows.

Sew with a consistent seam allowance from beginning to end.

Press rather than stretch the fabric.

Use a walking foot for the quilting step if your machine has one. A walking foot helps move all three layers evenly.

Choose thin batting so cups and glasses remain stable.

Test the lace placement before sewing. Some lace trims have a narrow attachment area and may require a smaller seam allowance.

Use a matching bobbin thread because the quilting stitches will be visible on the backing.

For a coordinated set, repeat the same fabrics but change the arrangement of the squares on each coaster.

Make four or six coasters and tie them together with ribbon for a handmade gift.

Your completed patchwork coaster is now ready to protect a table, decorate a sewing room, or become part of a thoughtful handmade gift set. The same technique can also be used to create larger mug rugs, placemats, pot holders, or small decorative quilt blocks.

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