

Hot Pads

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See text files provided with designs for specific supplies, fabric preparation & cutting instructions.



1. Hoop stabilizer in hoop. Stitch placement line on stabilizer only.



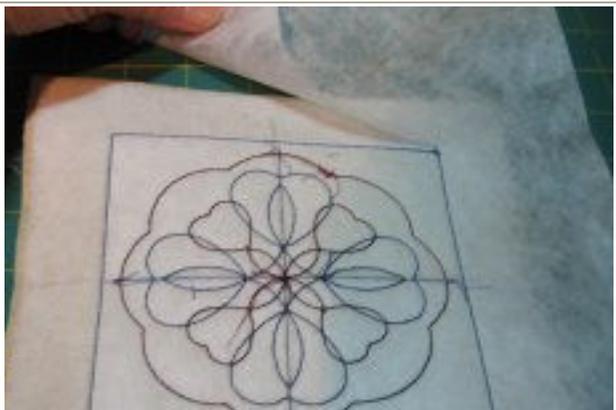
2. Flip center front fabric over (with fusible fleece on wrong side). Mark center lines on fleece. Spray area around placement line stitched on stabilizer with temporary adhesive spray.



3. Fold fabric/fleece at center line and place in hoop right next to placement line. Keep centered in middle. Unfold fabric and smooth down.



4. Next step stitches basting outline to hold fabric in place. Continue stitching design following instructions in text files provided with your designs.



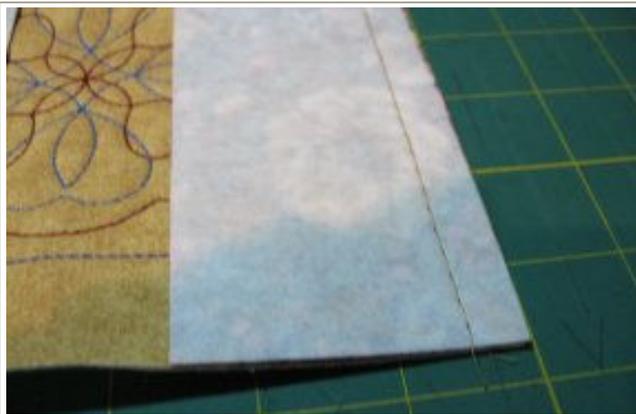
5. When finished, remove hoop and trim stabilizer from edge of design.



6. Trim fabric by measuring 1" bigger than design outline on all sides so that fabric is "squared" with the design.



7. Pin the 2 short border strips to center front (right side facing).



8. Stitch with $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. On one side, stitch with a long (6.0 SL) basting stitch. This basted seam will be reopened to create an opening to turn hot pad right side out later.



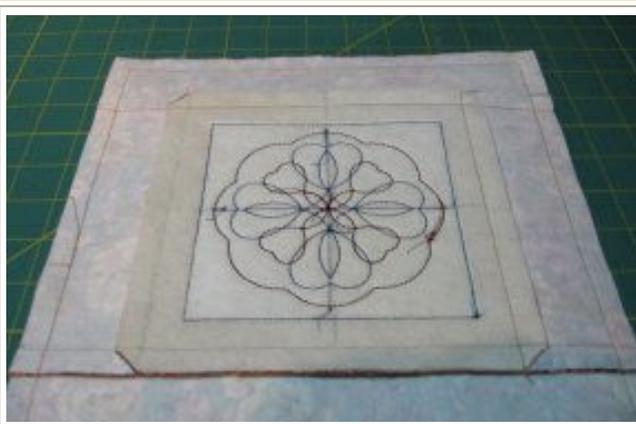
9. Press seams open first. Then fold border out away from center & press. Press seam allowances towards the outside edge (away from center).



10. Stitch longer border strips to last 2 sides & press the same way as before. Remove basting stitches on the one side to create an opening.



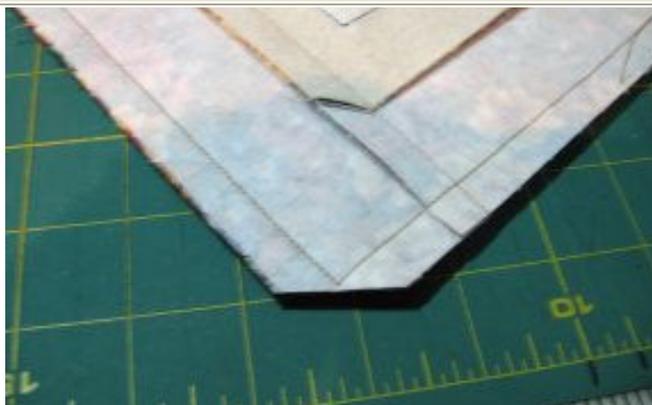
11. Center back fabric (wrong side up) over front piece. Center insulbright batting over back fabric.



12. Pin fabric & insulbright along edges and stitch in place with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.



13. Trim insulbright close to outline.



14. Trim outside corners at a 45 degree angle.



15. Reach inside opening and turn hot pad right side out. Use pointer tool to push the fabric in the corners out until they are nice & square.



16. This picture shows hot pad after turned. Maneuver edges until they are even & straight & steam press.



15. Pin opening closed & top stitch inner edge of border by moving needle to far left keeping edge of border even with left edge of foot. Top stitching will be ~ 1/8" inside edge of border & will close opening.



Top stitch again along outside edge of border by moving needle to center position & keeping edge of hot pad even with right edge of foot. Here is your finished hot pad!