Drink Coasters

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Do you want to jazz up your table and have some fun doing it? Add a burst of color with some nice coasters. These look difficult, but trust us, if you can cut a (somewhat) straight line, you can make these cute coasters. You'll have enough fabric to make a few extras. Be creative and have fun!

Quilting Basics

We encourage breaking the rules, but here are a few things you might want to keep in mind:

- We know you're excited to start, but read through all the instructions before beginning a project.
- All instructions use a ¼" seam allowance.
- Always cut off selvages.
- Press seams after piecing each strip.
- You can pre-wash your fabric if you choose, but make sure it's either all washed or all not. Also, be sure to press before cutting no matter what.
- A fat quarter measures 18" x 22"—it's the same amount of fabric as a ¼ yard, just cut in a different orientation so it's "fat" and not long and skinny.

Fat quarter	¼ yard

Yardages

Finished size is 4" square, makes six coasters, two of each design.

Pick out any three fabrics that strikes your fancy. You will need one fat quarter of each.

Supplies

- Approx. 21" x 21" of ultra thin batting
- Thread for quilting. We used So Fine! #437 Teal thread for piecing and So Fine! #534 Ferrari.

Helpful Tools (but not required)

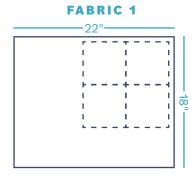- Cutting mat • rotary cutter • gridded ruler
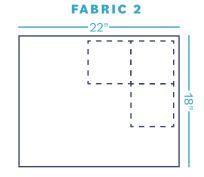- pins • iron • ironing surface

Step 1

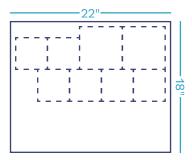Press all your pieces first. Cut fabric into squares as shown on the cutting template.

Fabric Cuts

1 - 6" x 6" - cut four

2 - 6" x 6" - cut three

3 - 6" x 6" - cut two

3 - (for backing) 4½" x 4½" - cut six

FABRIC 1
22"
18"

FABRIC 2
22"
18"

FABRIC 3
22"
18"

Step 2

Set aside 4½" squares, and make three stacks of 6" squares as follows, aligning edges:
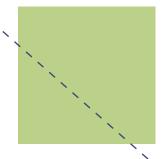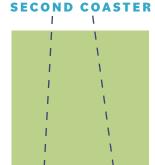
First coaster - fabric 1 / fabric 2

Second coaster - fabric 1 / fabric 1 / fabric 2 / fabric 3 (*trust us here, there really are four fabrics in this stack!*) Third coaster - fabric 1 / fabric 2 / fabric 3
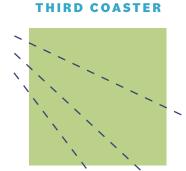
Step 3

Cut stacks into pieces with ruler and scissors or a rotary cutter. Use the dotted lines below as your guide. Keep the pieces in stacks. You may want to label the stacks "first coaster," "second coaster," and "third coaster" with scrap paper so you don't mix them up.

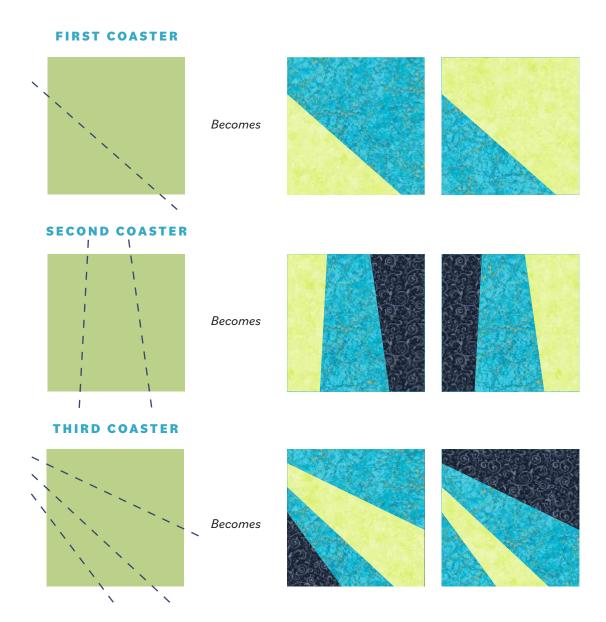**FIRST COASTER**

SECOND COASTER

THIRD COASTER

Step 4

NOTE: All coaster are assembled in the same way, some just have more pieces than others. Use the pictures of the finished coasters to determine which fabrics fit together. For the second and third coasters, you will have leftover pieces.

- Be sure to keep the stacks separate.
- With right sides together, align the cut edges of the first and second pieces.
- Pin fabrics together along the edge and sew a ¼" seam.
- Iron the seam toward the darker fabric.
- Repeat with remaining cut pieces for that coaster, ironing the seams every time to keep them neat.

Each stack of fabrics will yield two coasters with fabrics in the opposite positions.

FIRST COASTER

Becomes

SECOND COASTER

Becomes

THIRD COASTER

Becomes

Step 5

When all the coasters have been pieced, trim to 4½" squares, making the edges as straight as possible. Cut batting into six 4½" squares.

Step 6

Place a backing square and a coaster top right sides together and top with a piece of batting. Align the edges, pinning where desired. Sew ¼" around, leaving a 2" opening on the fourth side.

Step 7

Trim corners at a 45-degree angle, being careful not to cut over sewn seam. Trim batting if desired to reduce bulk. Turn coaster right-side out. Use a pencil to push out corners if necessary.

Step 8

Fold fabric into 2" opening, to match the sewn sides of coaster, and hand stitch the opening closed. You can also sew this edge closed during the quilting process.

Step 9

Quilt coasters as desired by machine or hand.

Step 10

Admire your handiwork, pour yourself some lemonade, and enjoy!

Alternate Colorways
DRINK COASTERS
Red, White, and Blue

These coasters look cute in many colors ways, here's another option to try!