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# Fabric Coasters

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I came up with the idea for these coasters when someone gave me a box of those foam rubber coasters that they got as a promotional give away. You've probably seen them, they're sort of like a little mouse pad. Well the ones that were given to me had some sort of advertising on them for the company that they came from and they were, well, pretty ugly.



But we really needed some coasters and I hated the idea of throwing them away so I came up with an idea to cover them. The only thing you need for this project is some fabric that frays really easily and a sewing machine. Tapestry and woven fabric work really well for this. The first thing I did was to peel off the label on the top side. You don't have to do this but I didn't want it to show through.



## Supplies

- Woven fabric
- Foam rubber coasters
- Glue stick

My coasters measure 3½" square, so I cut two pieces of fabric 5" square to cover them.



Place the first fabric square on the table wrong side up and place the coaster on top of the fabric in the center.



It helps to put a little bit of glue on the coaster to keep it from sliding around. I use a glue stick. Place the second fabric square on top of the coaster—right side up—sandwiching the coaster in the middle.

Now using the edge of the coaster as a guide for the side of the presser foot, sew around the coaster. You want to get as close to the coaster as you can without sewing over it. If you can move your needle position on your machine to the left then you'll be able to get fairly close.



You can see in the previous photo I've stitched all the way around. I used a darker thread so you can see it, you would want to use a coordinating thread since it will show.

Now all that's left to do is to fringe the edges!



As an alternative to using the rubber coasters like I used in this example, you could also use some old mouse pads. Just cut them into 3½" square pieces first. If you don't have any of those then you could use three or four pieces of wool felt stacked on top of each other as the filler.

A set of four coasters tied up with a pretty ribbon tucked in a basket along with a colorful mug and some tea bags would make a wonderful present for a special friend or a perfect housewarming gift.