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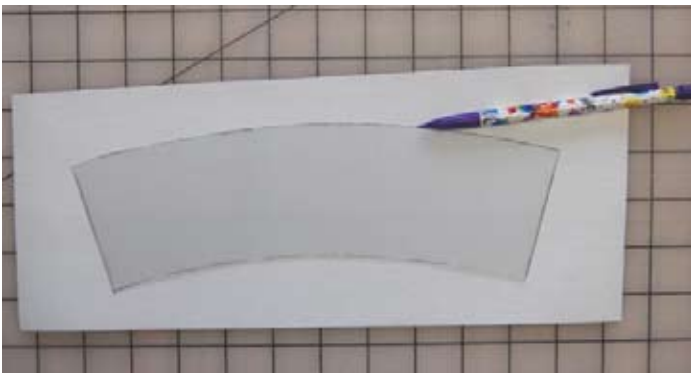
Painted Coffee Sleeve **by Terri Stegmiller**

These coffee sleeves are very simple to make and are a great way to add a bit of art and color where ever you may be enjoying a cup of coffee.

Make a few for yourself—keep one in your car, one at your desk, and one in your purse—then you'll have one handy at all times. They are a great way to mark your coffee cup as yours. No more wondering whose cup belongs to you or your coworkers.

Use a paper coffee sleeve that you get from your coffee shop as your template or use the pattern provided at the end of this tutorial. If you are using the pattern provided, I recommend tracing it onto a piece of cardstock or template plastic so that it is reusable.

Cut a piece of Multi-Purpose Cloth slightly larger than the template. Place your template on the cloth and trace a light pencil line around the template.



You can cut your sleeve shape out now or paint it first and cut it later. I prefer to cut it after I'm done painting.

You can either lightly sketch out a design that you want to paint on the cloth or paint without guidelines. For my example I sketched three cats.



Supplies

- Roc-Ion® Multi-Purpose Cloth™
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Paper coffee sleeve from your favorite coffee house
- Cardstock or template plastic

I painted in a base coat of paint for each cat.



Next I painted the background.



I added some shading and details.



And then came the whiskers.



I also painted another sleeve in an abstract style (shown in the photo above). I loosely painted strips of colors, let those dry, and added the black and white detail lines with a squeeze bottle filled with paint. The bottle had a metal precision tip attached to give me a fine line.

Once the paint is thoroughly dry, you can cut the sleeves to shape. If you can't see your lines anymore, place your template over the painted sleeve and remark the lines.



A great feature of the Multi-Purpose Cloth is that it doesn't fray once cut. So you don't have to finish or hem the edges.

Set your sewing machine up for a zigzag or satin stitch.

Roll the sleeve inside out so that the two short ends overlap about 1/4" or so.

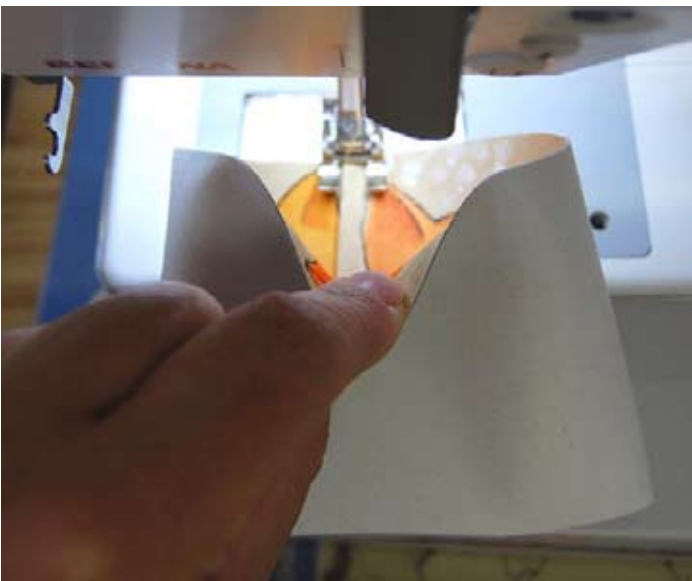


Place the overlapped edges under your sewing machine presser foot. Start at the end with the widest opening, which is the top of the sleeve.



While you are sewing you want to keep an eye and hold on the overlapped end that is closest to you. As you sew this end will want to overlap more. Don't let it. Keep it at the same overlap as the top.

As you stitch, you will need to pull the sleeve back so you can see where you are stitching. It may feel like you are going to rip the sleeve apart but don't worry, it will flex enough to finish sewing the seam. Just keep working with it.



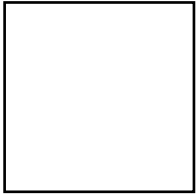
Once the seam is sewn, turn the sleeve right side out and you are done!

Make yourself several sleeves, changing them with the months, seasons, holidays, and more. Your friends will want some too, so plan to make some as gifts.



Look for Roc-lon® Multi-Purpose Cloth™ at your local fabric store. Visit the Roc-lon® website at <http://www.roc-lon.com/consumer.html> to find a retailer near you.

Coffee Sleeve Template



1" square - gauge for printer accuracy

