

Eco-Coasters

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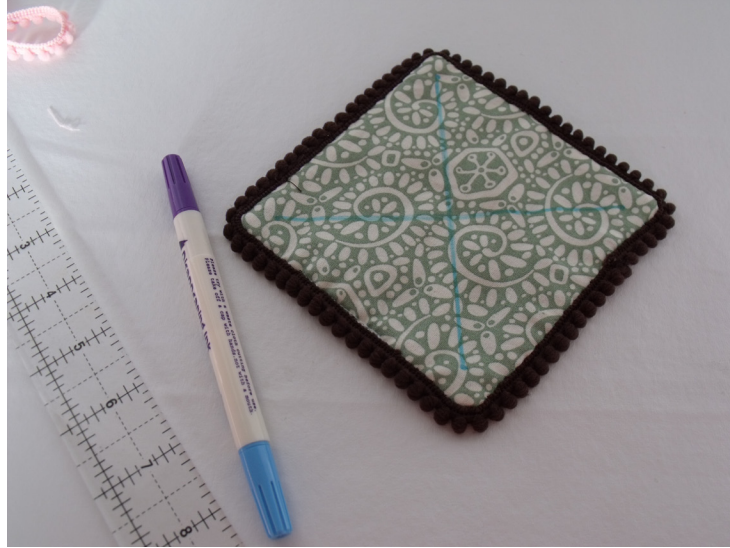
Supplies

- Eight 5-inch squares in coordinating prints/colors (Use pre-cut charm squares or cut your own)
- Old terrycloth towel
- 2 ½ yards trim of choice

1. Pairing charm squares as desired, create 4 sets of two squares each.
2. Cut four 5-inch squares from the towel.
3. For each coaster: Place right sides of two charm squares together. Place the paired charm squares on top of one towel square. Stitch a ¼-inch seam around the edges, leaving a two-inch gap for turning. Clip corners. Turn seamed squares, pushing out corners carefully. Press, making sure edges of gap are turned in. Stitch close to edge all around the coaster, making sure gap is closed. Repeat to form all coasters.



4. Measure in 1 inch from each corner on coasters and mark with water-soluble marker. Using a ruler, connect marks to form an X through each coaster.



5. Stitch along the marked X, backstitching at the beginning and end. Spray lightly with water to remove marks. (Note: This stitching can be done in a contrasting color, if you wish.)

6. Cut trim into 4 equal pieces. Stitching by hand or machine, attach trim all along edge of coasters. You're done!



Eco-Wine Bag

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Supplies

- Cut-off leg of discarded jeans (6 ½-inch wide leg from skinny or youth jeans works best)
- Print fabric scraps
- 16 inches of zipper-edged trim
- 22 inches ribbon

1. Cut hem edge off jeans leg and trim to 13 inches in length. Jeans leg may have a slight natural flare at the bottom; choose this end to be the bottom of your bag.



2. Open unfelled leg seam to gain access to the center of the bag for placement of the appliqué.



3. Choose motif from fabric to use as a center appliqué on the bag. Cut out motif, leaving 1/8-inch along edge.

4. Place motif right side up on fusible webbing and trim out shape.

5. Measure 6 inches up from the bottom edge of the bag and center a mark between the two side edges. Find the approximate center of your motif and match it with the mark on the bag. Fuse the motif in place. Stitch around the edges to secure the appliqué.



6. Turn leg inside out and re-sew side seam.

7. With right sides together, stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam across the bottom of the bag.



8. “Box” the bottom by flattening out one point, centering the seam, and measuring in 1 inch. Mark across point, and stitch along the marked line. Repeat on other point.

9. Turn bag right side out. Pin zipper-edge trim along top, matching bottom edge of trim to top edge of bag. Cut excess trim, leaving about a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch overlap where the edges meet. Use Fray Check on the cut end of the trim to avoid unraveling. Stitch in a scant $\frac{3}{8}$ inch from edge, using zipper foot on machine. Turn seam to inside and press.



10. Cut a 1 ½ inch by about 17” (or circumference of the bag) strip of scrap fabric to be a facing. Press under ¼-inch on each long edge. Turn bag inside out. Place one pressed edge of the facing strip up against the zipper teeth along the top of the bag, and stitch through the facing and all other layers, hiding the seam. Fold back end of the trim strip where it meets the beginning, hiding all raw edges. Stitch along bottom of facing strip.



11. Turn bag right side out. Measure down about 3 inches from the center of the top edge and mark. Find the center of the ribbon tie, and machine or hand tack the ribbon center to the mark. Note: Depending on bottle style and height, you may wish to fit the bag to the bottle before marking where the ribbon tie is attached. Finito!

Feltie Wine Bag

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Supplies

- 1 fat quarter
- 22 inches coordinating ½-inch ribbon
- 17 inches of coordinating 1-inch ribbon
- Wool felt scrap
- Buttons
- Embroidery floss
- Floral template (Draw a simple flower shape—outline only—of about 2 ½ inches diameter.)

Bag Decoration:

Using your template, cut floral shape from wool felt. Blanket-stitch by hand around edge of floral shape, using contrasting embroidery floss. (Or do a running stitch. After all, it's your bag.) Stitch buttons to center of floral shape.



Bag:

1. Cut two 6 ½ inch x 13 inch pieces from fabric. On one, measure up 6 inches from bottom center and mark. Sewing through the button holes, firmly attach decoration to this mark.
2. With right sides together, stitch a ¼-inch seam along the sides and bottom of the pieces to form the bag.
3. “Box” the bottom by flattening out one point, centering the seam, and measuring in 1 inch. Mark across point, and stitch along the marked line. Repeat on other point.
4. Press seams. Press top raw edge down ¼ inch.
5. Using 1-inch wide ribbon as facing, stitch along the edge of the ribbon close to the folded fabric edge along the top of the bag. Fold back end of the ribbon where the ends meet, hiding all raw edges. Stitch along bottom edge of ribbon.



6. Turn bag right side out. Measure down about 3 inches from the center of the top edge and mark. Find the center of the ribbon tie, and machine or hand tack the ribbon center to the mark. Note: Depending on bottle style and height, you may wish to fit the bag to the bottle before marking where the ribbon tie is attached.