

COASTER LOVE

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Supplies:

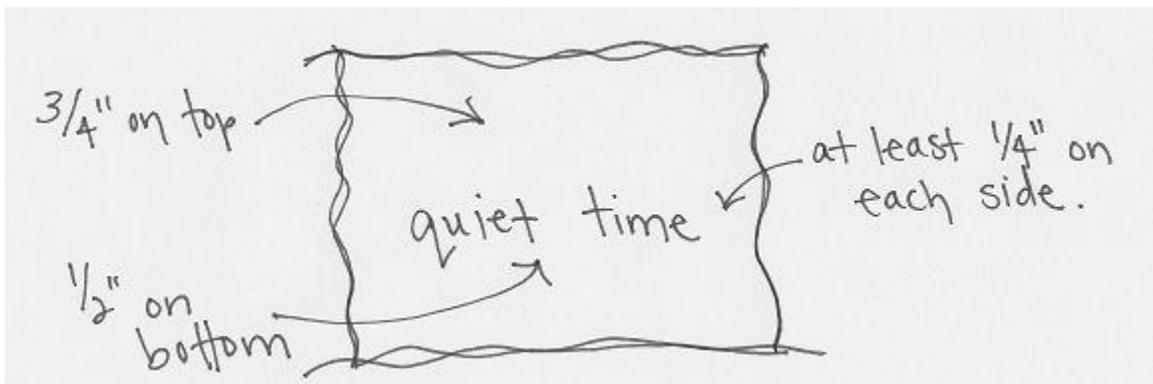
Small amount of fabric, or scraps, for coaster top and backing

Muslin for tags

Small scraps of batting

Create Custom Tags: I love this step because it gives your coasters major character points! You can use images, stamps, hand drawings, words, names...

Whichever method you choose to use below, make sure you leave yourself enough room around your image to fold under the raw edge sides by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". On the top you need to leave the height of your image plus about a $\frac{1}{2}$ " (in my image below, that equaled $\frac{3}{4}$ ".) On the bottom you need about $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



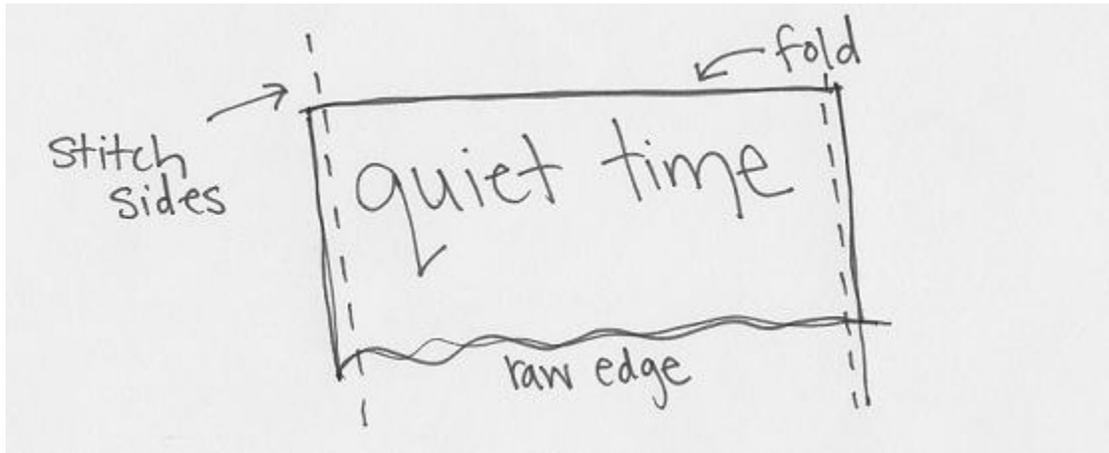
For **ink printer** tags: Cut out a piece of freezer paper $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Place shiny side of freezer paper on back side of light colored fabric like muslin. Iron on. Cut out fabric to match the $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11".

Using an INK JET printer, print as normal. Oh my goodness, my brain nearly explodes with all the things you could do with this technique. Love it!!

For using **stamped** tags: On a scrap of fabric, like muslin, use the stamp you like with fabric safe ink. Set ink with iron by pressing directly down on stamped image.

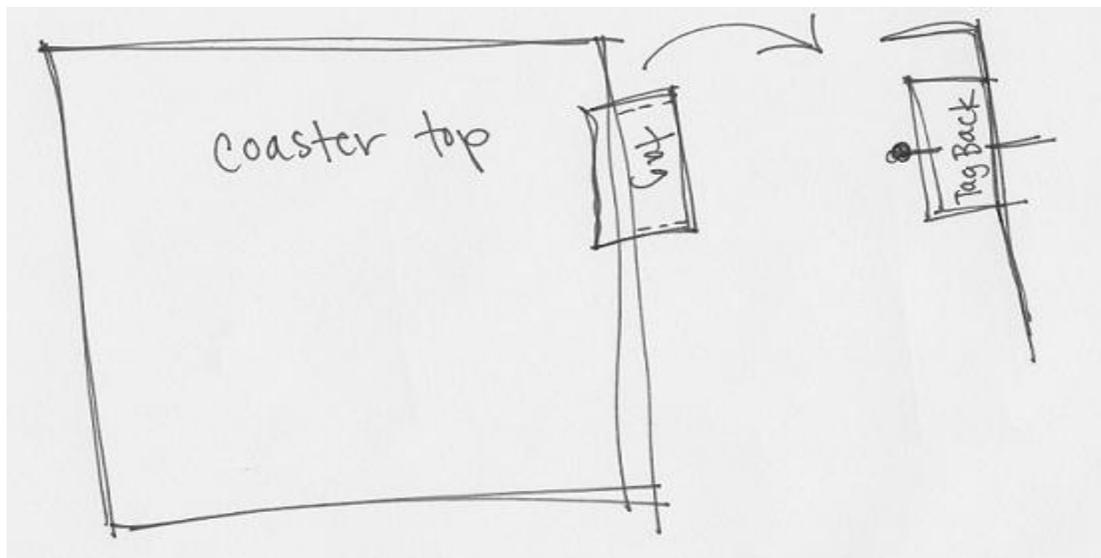
Another very basic option is to simply use a permanent fabric pen and **draw** whatever you want!

Fold under raw edge of tag sides by about a 1/4" and sew these down. Fold in half, and press so that tag is ready to be inserted into your coaster seam.



Cut your fabric for your coaster tops, $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4\frac{3}{4}$."

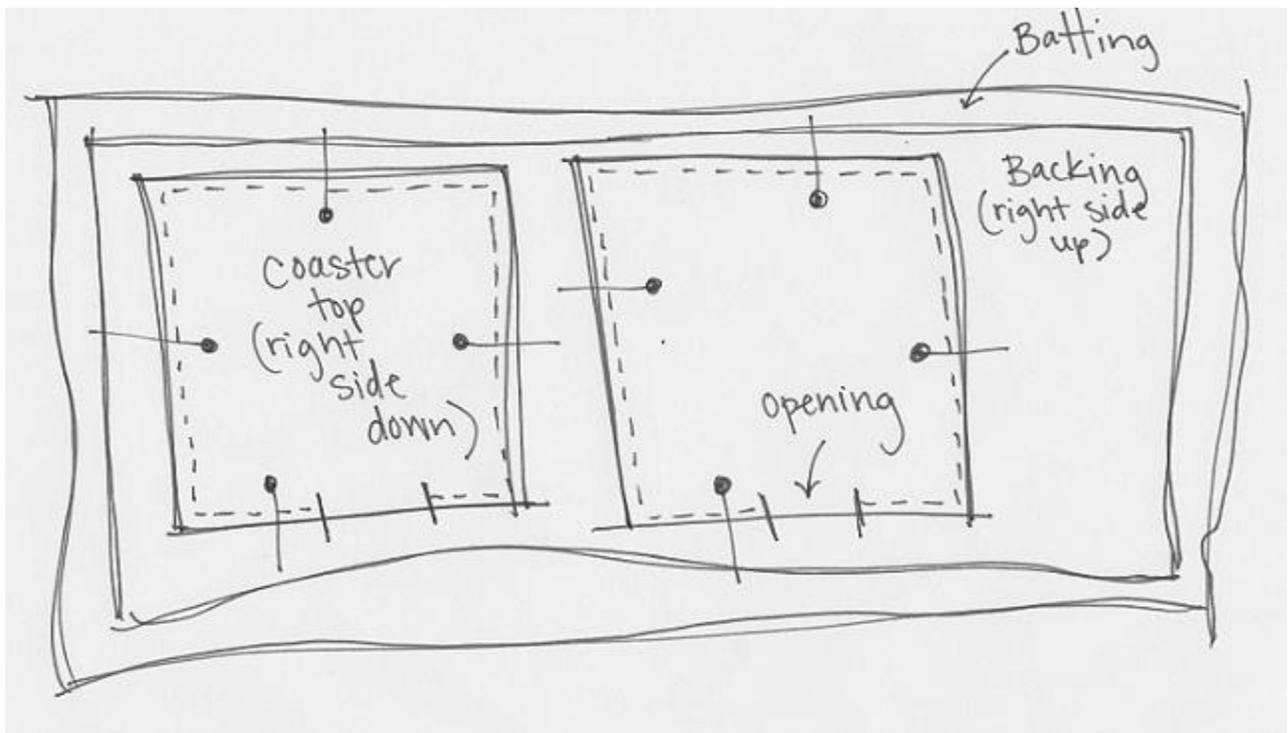
Decide where on the top of your coaster that you want your tag to stick out. Place folded in half tag down on coaster top with right sides together. (your image should be laying next to the right side of your coaster top...raw edges lining up together.) Pin in place.



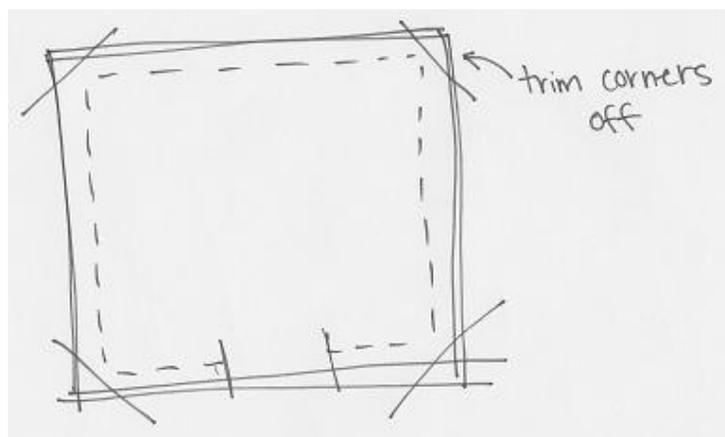
Make a coaster sandwich.

You don't have to cut out your batting and backing to size! You already have your coaster tops cut to size so use that as your guide.

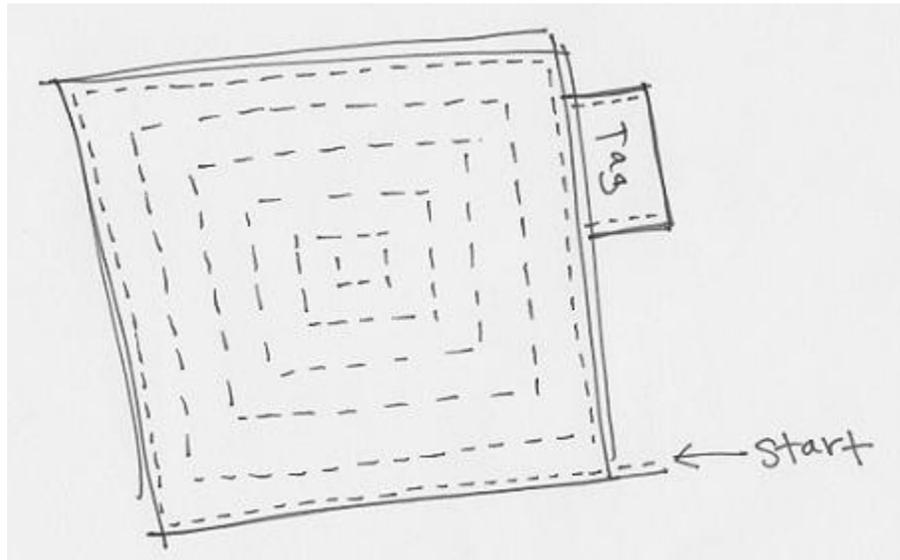
Lay out batting. On top of this lay your backing right side up. Now on top of this lay your coaster top right side down. Pin in place. Starting near the bottom middle, sew around the edge of the coaster using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Do not completely sew around, but leave a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " opening so that you can turn your coaster right side out.



Cut out your coaster, trimming corners off so that they are less bulky. Turn coaster right side out, by pulling out between the backing and top. Use something like a skewer or knitting needle to push out corners. Fold under your opening and press.



Beginning in the bottom right corner, stitch around entire coaster giving it a decorative touch but also closing your opening for you. (Using a longer stitch length will make the stitching more decorative.) When you get close to where you started stitching, turn and stitch around using the width of your sewing foot as a guide. End in the middle, back stitch to secure.



Repeat with remaining coasters.

Good job you Handmade Girl!! 😊 Now, maybe you need to make some more sets for gifts...