

Scrap Happy Strip-Pieced Coasters

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What you need:

- 6-inch square of Insulbrite or batting, (piece scraps by zig-zagging or using a scrap of fusible interfacing to join them together)
- Strips of scrap quilting cotton, 1 to 2 inches wide, the longest you need is 9", the rest are shorter, and as you can see, triangles can be used, too.
- 2 pieces for the back, same or different, 6" x 6 1/2", pressed in half with wrong sides together, resulting in 2 rectangles 6" x 3 1/4".

Let's Sew:

1. Draw a diagonal line across the shiny side of the Insulbrite (mine is pieced) or one side of the batting.
2. Place 2 9-inch-long strips with right sides together, then one edge along the line you drew in step 1 as shown.
3. Sew through all layers 1/4 inch away from the raw edge, then flip the top strip so the right side shows.
4. Press. Or finger press.
5. Continue adding shorter strips until your square is covered.
6. Turn it over and trim the strips even with the batting.
7. Pin each of the folded backing pieces to the front of the coaster, having the raw edges even and the fold near the center. They will overlap by about 1/2 inch at the center.
8. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew all the way around through all layers.
9. Trim the corners as shown, then turn right side out, pushing the corners out with a point presser carefully.
10. Press well.

