

How to ITH Basic Mug Rug (No applique) 5x7 or 6x10 sizes

Materials: Medium weight cut away stabilizer.
Cello Tape (clear tape often called Scotch Tape)
Stitch Witchery or similar seam sealing tape (optional)
Blue painters Tapey Tape(Optional)
Basting spray (optional)

Measurements are Height x Width

5x7

Fabric

- (1) 6" x 8" (front)
- (1) 6" x 5" (back)
- (1) 6" x 4 1/2" (back)

Quilt Batting

- (1) 6" x 8"

6x10

Fabric

- (1) 7" x 9 1/2" (front)
- (1) 7" x 6" (back)
- (1) 7" x 5" (back)

Quilt Batting

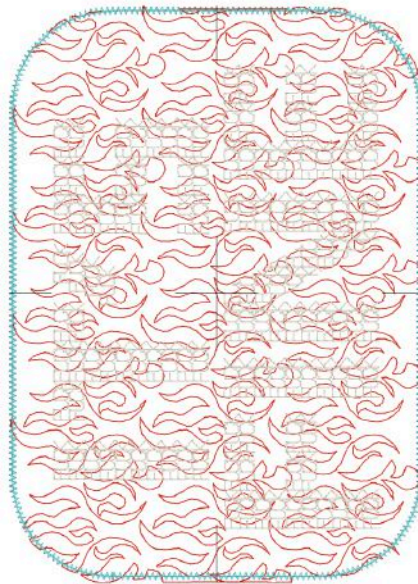
- (1) 7" x 9 1/2"

SPECIAL NOTES:

This PDF may not show exactly the same mug rug you are making but the steps are the same 😊.

This PDF is for the basic mug rug. A basic mug rug is one that has no applique steps and is just straight forward design stitching.

Before we get started let's take a look at the color stop sheet that comes with your design files. Go ahead and make notes to help you with what colors you really need to use because many of them on here are there to force stops.



5 (1/16)" x 7 (1/16)" : 15723 Stitches, 5 Colors, 4 Needles

- 1: Orange Red
Madera Rayon 1379
228 stitches, 1.6 yards
- 2: Medium Turquoise
Madera Rayon 1094
666 stitches, 2.6 yards
- 3: Red Jubilee
Madera Rayon 1039
3569 stitches, 10.2 yards
- 4: White
Madera Rayon 1001
10591 stitches, 25.6 yards
- 5: Medium Turquoise
Madera Rayon 1094
669 stitches, 3.1 yards

The Mug Rug in this PDF has 5 Color stops, yours may have more, but that's ok. This PDF will work for any Basic (Non-applique) Mug Rug.

The first color stop is the Die line that will show you where to place your quilt batting. You're going to run this before placing your batting.

The second color stop is your quilt batting tack down.

The next few stops will be your pretty design stuff.

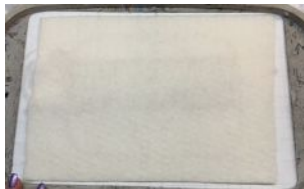
The last color stop is your final construction stitch to attach the back. You want to place your back fabric pieces BEFORE you stitch this.



Step 1: First you're going to take your Two back fabric pieces and you're going to iron a 1/2" under on one of the LONG sides for each of them.



Step 2: Now you can hoop some medium weight cutaway and **Run Color stop 1.**



Step 3: Place your quilt batting so it completely covers the die line and **Run Color Stop 2.**



Step 4: Grab your favorite applique trimming scissors and get your cut on. Trim around that tack down as close as you can without snipping your stitches. You want to trim this so that when you turn your mug rug your edges aren't all lumpy bumpy and bulky.



Step 5: Now you can give your batting a quick ZHUSH with the basting spray. Whoa there, you don't need to apply that stuff like Aqua Net in the 80s, just a quick zhush is all you need.

Now place your front fabric over your batting. Pressing gently in place and **Run all of the design element color stops, this will be all but the last one.**



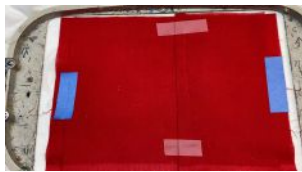
Step 6: Get your two back fabric pieces. You want to place the larger piece first. Place this with the small FOLD facing up and making sure the die line is all covered up on the top/bottom, and one side.



Step 7: Now place the smaller piece of back fabric. Again with the small fold facing UP, and making sure it overlaps the last piece you placed making sure the top bottom and opposite side die lines are covered.



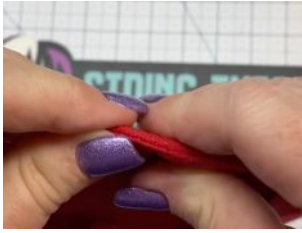
Step 8: This is where the cello tape joins the party. We want to cover where the machine is going to stitch over the fabric fold so that the foot can't snag it and pull things out of alignment and get all janky. Using cello tape means it will perforate easily and you won't have to pick it out of the seam. So place a piece of tape over the top and bottom stitch lines right on top of the folded fabric. You can kind of feel through the fabric for the stitch line. You can add some blue tape to the outer edges if you want to play it safe. **Run the last color stop.**



Step 9: You can now remove all of your tape. The cello tape should perforate easily and you can pull it right off.

Step 10: Pop everything out of the hoop and trim round the stitch line leaving about 1/8" seam allowance. You can use a rotary cutter to do a rough cut first to remove a lot of the excess then use some pinking shears to do the final trim around the mug rug.

Step 11: Reach through your opening in the back and turn everything right side out.



Step 12: After your mug rug is right side out, take some time to roll your seams and finger press them. Then you can take everything to the iron and give it a press.

Step 13: Now you can decide how you want to close your envelope opening on the back. You can either hand stitch it closed, or if needle and thread isn't your thing, grab a small piece of permanent fusible web such as stitch witchery or heat n bond quilters edge, and place a small piece inside the opening and press with an iron to set.

Voila! That's all it takes to make a basic mug rug. Grab a cup of your favorite beverage and relax!



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