

MUG hugs

Leftover squares and scraps are all you need to make Judith Tetley's stylish mug warmers.

Measurements

- Finished size: 7.5cm x 25cm (3in x 10in)

Materials

- 9, 12.5cm (5in) squares of assorted prints
- Fat eighth of solid red fabric
- 9cm x 27cm (3½in x 10½in) rectangle of iron-on Pellon
- Matching sewing cotton
- 20mm (¾in) button: 1 red
- 20mm (¾in) square of Velcro
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- General sewing supplies

Note:

It is recommended all fabrics be 100 per cent cotton, pre-washed and well ironed. Requirements are based on fabric 112cm (44in) wide. The ¼in seam allowance used throughout is included in the cutting measurements. Please read the instructions before you begin.

CUTTING

From each of the 5in squares, cut:

- seven 1½in x 3in strips
- two 1½in x 3in rectangles
- two 1½in x 2½in rectangles for the tab.

From the solid red fabric, cut:

- one 3½in x 10½in strip for the backing
- one 2in x 30in strip for the binding.

CONSTRUCTION

1 Stitch the seven 1½in x 3in assorted strips together along the long edges and press the seams to one side. Stitch a 1½in x 3in strip to either end and press the seams as before.

2 Fuse the Pellon to the back, then pin the 3½in x 10½in backing strip to the back and stitch in the ditch down each seamline. Trim the backing and Pellon even with the edges.

3 Pin the 1½in x 2½in tab pieces together with right sides facing and sew around three sides, leaving one short end open. Clip the corners, turn the tab right side out and press it.

4 Centre the tab at one end of the pieced unit with raw edges even and right sides facing and baste it in place within the seam allowance.

5 Press the binding strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides facing then sew it around the mug warmer with raw edges even and right sides facing, mitring the corners as you go. Join the ends neatly, then fold the binding to the back and slip-stitch it in place.

6 Sew one piece of the Velcro to the inside of the tab at the end, then



attach the other piece to the other end of the mug warmer ¾in from the edge. Sew the red button on the top of the tag closure to finish.