Posy Cozy & Coasters

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Try planning an afternoon tea party for your next sewing guild meeting. They'll love to sew this appliquéd floral tea cozy and matching coasters.

Finished sizes
Cozy: 14½ x 11½ inches
Coaster: 4½ x 4½ inches

Materials
• Cotton fat quarters:
    4 coordinating light tan prints
    1 dark tan print for basket appliqué
      and coaster backings and borders
    1 green print
    1 red print
• Batting:
    2 (11½ x 14½-inch) rectangles
    4 (5 x 5-inch) squares
• 1 yard ⅛-inch piping cord
• 1 yard light tan single-fold bias tape
• Tan buttons:
    4 (¾-inch)
    4 (½-inch)
• Paper-backed fusible web
• Basic sewing supplies and equipment

Cutting
From four coordinating light tan print fat quarters:
• Cut two 6 x 7½-inch rectangles from each for tea cozy front and back.

• Cut two 11½ x 14½-inch rectangles from *one of the four* for tea cozy lining.

• Cut one 4 x 4-inch square from each for coaster fronts.

From dark tan print fat quarter:
• Cut four 5 x 5-inch squares for coaster backing.

• Cut eight 1 x 4-inch strips and eight 1 x 5-inch strips for coaster borders.

• Trace basket template (page 4) onto paper side of fusible web. Cut out just outside traced lines. Fuse onto wrong side of fabric. Cut out on traced lines.

From green print fat quarter:
• Cut two 1⅛ x 20-inch bias strips for piping.

• Trace template for tea cozy leaf (page 4) four times onto paper side of fusible web. Fuse onto wrong side of fabric. Cut out on traced lines.

• Trace template for coaster leaf (page 4) eight times, reversing four, onto paper side of fusible web. Fuse onto wrong side of fabric. Cut out on traced lines.

From red print fat quarter:
• Trace template for tea cozy flower (page 4) three times onto paper side of fusible web. Cut out just outside traced lines. Fuse onto wrong side of fabric. Cut out on traced lines.

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• Trace template for coaster flower (page 4) four times onto paper side of fusible web. Cut out just outside traced lines. Fuse onto wrong side of fabric. Cut out on traced lines.

Assembly

Use ¼-inch seam allowance and sew right sides together unless otherwise indicated. Press as you sew.

1. Sew tea cozy front/back rectangles together in pairs along short edges. Press seams. Sew two pairs together to make a tea cozy front and a back, matching seams. Press.

2. Remove paper backing from tea cozy appliqué pieces and fuse in place on tea cozy front, using photo as a guide for placement. Blanket-stitch edges of all appliqués by hand or machine.

3. Fold tea cozy back in half. Using a dinner plate or similar object as a template, round the top corners (Figure 1).
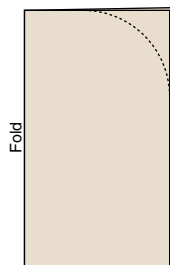

Figure 1

4. Using tea cozy back as a pattern, cut tea cozy front, both tea cozy lining pieces and both 11½ x 14½-inch batting rectangles to match.

5. Place one cozy lining wrong side up with one batting piece on top. Smooth the cozy front in place with right side up; pin. Machine-baste all around just inside seam allowance. Repeat with cozy back.

6. On cozy front, sew a ¾-inch button to center of each flower, sewing through all layers. On cozy back, sew a ¾-inch button to center of patchwork back through all layers.

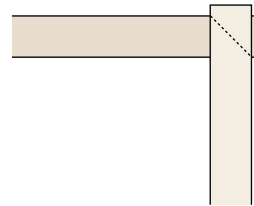**7.** Join bias strips with a diagonal seam (Figure 2). Trim seam to ¼ inch and press open.

Figure 2

8. Wrap piping cord with bias strips and sew close to cord using a zipper foot. With raw edges even, pin piping to curved edge of cozy front. Machine-baste close to cord.

9. Pin cozy front and back together with right sides facing and raw edges even. Stitching from the wrong side of the cozy front so you can see the basting, stitch the layers together just inside the previous stitching line. Serge or zigzag seam edges to finish. Turn right side out.

10. Unfold bias tape and turn under short end ¼ inch. Beginning at back raw edge of cozy, sew tape to lower edge, stitching in the fold line with the raw edges even (Figure 3). Overlap end and trim excess. Wrap bias tape over raw edge to inside of cozy and slipstitch in place.
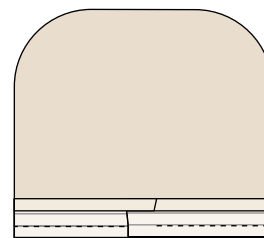

Figure 3

11. Referring to photo for placement, fuse one coaster flower and two coaster leaves to each coaster front, taking care to keep each motif ⅝ inch from the outside edge. Blanket-stitch around appliqué pieces by hand or machine.

12. Sew a 4-inch border strip to each side of an appliquéd front; press seams outward. Sew a

5-inch border strip to the top and bottom; press seams outward.

13. Pin coaster front and back, right sides together, to a 5-inch batting square. Sew around edges, leaving a 2½-inch opening on one side. Trim corners. Trim batting close to seam to reduce bulk. Turn right side out.
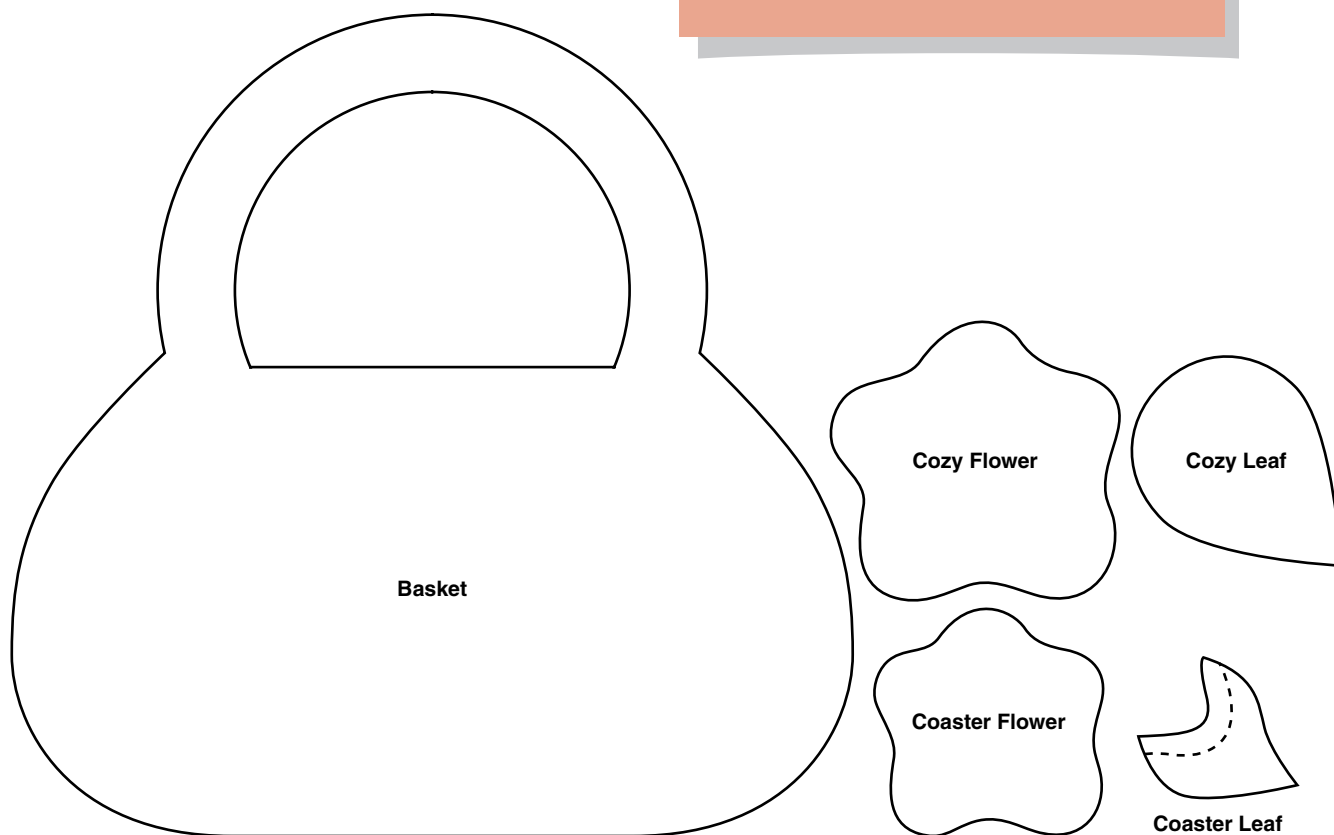
14. Fold in seam allowance on opening and slipstitch closed. Stitch in the ditch on front of coaster to quilt. Sew a ½-inch button to center of each flower through all layers. ⊗

Sources: Soft & Bright needled polyester batting from The Warm Company; HeatnBond Lite iron-on adhesive from Therm O Web.

Sewing Tip

The blanket-stitch finish for appliqués can be applied by hand or machine. Use matching thread or floss for a subtle effect, or all black for a folk-art look.

Basket

Cozy Flower

Cozy Leaf

Coaster Flower

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