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Cheery Christmas Coasters

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Decorate your holiday table with these easy to make fabric appliqué coasters using vintage clothing labels or other bits you find around your sewing studio. Make just a few or many more as they're easy to give as hostess gifts or slip into the Christmas stocking of someone you love.

Supplies: (for four coasters)

- one 10" square of *fast2fuse*® fusible stiff interfacing (or similar product)
- two 10" squares of fabric—one for the front and one for the back of the coasters
- clothing labels, threads, scraps or other small "flat" bits of fabric
- threads for appliqué and edge finishing
- appliqué pressing sheet or parchment paper to protect ironing surface

Sewing:

1. Fuse one square of fabric to the *fast2fuse*® interfacing with a hot, dry iron and the appliqué pressing sheet.
2. Layer the labels or bits of fabric randomly on top of the fused square and stitch the pieces in place. Use decorative threads or fancy stitches to secure the edges of all the pieces. Have fun being creative with different colors or personalize the coasters for the recipient. Look for different ways to layer the fabrics and threads, try weaving pieces, cutting into small bits or randomly adding stitches for embellishments.
3. Fuse back fabric to the reverse side of the interfacing.
4. Cut the large square into four 4 1/2" squares.
5. Use a wide zigzag stitch and stitch around each coaster to finish the edges.
6. Stack and tie the coasters with a pretty ribbon!



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