

Tea and Books Mug Rug



Size before quilting: 9¼" x 5½"

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS/Cutting:

Background: One 5½" square
Three 1½" x 1" rectangles
One 1¼" x 1½" rectangle
Books: Three 1½" x 5" rectangles
One 1¼" x 4½" rectangle
Mug: One 4" x 2" rectangle
Two 4" x 1½" rectangles

You will also need:

Fabric scraps for the mug handle and tea bag
Four printed selvages from the edge of quilter's fabric
One 11" x 8" rectangle of cotton fabric for backing
One 11" x 8" rectangle of lightweight batting
8" square fusible webbing (i.e. Bondaweb/Wonderweb)
1 yard of 1¼" binding fabric (i.e. bias binding or cotton strips)
Stranded Embroidery Thread

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General Instructions:

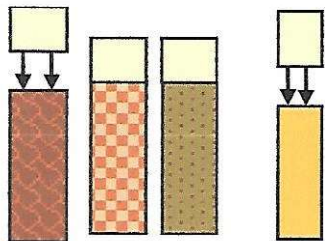
Read through all instructions before beginning.

All seam allowances are ¼" and are included in cutting sizes.

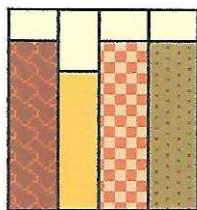
Press seam allowance towards the darker fabric wherever possible.

When printing ensure you select 'Actual Size' on the print screen (sometimes referred to as scaling set to 'none').

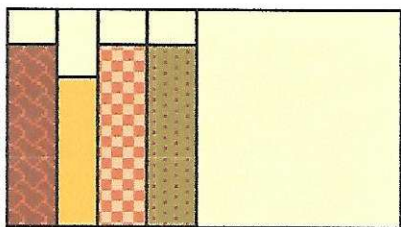
1. With RIGHT sides together, stitch the three $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1" background rectangles to the top of the three $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" book rectangles. Create the smaller book by stitching the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background rectangle to the top of the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " book rectangle. Press.



2. Stitch the book units together in any order you like to create a book block measuring $4\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".

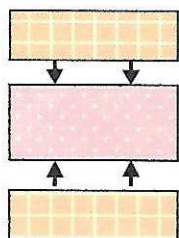


3. Stitch the book block to the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " background square to create a mug rug top measuring $9\frac{1}{4}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". Press.



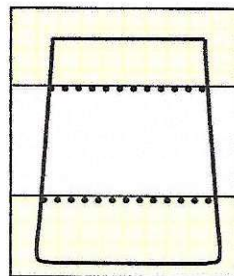
4. MUG

To make the mug unit stitch the two 4 " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to the top and bottom of the 4 " x 2 " rectangle as shown below. Your mug unit should measure 4 " x 4 ". Press. You will use this as the fabric for your mug appliqué.



5. From the appliqué page, trace around the mug, handle and tea bag onto the paper side of the fusible webbing (Bondaweb/Wonderweb). Mark the position of the dotted lines onto the mug tracing. You should also trace four 'book title' rectangles. Cut out the shapes roughly - **do not** cut out accurately along the lines at this stage.

6. Following the manufacturer's instructions iron the fusible cut-outs onto the **WRONG** side of the relevant fabrics. Position the mug cut out onto the **WRONG** side of the patched mug unit, lining up the dotted lines on the tracing with the seams on the unit as shown.



Fuse the book title tracings onto the **WRONG** side of printed fabric selvages. Line up the tracings with the print, trimming as necessary.

7. Allow to cool then cut out the shapes accurately along the traced lines. Peel the paper from each shape. Using the appliqué page as a guide, position the shapes onto the mug rug. Ensure all pieces are at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the mug to allow for the binding.

8. Fuse and stitch all the pieces in place by hand or machine.

9. Using two strands of embroidery thread create a tea-bag string from the top of the tea bag to the mug using a simple running stitch or embroidery stitch of your choice. *I used a chain stitch.*

10. Lay the 11" x 8" backing rectangle, **wrong** side facing up and place the batting on top. Position the appliquéd panel centrally on top with **right** side facing up. Baste or pin all three layers together, ensuring that the backing and top remain flat and smooth. Quilt around the mug and tea bag. Quilt in the ditch around each book.

11. Quilt steam spirals at the top of the mug by hand or machine as indicated by the dashed lines on the appliqué sheet.

I used two strands of embroidery cotton and a hand stitch.

12. Add any additional quilting as desired.

I added quilt detailing to the bottom of the books as shown by the dashed lines on the appliqué sheet. I also quilted in the ditch on the mug.

13. Once all quilting has been completed, trim backing and wadding to the same size as the mug rug top.

14. Bind the mug rug using the binding method of your choice. *I used a 1¼" wide single-fold binding.* For details on binding methods visit '[The Patchsmith Blog – Binding Methods](#)'.

Dashed lines are quilting/stitching suggestions as detailed in the pattern.

