

## COOL COASTERS (or ornaments!)

These instructions are for quick and easy creating. If you're squeamish about wasting a little bit of fabric here and there, take some time to figure more economical cutting layouts. But I think you'll agree, this way speeds up the process a whole lot. In the photos that follow, you'll see that I like to mix up the colors rather than stick to one. These also make great ornaments if you add a hanging loop made from the perle cotton.

### For a matching set of 6 coasters you'll need:

**Fabric:** Fat quarter for coasters. I used Garnet, Kiwi, and Royal from my "Dot-to-Dot" Collection for Robert Kaufman Fabrics. If you want all of your coasters the same color, you'll just need one fat quarter.

**Fabric:** 9 x 12" white for snowflakes. I think Gail Kessler's "Dimples" for Andover Fabrics is perfect.

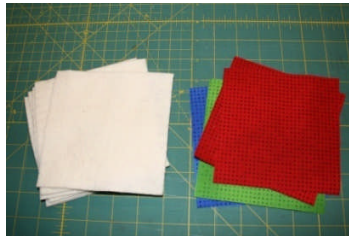
**Batting:** six 5" squares Warm & White or Warm & Natural

**Fusible Adhesive:** 9 x 12" sheet Lite Steam-A-Seam or Steam-A-Seam 2

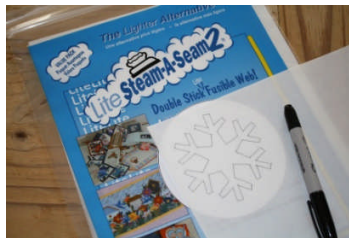
**Perle Cotton:** approx 1½ yd. length per coaster. I used DMC # 5 White (Color 5200)

**Quilting thread:** I used Sulky® 40 wt rayon.

1. Print 1 copy of the templates. Print on a heavier stock for easier tracing onto fabric.
2. For each coaster you'll need two 5 x 5" squares of fabric and one 5 x 5" square of Warm & White batting.
  - From the fabric, cut three 5 x 22" wide strips.
  - From these strips, cut twelve 5" squares which will make 6 matching coasters.
3. Cut six 5" square pieces of Warm & White.



4. Trace two of each snowflake onto the paper side of the fusible adhesive, leaving about ¼" of space between flakes.



5. Roughly cut out the flakes just outside of the traced outline.



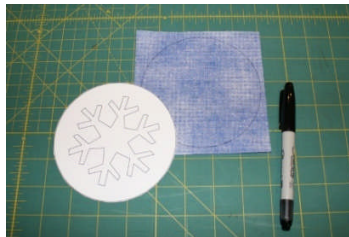
6. Place the traced snowflake, adhesive side down, onto the wrong side of the white snowflake fabric and fuse into place following the fusible adhesive instructions. Allow to cool.



7. Cut the snowflakes out, neatly, on the traced line.



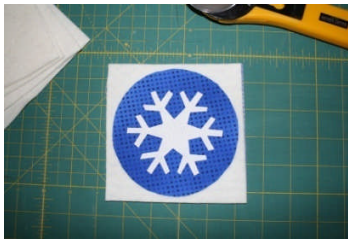
8. Cut out one of the coaster shapes on the circular outline. Use this as a template and trace the shape onto the wrong side of six of the 5" squares of fabric. Cut out these six coaster tops.



9. Remove the paper backing from the snowflake appliqués. Center the snowflakes, adhesive side down, on the coaster tops.
10. Fuse the snowflake appliqués onto the coaster tops.



11. Sandwich the batting squares between the coaster tops and the remaining 5" fabric squares with the wrong sides of the fabrics against the batting.



12. Quilt over the entire coaster, including the snowflake appliqué. I used the white thread and a dense, loopy, free-motion meander. This helps secure the raw edge of the appliqué.



13. Trim away the excess around the outer edge of the coaster top.



14. Finish the raw edge, by hand, in a not-too-perfect blanket stitch using the perle cotton.



