

CHRISTMAS COFFEE CUPS

Block Lotto, September 2019



This month we're going to make coffee cups and mugs! These 6.5" blocks (6" finished) can be a great start on some of your Christmas gift sewing. One could be a mug rug, four would make a cute pillow, a few more could be a tote bag, gift bag, wall hanging. They would even be cute as a quilt, and can be alternated with plain 6" fabric squares for a quick make. The possibilities are endless. This block is based on a free tutorial by The Sewing Chick, which you can link to here:

<http://www.thesewingchick.com/2014/02/teacup-block-tutorial.html/>.

HOWEVER, we have corrected some measurements, so please read on!!

Block Colors:

Mug, handle, saucer: Reds and Greens. Use Christmas fabrics if you have them or any red and green fabrics if you don't. Other colors may be present in the fabrics you select, but should only be accents. The fabrics should "read" red or green.



Background: White, White on White, Off-white (but not tan or gray, etc). May be plain or have a small print (operative word here is SMALL) in red or green. Make sure your background has good contrast with your cup/saucer fabric(s).

Design Options:



Be creative! You may use different fabrics for the mug and saucer and handle. Consider fussy-cutting your mug fabric. Or use a small pieced block for the mug portion (ideas later in the tutorial). Also, you may eliminate the saucer altogether and just make the mug taller, but the unfinished block should still measure 6.5". Different handles are welcome, too (bias strip in curved reversed "C"?) as long as they fit in the block.

Basic Cutting Instructions

Background:

- (1) Rectangle, 2" x 6.5"
- (1) Rectangle, 1.75" x 4"
- (2) Squares, 1"
- (2) Squares, 1.5"
- (1) Rectangle, 1" x 1.75"
- (1) Rectangle, 1.25" x 1.75"
- (1) Rectangle, 1.25" x 1.5"

Coffee Cup:

- (1) 4" Square
- (1) Rectangle 1.5" x 6.5" (Saucer)
- (1) Rectangle, 1" x 1.75"
- (1) Rectangle, 1" x 1.5"
- (1) Rectangle, 1.25" x 1.5"



Sewing the Block:

1. Sew 1" background squares to bottom corners of 4" mug square diagonally. Trim and press open. Sew 1.5" background squares to right and left sides of saucer rectangle. Trim and press.



(1)



(2)

2. Sew paired pieces for mug handle as shown in picture 2. Then sew three sections together.
3. Sew 1.75" x 4" background piece to left side of mug. You now have 4 main pieces to sew.
4. Sew handle to mug. Sew saucer to mug. Sew top background strip to mug. Trim to 6.5".



Four sections



Finished Block

NOTE: You may make up to 9 blocks. Although you may repeat a fabric, please don't use a fabric more than twice for the main mug portion.

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