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2011 – Holiday Inspiration – Day 7

So Charming!

A simple, but personal gift sure to please ages 8 – 80.



Use a 6" – 10" open link chain, a clasp, and some jump rings to attach charms to represent memorable places, jokes, favorite foods, txt msgs, even a wish list...there's a charm for almost anything available in sterling silver or plated metal. See our selection and dream up possibilities.

You did the wine gift bags and the glass markers, so now time for the Mug Rugs!



Just a mini version of the Pretty Patchwork Potholders from our Holiday Ideas Day 2. These start from 4 ½" squares, but make them any size you desire. No Insul-Brite required (so you can skip the first layer of Step 3). After Step 3 is complete*, just insert a slightly-smaller-than 4" square of Insul-Brite or batting for hot beverages, or vinyl for cool summer drinks if you want extra protection for your table. Skip the vinyl insert and use vinyl coated fabric to make your Mug Rugs an even quicker project!

I didn't bother to stitch the centers at the end of Step 3. Without Insul-Brite the gap isn't visible...see?

Sewing Instructions for:

Quick Potholders

Instructions are for two 8" square pot holders.

Fabric Requirements:

Fabric 1, Side A	¼ yard
Fabric 2, Side A	¼ yard
Fabric 3, Side B	¼ yard
Insul-Brite insulated batting	1 package

Step 1: Cut fabric to size (Assuming 40" - 42" inch wide goods)

Side A fabric 1 and 2	8 ½" x 8 ½" from each fabric
Side B fabric (or optional pieced block)	8 ½" x 8 ½"
Insul-Brite	8" x 8"

Step 2: Fold and press fabric 1 and fabric 2 squares into triangles with right sides out.

Step 3: Layer fabric.

- ✓ Place Insul-Brite on a flat surface.
- ✓ Center Side B fabric over Insul-Brite right side up, wrong side to Insul-Brite.
- ✓ Layer Side A fabrics over Side B with all raw edges even. (See pic.)
- ✓ Pin all layers together and stitch around perimeter, catching the edges of the Insul-Brite slightly. Don't worry if you don't catch it all the way around; It's no big deal.
- ✓ Reach into the gap at the center of Side A and turn so Side B is right side out, easing out and flattening the four corners of the potholder.
- ✓ Nudge the four pieces of Side A together and add a little stitch in the center to finish.

Ta-Da! You're done. Now make another. And another. And another...



Side A



Side B (optional patched block)