

# Christmas Coaster Sewing Project



## FOLDED SQUARE COASTER

### Fabric Requirements

5 x 5" Squares (1 x Base, 4 x top of coaster)

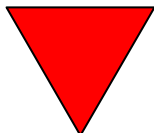
### Instructions

1. Place base fabric square, right side up (Fig 1)
2. Fold the other 4 squares in half, with wrong sides together – Press
3. Now you have 4 rectangles
4. Place rectangle 1 down on the base fabric, with raw edges to the outside and the fold in towards the middle
5. Place rectangle 2 down, perpendicular to the 1<sup>st</sup> on the next edge of the square
6. Place rectangle 3 down opposite the first rectangle
7. Place rectangle 4 down on the last edge placing half under the first rectangle
8. All rectangles should have 1 half up and 1 half under the next, so they are interleaved – just as you would close a cardboard box. (Figs 2, 3 and 4)
9. All the raw edges should be facing out and all the folded edges should be facing towards the centre of the square
10. Sew around the outer edges with a ¼" seam
11. Clip the corners
12. Turn inside out, by inserting your thumbs into the folds in the middle and turning through
13. Carefully push corners out and press

This is a general guide – the coasters can be made any size you want, as long as all of the squares are the same size. Simply work out the finished size you want and add a ¼" seam allowance all around.

### Variations

- Fold the 4 squares in half diagonally (so you get triangles), then place on the base fabric the same as above



- Try using a circle and folding the 4 circles in half, then place on the base fabric as above
- Embellish as you please using fancy stitches or embroidery designs.



Fig 1

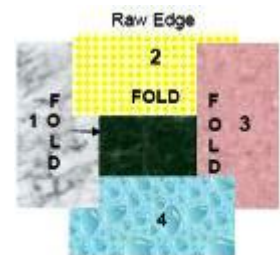


Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4