

## Mitered Flat-corner binding for mug rugs

A good size for a Mug Rugs is a 5" square. It is good to have the square as flat as it can be in order to keep any glass or mug from tipping. Thus, a flat binding corner is helpful. This technique uses a larger single piece of back fabric that wraps around the front when creating the binding.

### **What you need:**

5" square, unfinished size, of a block of your chosen design

Matching 5" square piece of batting

7 ¼ " square piece of back fabric

[Note: the idea is the back piece is 2 ¼" square larger than the front block. If your unfinished edged block is of a different dimension, make the back piece +2 ¼ inch larger]

1. Take the back fabric, iron ½ inch hem around all 4 sides of the back square piece (picture A). Open the corners, and cut the small square made by the creases (picture B). Tip: cut the corner square a couple threads larger than the creases give you, it will tuck under better.

2. On a table, layer the back fabric (right side down), batting, then nine patch block (right side up).

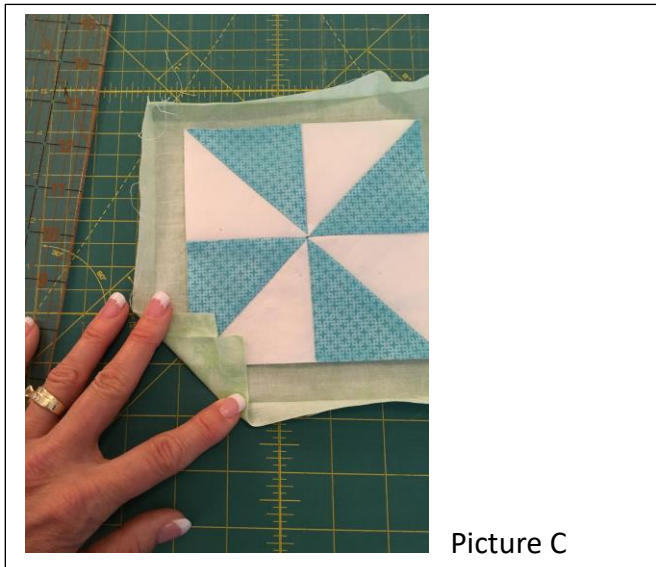


Picture A



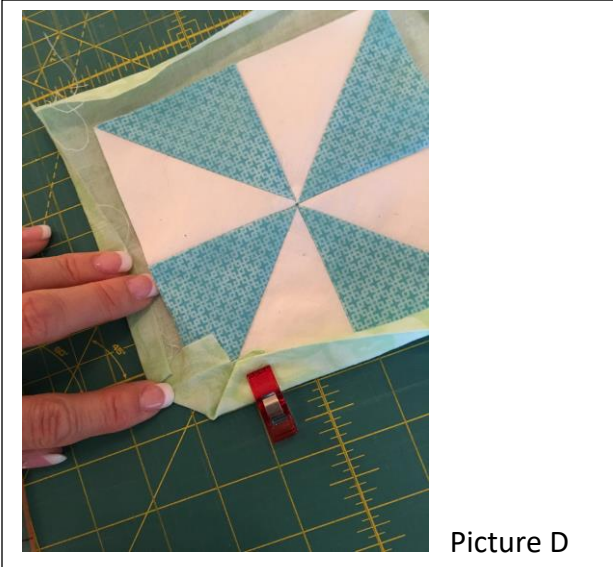
Picture B

3. Folding the back to make binding: start in a corner, fold the open back fabric corner diagonally so the back fabric nests to the corner of the block, and the cut-out-square is on top of the block, about ½ inch in from each side (picture C).

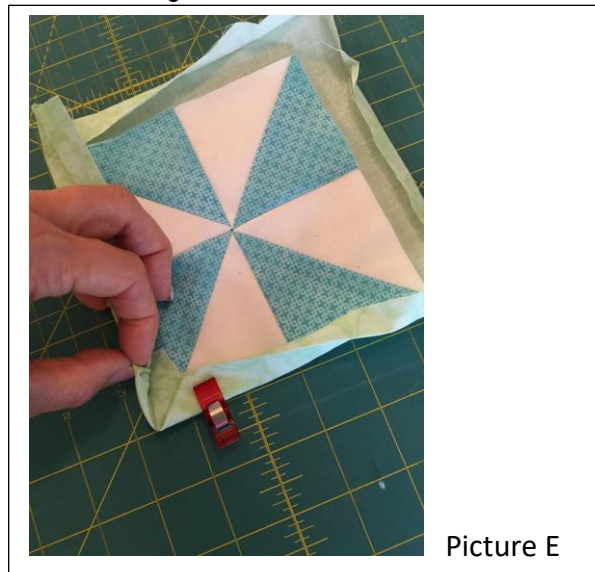


Picture C

4. Fold one side along crease, then again to cover the block by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and cover the edge of the clipped corner square (picture D & E). The corner will make a mitered edge. Repeat this sequence for remaining corners and sides.
5. Sew around all sides, close to the inside edge of the binding. Ditch stitch the seams of the block to



Picture D



Picture E

quilt the coaster (Picture F).

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Picture F