

Flower Coasters



Make an assortment of coasters and tie with a ribbon for a wonderful gift -

for yourself or your favorite hostess!

Materials (4 coasters)

- fourteen 5" squares of assorted fabrics for the front of the coasters
- four 5" squares of muslin for backing
- four 6" squares of batting
- paper-backed fusible web
- tear-away stabilizer
- assorted colorful thread for applique and quilting

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Flower Coaster Instructions

Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.

1. Select four of the 5" square patterned fabrics to use as backgrounds for the applique. Set aside.
2. Select four more of the 5" squares for your edging around the coasters. They don't have to match - it is more fun to make each coaster different! Cut each of these four squares into four 7/8" x 5" strips. Trim two strips from each set to 7/8" x 4-1/4". Set aside.
3. The six remaining squares will be used for your applique. Trace flower shapes using the pattern on page 4 onto paper-backed fusible web. (Trace the flower centers and details separately if you would like to select contrasting fabrics for those pieces.) Iron fusible web to the **WRONG SIDE** of the assorted fabric. Remove paper and fuse applique to the 5" square backgrounds. Back with stabilizer and satin stitch or buttonhole stitch around the edges of the applique.
4. Trim your flower squares to 4-1/4" x 4-1/4".
5. Sew your 7/8" x 4-1/4" strips onto opposite sides of each flower square. Press. Sew the 7/8" x 5" strips onto the remaining sides. Press.
6. Lay batting squares on your table. Place your muslin on top. Finally, place your coaster **RIGHT SIDE DOWN** on top of the muslin.
7. Stitch around the edge of the coasters using a 3/16" seam allowance, leaving a gap for turning. Trim the batting to the edges of the fabric.
8. Turn coasters right side out. Press. Slip-stitch opening. Stitch "in the ditch" all the way around the coaster border. Quilt as desired. (I love handquilting in pearl cotton on these coasters, but you can machine quilt as well. It is an excellent opportunity to try new quilting techniques.)
9. Pour yourself a glass of raspberry lemonade and enjoy your coasters!

Raspberry Lemonade Recipe

Ingredients

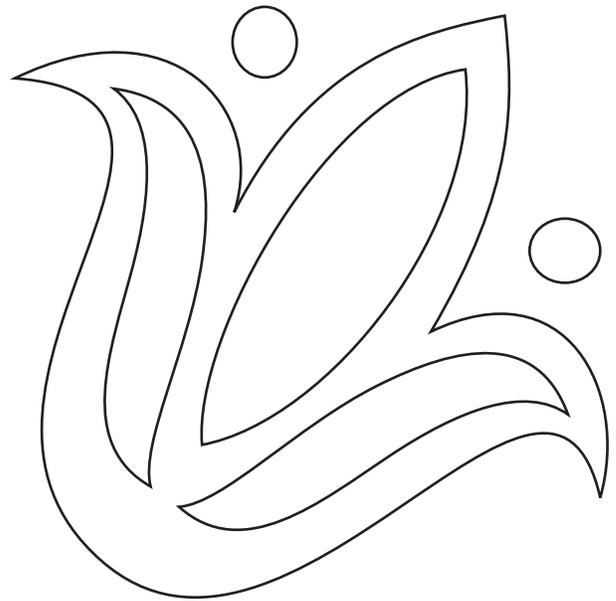
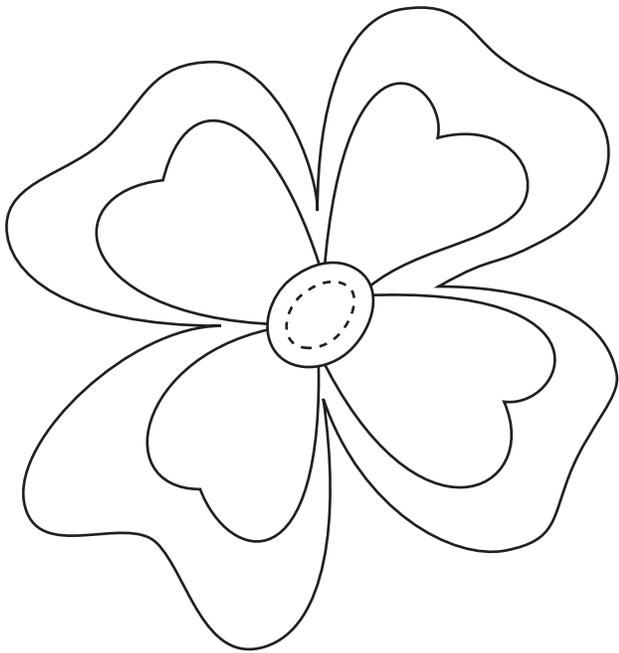
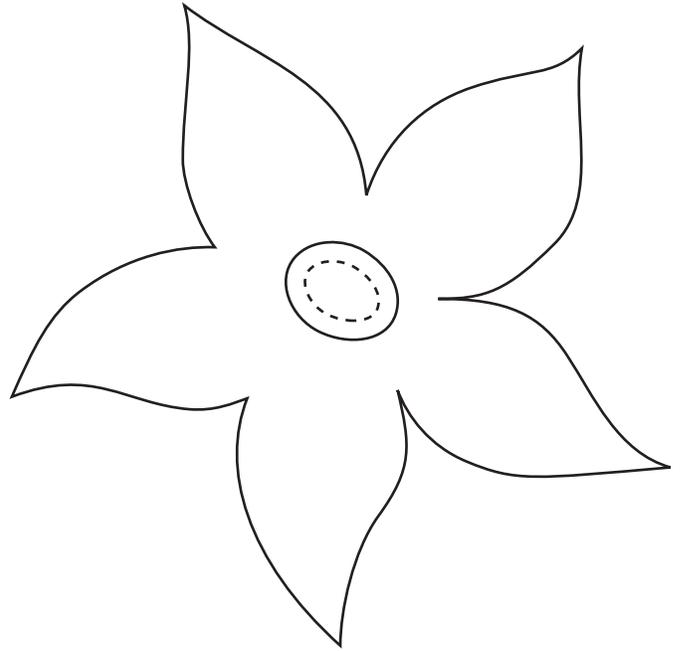
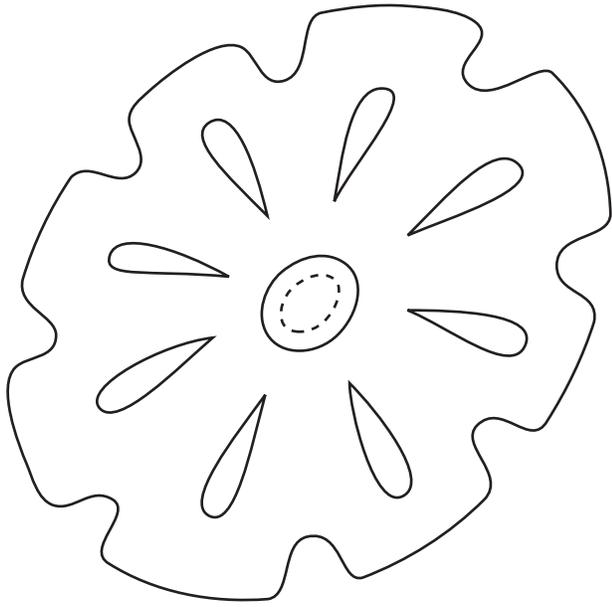
- 1/2 cup frozen raspberries
- 8 large lemons
- 2/4 cup sugar
- 8 cups water

This lemonade is very tart. Add more sugar if you prefer a sweet taste!

1. Pour frozen raspberries into the bottom of a big pitcher.
2. Cut 6 of your lemons in half and squeeze out the juice with a lemon squeezer.
3. Combine lemon juice and sugar in a saucepan and cook over medium heat until sugar dissolves.
4. Pour the lemon/sugar mixture into your pitcher. Add water and stir.
5. Chill overnight or until cold.
6. Slice the remaining lemons for garnish.
7. Serve your beautiful raspberry lemonade over ice with a slice of lemon!

Gallery (not to scale)





flower applique patterns - actual size