Coffee Shop card pattern

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The card has a pocket for you to insert the recipient's favorite coffee shop gift card, it makes a very fun gift for a teacher or quilter friend!

Step one: Cut out background and batting, 5 x 6 inches. This is a little extra big, we will cut it down later. Lay the background right side up on top of the batting. If you want to do straight line quilting on the background, do that now. If you want to do free motion, you can do it now, or save it for step 9.

Step two: Trace the outline of the mug, all solid black lines, onto the paper side of fusible web. It is in reverse on purpose.

Trace the saucer separately, this time solid and dotted line.

Step three: Cut them out roughly, and fuse them to the back side of the appropriate fabrics.

Step four. Cut them out exactly, including the football shaped hole at the top of the mug. There will only be a thin strip at the top, so be careful!

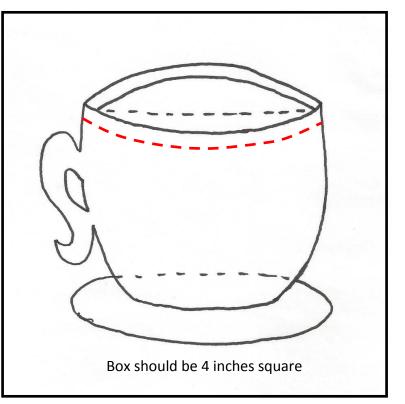
Step five: Peel the paper backing off of both pieces, and arrange them right side up on a piece of brown felt. Fuse in place and cut out. Cut the felt out of the little hole in the mug handle, but do Not cut out the football shape this time, that is your coffee.

Step 6: DO cut a slit through the felt, all the way across, see diagram. This is the pocket for your coffee shop card.

Step 7: I like to stitch a line across the front lip of the mug, since you can't do this after it is on the background. (red dotted line)

Step 8: Lay your mug/saucer unit on the background. Keep in mind that we will trim about half an inch off of all 4 sides, so place accordingly, not too high or low. Stitch around all of the outside edges. I like to use a free motion foot so I don't have to turn so many corners!

Step 9: Quilt the background if/as desired, if you haven't already done so.

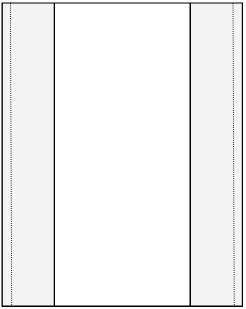




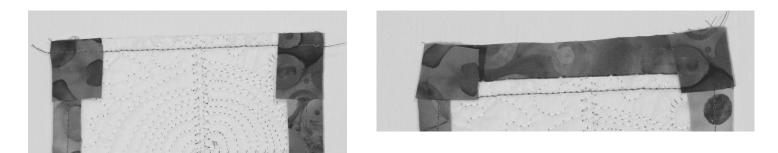
Binding and Finishing

Step 1: Cut the mini quilt down with a ruler and rotary cutter to 4 inches by 5 1/4 inches. If you are making more than a few, it's worth making a plastic template for this step. Then you can see through it to line it up in the best position.

Step 2: Cut binding strips 1 inch wide, or a bit more, by 5 1/2 inches long. Do the long sides of the card first, (right sides together) stitching the first seam with a very narrow seam allowance. I just move my needle over as far as it will go, which is a little under 1/4 inch. Then wrap it around to the back, no need to turn the edge under, and stitch in the ditch (or topstitch) from the front. Do the two long sides first, trimming the ends even with the card.



For the top and bottom, wrap the extra around to the back on your first row of stitching, This makes the corners easier to fold in. When I finger press this part, I do it at a slight angle (see picture, which may be from a different card design than the one you are doing J) to prevent "ears" on the front of the card. The corners will still look square. Fold to the back and stitch in the ditch again.



Step 3: Take an 8 1/2 by 5 1/2 (half sheet) piece of card stock and fold it in half. Cut a rectangle of fusible web slightly smaller than the mini quilt. (a template is handy for this also) Fuse it to the back of the mini quilt, peel off the paper backing, position the quilt on the front of the card, then use a dry iron from the paper side (open up the card) to fuse it to the card.

Congratulations, you're done!