

Free Floral Mug Rug Pattern



Pattern Description:

Create a charming 5" x 5" quilted mug rug featuring a bright spring flower. This beginner-friendly project uses raw edge applique, perfect for practicing your stitching and creating a thoughtful gift for Mother's Day, a hostess, or a friend.

Quick to finish in about an hour, this cozy coaster adds a cheerful touch to any table.

Materials Needed & Measurements

Fabric Pieces:

- **Top Background:** 5 1/2" square (solid or small tone-on-tone print recommended).
- **Backing Fabric:** 5 1/2" square (larger print or plaid optional; reversible mug rugs are possible).
- **Big Flower Petal:** Slightly larger than 4" in all directions (e.g., dark pink).
- **Smaller Flower Petal:** About 3" in all directions (e.g., orange).
- **Flower Center:** Approx. 2" square (e.g., light purple).

Other Supplies:

- Thin cotton batting: 5 1/2" x 5 1/2"
- Paper-backed fusible web (Wonder Under or similar): at least 4" x 10"
- Heavy paper for templates (cardstock, scrap paper, or cereal box)
- Pencil, scissors, rotary cutter, plastic quilt ruler
- Iron and pressing mat
- Thread and sewing machine

Note: Using 5" charm packs instead of the specified cuts will yield a coaster about 1/2" smaller.

Instructions for Making the Floral Mug Rug Pattern:

1. Making the Flower Applique



- **Draw Squares and Circles:** Use a quilt ruler to draw three squares on heavy paper: 4", 3", and 2". Inside each square, sketch a roughly-shaped circle that fills the space. The shapes can be slightly irregular.
- **Create Flower Petals:** Mark a center dot on the 4" and 3" squares. Draw five lines radiating from the center, like a pie divided into five slices.

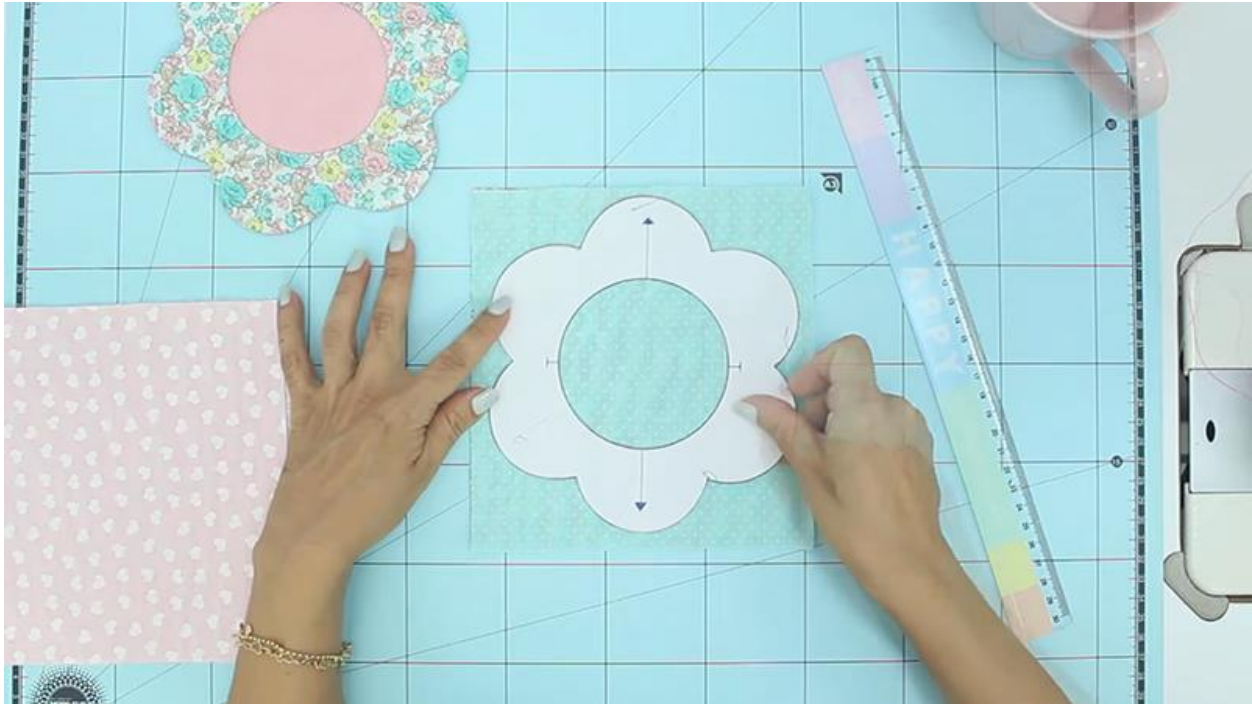
- **Draw Arcs for Petals:** Starting on one line, draw an arc curving outward and back down, ending about 1/4" from the adjacent line. Repeat around the circle to form a five-petaled flower shape. Rustic, uneven petals are fine.
- **Cut Templates:** Carefully cut out the 4" and 3" flower shapes and the 2" circle. These serve as your applique templates.

2. Preparing the Applique Pieces



- **Trace Templates:** Place the templates on the paper side of the fusible web and trace the shapes.
- **Rough Cut & Press:** Cut roughly around each traced shape, then press the fusible web (paper side up) onto the wrong side of your chosen fabrics according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Final Cut & Peel:** Once cooled, cut precisely along the traced lines. Carefully peel away the paper backing from all three pieces.

3. Assembling the Coaster Top



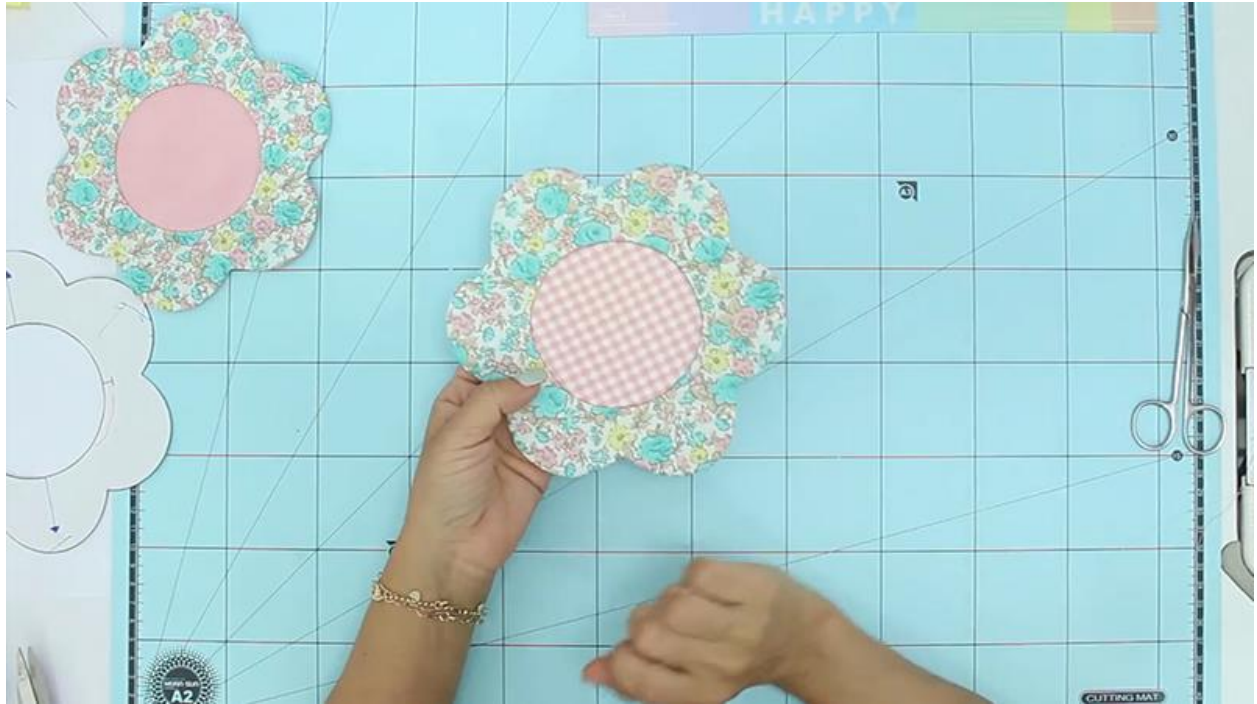
- **Position the Largest Flower:** Place the largest flower piece on the right side of the background fabric. Press in place per fusible web instructions.
- **Layer Remaining Pieces:** Add the smaller flower piece on top, followed by the flower center. Press each layer.
- **Note on Stitching:** These layers will be permanently secured during machine quilting after the coaster is sewn together.

4. Sewing the Coaster



- **Layering:** Stack the appliqued top, backing fabric (right sides together), and batting on the bottom.
- **Pin & Sew:** Sew around the edges with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, leaving a 2" opening on one side. Trim corners carefully.
- **Turn & Close:** Turn the coaster right side out, push out corners, fold the opening's raw edges inward, and pin.
- **Topstitching:** Use a longer straight stitch to sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the outer edge, closing the opening.

5. Machine Quilting the Applique



- **Stitch the Center:** Begin in the flower center, backstitch, and sew around the 2" circle, about 1/8" from the edge.
- **Stitch the Middle Flower:** Expand the stitching outward around the 3" flower layer. Smooth curves where petals meet.
- **Stitch the Outer Flower:** Continue outward to the 4" flower, maintaining an even 1/8" distance from edges. Backstitch to finish.

Your spring floral mug rug is now complete, ready to brighten your morning coffee or tea table!