

# Mug Tote

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

### Materials:

- ✓ 1 piece of fabric 6" x 16 ½" for outside
- ✓ OR embroidery 6" high, 5" wide and
- ✓ one piece cotton 6" x 12"
- ✓ 1 piece of fabric 5 ¾" x 16 ¼" for lining
- ✓ 1 piece of fleece 5 ¼" x 16 ¼"
- ✓ One 5 ½" circle of EACH fabric
- ✓ One 5 ½" circle fleece
- ✓ Two pieces of fabric 3" x 9" for casing
- ✓ 2 pieces of fabric, each 26" x 1" for ties
- ✓ 1 plastic lid about 5" in diameter
- ✓ Smallest Fasturn Tube Turner™ or other turner
- ✓ 505 Spray Adhesive



When you go to a meeting where coffee is served, take along your own mug, and save the Styrofoam!

### Procedure:

1. Spray baste the fleece circle to the wrong side of the outside fabric circle.
2. Sew the short ends of the outside fabric strip with ¼" seam, right sides together, and sew the circle from step 1 at the end of it, also right sides together. Turn it right side out and put the plastic lid inside. I tacked the lid in place on the bottom with a 3 step zig-zag, 0 stitch length, in three or four places, to keep it from slipping. (If you're using embroidery, sew the two ends of the outside fabric to the embroidery to make the ring.)
3. Spray baste the fleece to the lining strip, centering it in the 5 ¾" width. Use a 3 step zig zag or a serpentine stitch to catch the long edges of the fleece, and a row of stitching down the center lengthwise to hold the layers together. Sew the short ends and the lining circle as you did the outside, in step 2. Leave it wrong side out. Put the lining inside the other and set aside.
4. Turn under ¼" on each of the short ends of the casing strips and top stitch (or fuse) in place. Press them in half lengthwise, *wrong* sides together.
5. You have two choices for attaching the casings. The fastest is to sew the casings to the outside of the mug tote through all the layers, matching raw edges, using a serger or a stitch to seam and overcast the edge. The other alternative is to press under ¼" on one long raw edge of each of the pieces, attach the other to the tote, turn the pressed edge of the casing to the inside and slip stitch. In both cases, butt the edges of the casings together.
6. Turn under ¼" on each short end of the fabric tie strips and top stitch (or fuse) in place. Fold right sides together the long way and sew with about ⅛" seam. Turn tight side out.
7. Insert the ties so each goes through both casings, but the knots are at opposite edges as in the photo.

Use your mug tote to showcase your embroidery, decorative stitching, texture techniques, anything you choose. Or make it as a child's little tote, gift bag, etc. You can make it other sizes, too. Cut your circles smaller and make sure the strips fit around them, leaving correct seam allowances. Let this be the seed of an idea, and have fun!

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