



Quick Projects To Do

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Valentine Potpourri Hot Pad

Materials:

- 1/4-yard red cotton print, prewashed
- 9-inch square of muslin, prewashed
- 9-inch square of batting
- 1/4-cup potpourri
- 26 inches (3/4 inch wide) ecru or white eyelet ruffle
- 3 inches 3/4-inch Stitch Witchery™
- 3-inch strip muslin, 3/4 inch wide
- Scissors (fabric and paper), pins
- Cardstock for making pattern
- Disappearing ink marking pin

Construction Techniques:

- Stitching around curves
- Stitching with 1/4-inch seam allowance
- Pinning and stitching several layers at one time
- Bonding fabric with Stitch Witchery™
- Machine basting eyelet to heart
- Turning/pressing hot pad
- Hand slipstitching the opening

Directions to Make a Pattern:

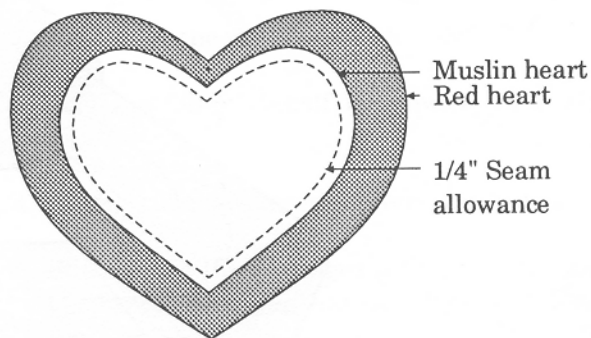
1. Cut one large heart from cardstock. (Draw around heart directly on fabric. Several layers can be cut at one time.)
2. Cut one small heart from cardstock, using stitching line on the pattern as outer edge. This pattern is used to draw around as a stitching guide on the muslin. (Note: The muslin heart can be cut the size of the smaller heart on the pattern, then the stitching line is 1/4 inch from the edge.)

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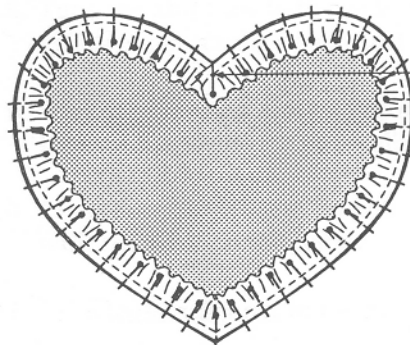
Use 1/4-inch seam allowance for all seams.

1. Cut two large hearts from the red cotton print.

2. Cut one large heart from the muslin.
3. Cut one large heart from the batting.
4. Center cardstock heart pattern on muslin heart and draw around it with a marking pencil. This will be the stitching line.
5. Place muslin fabric (with smaller heart outline visible) on wrong side of one red cotton heart.
6. Stitch muslin heart to red heart following the smaller heart stitching line.



7. Place red heart, right side up, on flat surface.
8. Position eyelet so right side of eyelet faces the right side of the red fabric, with the bound edge of eyelet along cut edge of red fabric. The cut edge of the eyelet extends 3/8 inch below the circle on the pattern and is used to stitch the ends of the eyelet together.



Extend the eyelet 3/8" below the circle on the pattern

9. Pin eyelet every 1/2 inch to hold it in position.
10. Machine baste eyelet to red fabric. Start stitching eyelet at circle indicated on pattern. (Extend eyelet 3/8 inch before stitching point. This extra eyelet will be used to stitch the other end of the eyelet together.) Stitch with 1/8-inch seam allowance.
11. Press along stitched edge of eyelet, pressing eyelet toward center of heart.
12. Stitch ends of eyelet together so it will lay flat against heart. Trim seam to 1/4 inch.
13. Cut a slit in the muslin heart only along cutting line.
14. Fill muslin heart with the potpourri.
15. Slipstitch the slit closed OR place the Stitch Witchery™ over the slit, cover with the 3-inch strip muslin and bond the muslin over the slit to close.
16. With raw edges aligned, stack batting, heart with eyelet (right side up), and remaining red heart right side down.
17. Pin the three layers at 1-inch intervals to hold in place while stitching.
18. Stitch the three layers together with 1/4-inch seam allowances.
19. Leave a 2-3 inch opening for turning.
20. Clip the fabric at the upper point of the heart almost to the stitching line. Trim the seam allowance at the lower point of the heart before turning.

21. Press along stitching. Trim batting in seam allowance, if needed.
22. Turn to right side. Press.
23. Slipstitch opening closed.
24. Hot pad may be top stitched close to the eyelet, if desired.

Directions to Make Hot Pad Without Potpourri and Eyelet:

1. If eyelet is desired, follow steps 6-12 above before going on to step 2 below.
2. Stack batting, red fabric heart right side up, and red fabric heart right side down. Pin to hold layers together.
3. Stitch using 1/4-inch seam allowances. Leave a 2-inch opening along one side of the heart for turning.
4. Press. Clip as indicated in Step 18 above.
5. Turn to right side. Press.
6. Slipstitch opening closed.

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