PROJECT: Fourth of July Mug Rugs

Make your next outdoor barbecue special with handmade coasters showcasing patriotic motifs.

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FABRICS Fabrics are from the Fireworks & Freedom collection by Bella Blvd for Riley Blake Designs *(rileyblakedesigns.com)*.

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MUG RUG

Finished size: 5" square

MATERIALS FOR ONE MUG RUG

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- ❑ 5"-square patriotic print (If you plan to fussy-cut motifs, you'll need more than a 5" square.)
- ❑ 10"-square blue print
- ❑ 5½"-square backing fabric
- ❑ 5½"-square batting

CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From patriotic print, cut:

- 9—1½" squares

From blue print, cut:

- 2—1×5½" rectangles
- 4—1×4½" rectangles
- 6—1×1½" rectangles

ASSEMBLE MUG RUG

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

1) Referring to **Diagram 1,** lay out patriotic print 1½" squares and blue print 1×1½" rectangles in three vertical rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows and two blue print 1×4½" rectangles to make mug rug center. The center should be 4½" square including seam allowances.

2) Referring to **Diagram 2,** join remaining blue print 1×4½" rectangles to opposite edges of mug rug center. Add blue print 1×5½" rectangles to remaining edges to complete mug rug top. The top should be 5½" square including seam allowances.

3) Layer mug rug top right side up, backing 5½" square right side down, and batting square.

4) Sew together edges of layered pieces, leaving a 2½" opening in one edge for turning **(Diagram 3).**

5) Turn the mug rug right side out through the opening. Use the eraser end of a pencil to push out the corners; hand-sew opening closed to finish mug rug.

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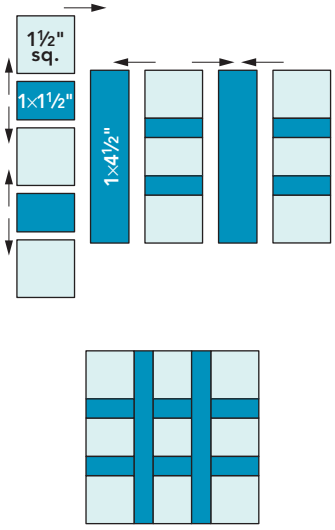
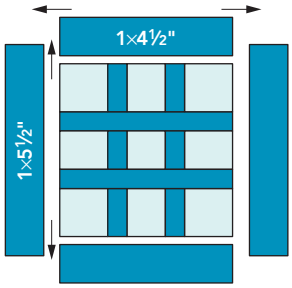


DIAGRAM 1



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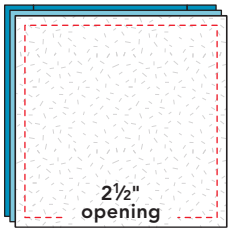

DIAGRAM 3

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