

Simple Clothesline Coffee/ Plant Coaster

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If you're on the hunt for a cute, fast and easy weekend project OR for a simple gift, these clothesline coasters are just the thing. With a few supplies (and some fabric scraps) you will love to sew up a set or 10 of these!

Supplies:

Sewing machine with Zig Zag stitch

Sewing tools such as scissors, glue stick, pins, ruler, clips

Natural color thread/ full bobbin(s)

Cotton clothesline (purchase a whole hank of 100 ft. You'll make many of these!)

Fabric scraps

Prepare for your project:

1. Wind 2 bobbins, you will need them and it saves time!
2. You'll be working from only one end of the hank of clothesline so it will stay neat and won't get tangled.
3. Choose fabric scraps and cut 20 or so pieces of $1\frac{1}{4}$ wide by $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 inches.
ALSO, cut 2 fabric scraps of $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$. One of these will be used for the beginning and the other for the ending. After you've made one, you may adjust the size of your fabrics to suit your liking. MY measurements are just a guide for you. These are so customizable!
4. Thread your Janome machine and let's go!



Step ONE:

Take one of your wider and longer fabric scraps, (a beginning scrap from above) and lay it down, wrong side up. Apply glue down the center lengthwise of the fabric. Lay the cut end of your clothesline over the glue leaving some room at the top of your fabric to enclose the raw edge of the clothesline as shown in photo 1. Apply glue on the fabric and completely cover the clothesline and clip with clips till dry.



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Remove the clips and start coiling from your nicely glued end, till you have about 4 or 5 coils and stick a pin in through all to secure. Note; it is easier to coil on a flat surface until you get the hang of it.)



Set your machine to the "Needle Down" position. Using a 3.0 straight stitch, stitch a "+" through the entire center where it is covered in fabric. I start in the center, needle down, Turn and retrace my stitches for neatness



Using your handy Janome thread cutter, cut threads and change stitches to zig zag with the settings of 5.0 wide & 2.20 length. (These are my favorite for this.)

Start sewing at the end of the fabric you used to encase the clothesline. The center opening of the "A" foot is where you'll keep the edges of the previous coil and new coil together for sewing together



If you use that foot's center as the focus, your needle will zig to the left, and then zag to the right, catching each coil perfectly every time.

Keep stitching and when you find it pleasing, stop, wrap a ¼ edge of fabric around the clothesline, tucking the raw edge in and stitch over until you'd like to add more. Keep going till your coaster is the size you would like.

When you are satisfied with the size of your coaster, cut, adding 3 inches extra while your needle is down as to not lose your place. Now bring the raw edge into the inside next to a previously sewn coil

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Using the second of 2 larger fabric scraps that we cut in the very beginning, wrap both the raw edge of the clothesline and the coil stitching those together so they will be secure. Backstitch a few times.



Cut your threads and you're done! Now make more!

I always have some made up tied with fabric strips for quick gifts or thank you gifts. They are great made from fabric pillow scraps to bring that look all together!

Another idea is to make several and stitch them side by side for a table runner!

