

Celebration Candles Mug Rug



Size before quilting 9½" x 5½"

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Mug Rug Top: Nine 4" x 1½" strips of cotton 'candles' fabric
 Nine 4" x 1½" strips of background fabric

You will also need:

One 5" square of yellow/orange fabric for the flames

One 5" square of fusible webbing

One 13" x 9" rectangle of lightweight batting

One 11" x 7" rectangle cotton fabric for backing

1 yards of 1¼" binding fabric (i.e. bias binding or cotton strips)

Stranded embroidery thread if hand stitching

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General Instructions:

Read through all instructions before beginning.

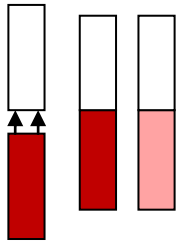
All seam allowances are ¼" and are included in cutting sizes.

When printing ensure you select 'Actual Size' on the print screen (sometimes referred to as scaling set to 'none'). A print-size-check-box is provided.

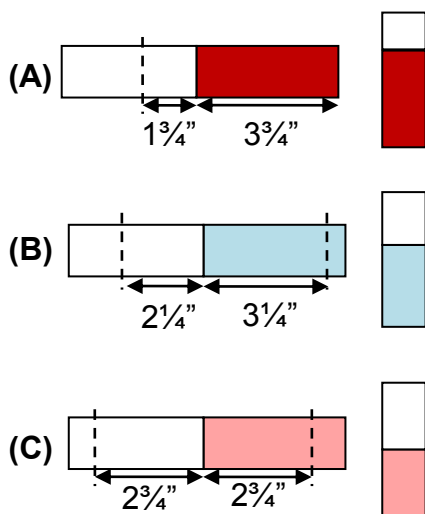
A note about batting

If using synthetic batting you should finger press throughout or use a very cool iron as some synthetics are not suitable for a hot press.

1. With right sides together stitch a background $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to each 'candle' $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip along the short side as shown. Press seams toward the candle fabric. Each strip should measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".



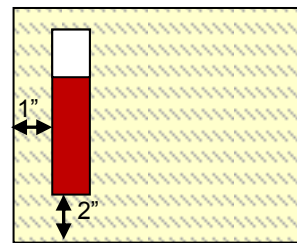
2. Trim three of the candle strips to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long with the candle section measuring $3\frac{3}{4}$ " and the background measuring $1\frac{3}{4}$ " long – see (A) below. Trim three strips to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long with the candle section measuring $3\frac{1}{4}$ " and the background measuring $2\frac{1}{4}$ " long – see (B) below. Trim the last three candle strips to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long with the candle section measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ " and the background also measuring $2\frac{3}{4}$ " – see (C) below. You should now have nine candle units each measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".



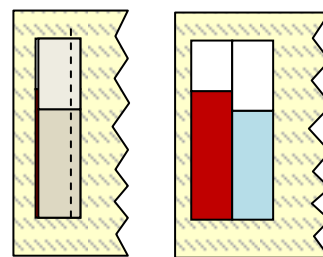
3. Arrange the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips in the order you wish them to appear on your mug rug top.

Tip: Place different size candles next to each other randomly along the row so that the candles do not look 'ordered' (see the photo on page 1 for an example).

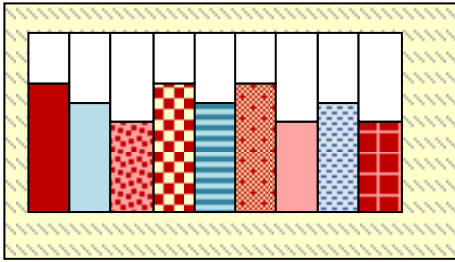
4. Lay the first candle strip, **right side facing up**, onto the 13 " x 9 " batting rectangle so that the bottom edge of the candle is 2 " up from the bottom of the batting and the left-hand side of the strip is 1 " from the left-hand edge of the batting.



5. Place the next strip, **right side facing down** onto the first strip, lining the strips up exactly. Pin securely in place. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance stitch along the right-hand edge of the strips, stitching through all layers. Press the two strips open.



6. Place another strip **right side facing down**, along the right-hand edge of the two stitched strips, pin and stitch as before. Press open. Continue to add the strips in this way until all nine candle strips are stitched onto the batting.



7. Trim the batting to the same size as the quilted mug rug top. Trim the candle rectangle if needed but try to ensure the candles remain as straight as possible.

8. Trace around the flame template below nine times onto the paper side of a 5" square of fusible webbing. Cut out the shapes roughly leaving approximately 1/4" around each shape.

I used a combination of both flame directions.

9. Following the manufacturer's instructions iron the fusible webbing cut-outs to the **WRONG** side of a 5" square of yellow fabric.

Tip: If you have used a dark background and you think this may show through the flames you could use felt or fuse two squares of yellow fabric together and treat as one.

10. Allow to cool before cutting out each flame accurately along the traced lines. Carefully remove the backing paper and position the flames onto the quilted candle patch so that there is a gap of 1/8"-1/4" between the candle and the flame as shown in the photo opposite.

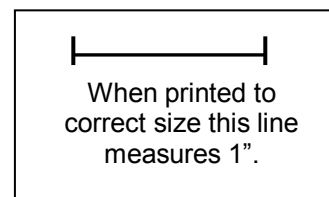
11. When happy with the placement, fuse and stitch the flames in place by hand or machine. This will also quilt the shapes in place at the same.

12. Create a wick by stitching from the top of each candle onto the bottom of each flame. If you are machine stitching sew three or four rows very close to each other for each wick. If hand-stitching the easiest way to create a wick is to use two strands of embroidery cotton and a simple long stitch. I used two long stitches per wick.



13. Lay the 11" x 7" backing rectangle, **wrong** side facing up and place the quilted mug rug centrally on top with **right** side facing up. Pin or tack the two together securely before trimming the backing to the same size as the mug rug top. Bind the mug rug using the binding method of your choice.

For details on binding methods visit the Mug Rug Basics section at www.thepatchsmith.blogspot.co.uk/.



FLAME APPLIQUÉ SHAPES