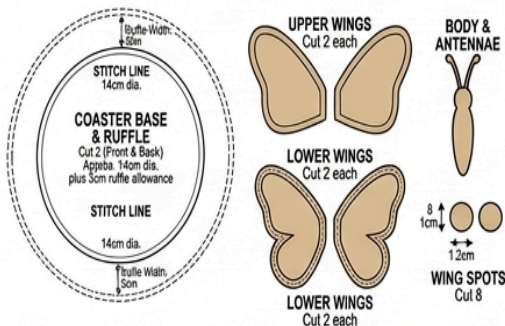


DIY Butterfly Coaster with Ruffled Base – Complete Sewing Tutorial

Create a beautiful butterfly-themed fabric coaster using the measurements shown in the template. This beginner-friendly sewing project combines a round ruffled coaster base with dimensional butterfly wings, a body, antennae, and decorative wing spots. Follow each step carefully and you'll be able to make a professional-looking butterfly coaster from start to finish.

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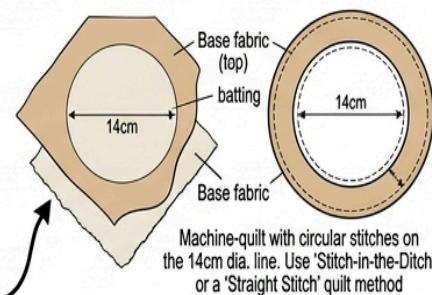
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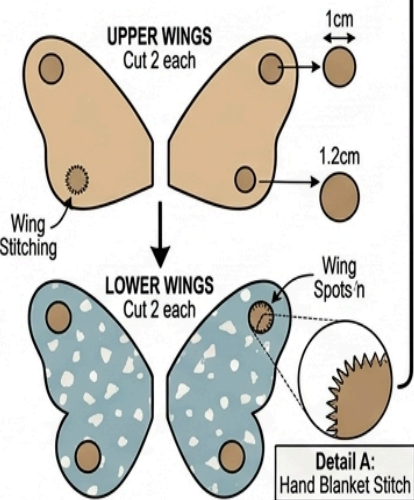
- Coaster Base (Front/Back) and Ruffle allowance:** Cotton fabric (use templates from <IMAGE 0>)
- Wings (Left/Right):** Patterned cotton (use templates)
- Body & Antennae:** Felt or solid cotton
- Wing Spots:** Felt (8 total, 1cm & 1.2cm)
- Batting:** Cotton or polyester (use 14cm dia. stitch line circle for size)
- Interfacing:** Lightweight fusible for wings (optional)

STEP 3: QUILT COASTER BASE

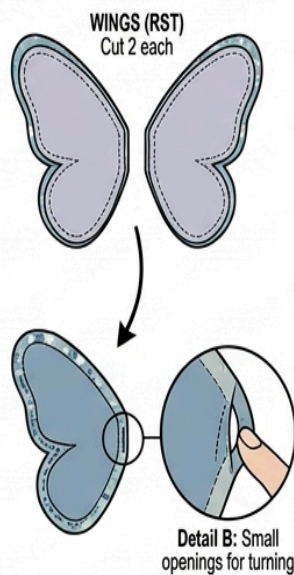


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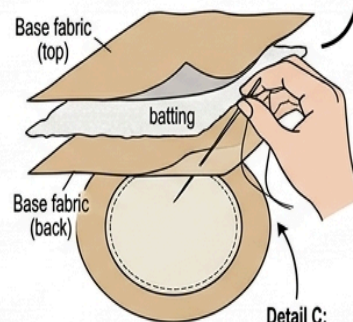
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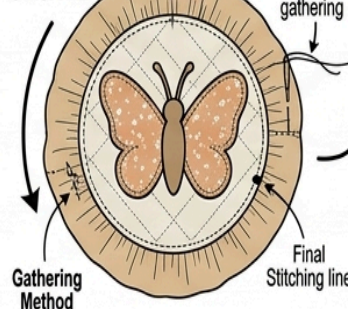
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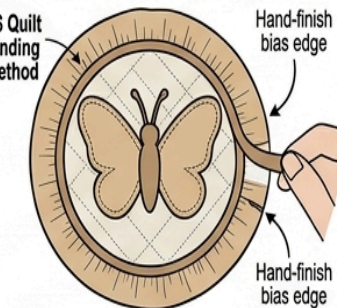
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STEP 4: ATTACH BUTTERFLY & RUFFLE



STEP 5: FINISHING EDGES



SEWING & QUILT METHOD GLOSSARY

- QUILT SANDWICH:** Layers of backing, batting, and top, basted before quilting.
- APPLIQUÉ (HAND OR MACHINE):** Sewing a shape onto a background fabric (e.g., Blanket Stitch, Satin Stitch).
- STITCH-IN-THE-DITCH:** Machine quilting in the seam line to make it invisible.
- RAW-EDGE APPLIQUÉ:** Leaving the fabric edge raw for texture (e.g., for Wing Spots).
- US QUILT BINDING:** Traditional method of enclosing quilt edges with a separate strip of fabric.
- GATHERING:** Using a long stitch to pull and create ruffles.

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Project Overview

This butterfly coaster consists of:

- A circular coaster base with a gathered ruffle
- Two upper wings
- Two lower wings
- One butterfly body with antennae
- Eight decorative wing spots
- Hand or machine stitching for assembly

Finished coaster base diameter: approximately 5.5 inches (14 cm)

Skill level: Beginner to Intermediate

Approximate completion time: 2–3 hours

Finished Size

Based on the template measurements:

- Coaster base: 14 cm (5.5 in) diameter
- Ruffle width: 3 cm (1.2 in)
- Upper wings: 10 cm (3.9 in) wingspan × 5 cm (2 in) height
- Lower wings: 9.5 cm (3.75 in) width × 10 cm (3.9 in) height
- Butterfly body: 6 cm (2.4 in) tall × 3 cm (1.2 in) wide
- Wing spots: 1.2 cm (0.5 in) diameter

Materials Needed

Fabric

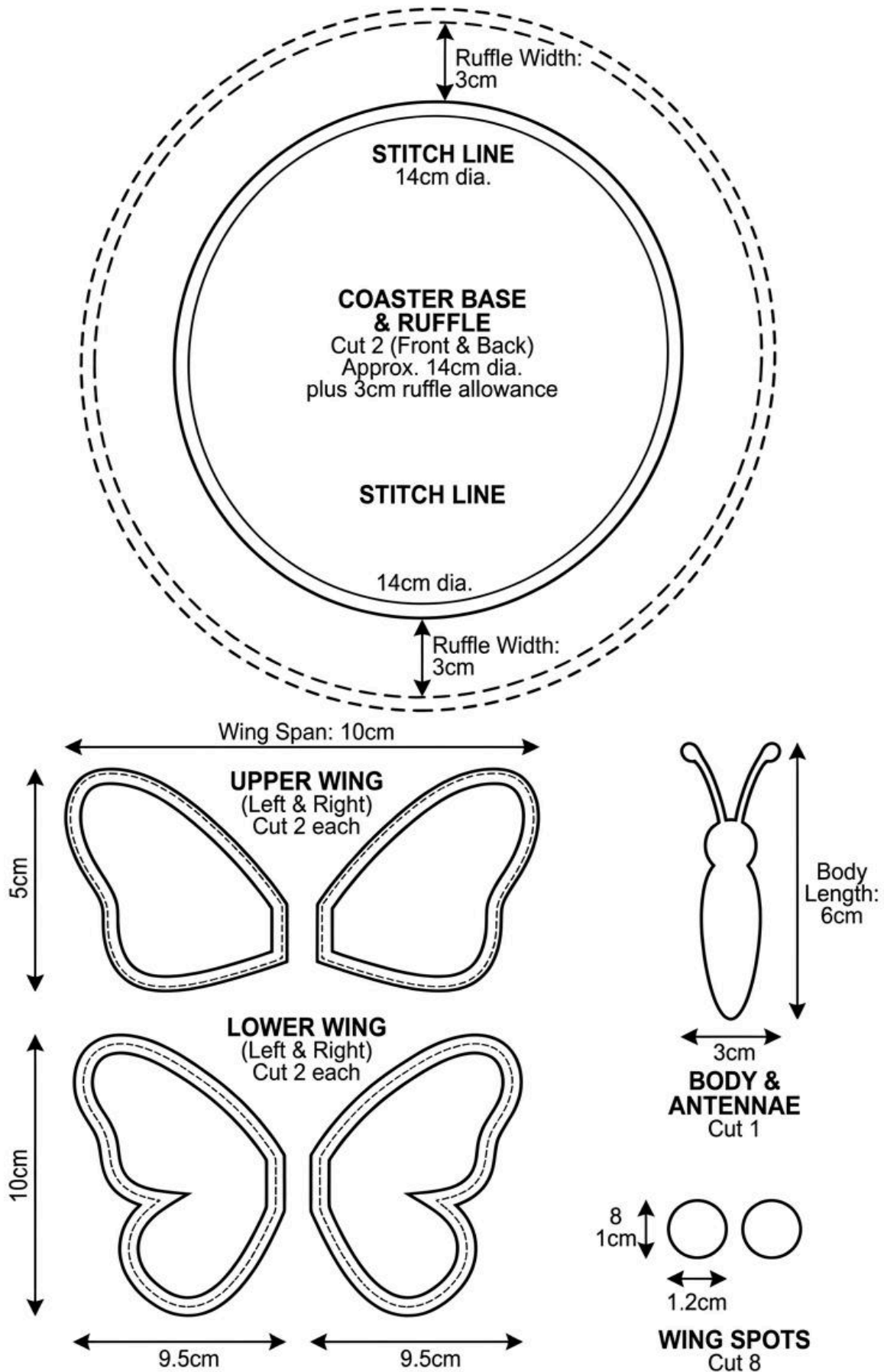
- Main fabric for coaster front
- Coordinating fabric for coaster back
- Fabric for butterfly wings
- Fabric for butterfly body
- Fabric scraps for wing spots

Stabilizers and Fillers

- Cotton batting
- Fusible fleece (optional)
- Lightweight interfacing (optional)

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Sewing Supplies

- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Fabric marker or chalk
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Iron and ironing board
- Thread matching your fabrics

Optional Decorative Supplies

- Embroidery thread
- Fabric glue
- Decorative topstitching thread
- Heat-erasable fabric pen

Understanding the Template

Before cutting any fabric, familiarize yourself with the pattern pieces.

Cut:

- 2 coaster circles (front and back)
- 2 left upper wings
- 2 right upper wings
- 2 left lower wings
- 2 right lower wings
- 1 body with antennae
- 8 wing spots

The dashed lines represent seam allowance or stitching guides shown in the template.

Step 1: Print and Prepare the Pattern

Print the template on A4 paper at 100% scale.

Important:

- Do not use "Fit to Page."
- Ensure the printed measurements match the dimensions shown.
- Verify the coaster circle measures 14 cm in diameter.

Carefully cut out all pattern pieces.

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Step 2: Choose and Coordinate Fabrics

For the best visual effect:

- Use one fabric for the coaster base.
- Choose contrasting fabrics for the wings.
- Select a darker fabric for the butterfly body.
- Pick coordinating fabrics for the wing spots.

Popular combinations include:

- Floral wings with a solid body
- Polka-dot wings with a contrasting base
- Pastel fabrics for spring-themed décor
- Bright colors for children's table settings

Press all fabrics before cutting.

Step 3: Cut the Coaster Base Pieces

Using the coaster base template:

Cut:

- 1 front circle
- 1 back circle

Each circle should include the additional 3 cm ruffle allowance shown on the pattern.

Transfer the stitch line marking onto the wrong side of the fabric if desired.

Step 4: Cut the Upper Wings

Using the upper wing templates:

Cut:

- 2 left upper wings
- 2 right upper wings

These pieces create front and back layers for each wing.

Mark the stitching lines if needed.

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Step 5: Cut the Lower Wings

Using the lower wing templates:

Cut:

- 2 left lower wings
- 2 right lower wings

Take your time around the curved sections to ensure smooth edges.

Accurate cutting will greatly improve the final appearance.

Step 6: Cut the Butterfly Body

Using the body template:

Cut:

- 1 body piece

If your fabric frays easily, apply lightweight interfacing to the wrong side before cutting.

The antennae are included as part of this piece.

Step 7: Cut the Wing Spots

Using the spot template:

Cut:

- 8 circles

You can use:

- Matching fabric
- Contrasting fabric
- Felt
- Glitter fabric
- Appliqué fabric

Set aside until assembly.

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Step 8: Prepare the Wing Pieces

Place matching upper wing pieces right sides together.

Sew around the perimeter, leaving the straight inner edge open.

Repeat for all upper wings.

Place matching lower wing pieces right sides together.

Sew around the perimeter, leaving the straight inner edge open.

Trim seam allowances around curves.

Turn right side out.

Carefully shape the curves with a turning tool or blunt pencil.

Press flat.

Step 9: Topstitch the Wings

Topstitch approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3 mm) from the edge around each wing.

This step:

- Creates a professional finish
- Helps the wings hold their shape
- Adds decorative detail

Press again after stitching.

Step 10: Attach the Wing Spots ✨

Arrange the eight wing spots evenly across the wings.

A common layout is:

- Two spots on each upper wing
- Two spots on each lower wing

Pin in place.

Attach using either:

- Appliqué stitching
- Zigzag stitching
- Hand whip stitching
- Fabric glue

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Press carefully.

Step 11: Prepare the Butterfly Body

Fold seam allowances under around the body piece.

Press thoroughly.

If desired, lightly stuff the body with a small amount of batting for dimension.

Topstitch around the edge.

You may also embroider simple details such as:

- Body segments
- Decorative lines
- Small facial features

Step 12: Create the Ruffled Coaster Base

Take one coaster circle.

Sew two rows of long gathering stitches around the outer edge within the 3 cm ruffle section.

Gently pull the bobbin threads.

Gather evenly until the ruffle forms all around the circle.

Distribute gathers uniformly.

The ruffle should extend approximately 3 cm beyond the stitch line as shown in the template.

Press lightly without flattening the gathers.

Step 13: Add Batting to the Coaster

Cut one circle of batting slightly smaller than the finished coaster diameter.

Place batting centered on the wrong side of the coaster front.

Baste in place if necessary.

This provides:

- Insulation
- Structure
- A more professional finish

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Step 14: Position the Butterfly Wings

Lay the coaster front on your work surface.

Arrange the wings:

- Upper wings near the top center
- Lower wings slightly below
- Inner wing edges meeting near the center

Adjust until symmetrical.

Pin securely.

Check placement from multiple angles before sewing.

Step 15: Sew the Wings to the Coaster

Stitch along the inner straight edges of the wings.

You may:

- Machine stitch
- Hand stitch

Only sew the inner edges.

Leave the outer wing edges free.

This creates a dimensional butterfly effect.

Step 16: Attach the Butterfly Body

Center the body over the wing junction.

The body should cover the inner wing edges.

Pin in place.

Topstitch around the entire body.

Take extra care around the antennae.

Secure all stitching thoroughly.

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Step 17: Assemble the Coaster Front and Back

Place coaster front and coaster back right sides together.

Ensure the ruffle remains tucked inside.

Pin around the entire edge.

Sew along the marked 14 cm stitch line shown in the template.

Leave a 2–3 inch turning opening.

Step 18: Turn and Shape the Coaster

Turn the coaster right side out through the opening.

Carefully shape the circle.

Push out all curves evenly.

Check that:

- Wings are positioned correctly
- Ruffle is evenly distributed
- Body lies flat

Press carefully.

Avoid crushing the ruffle.

Step 19: Close the Opening

Fold the raw edges inward.

Press.

Close using:

- Ladder stitch (recommended)
- Slip stitch
- Narrow machine topstitch

Make the closure as invisible as possible.

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Step 20: Final Pressing and Finishing Touches ✨

Give the entire coaster a final press.

Use steam carefully around the wings and ruffle.

Inspect for:

- Loose threads
- Uneven gathers
- Missed stitches
- Wrinkles

Trim any remaining thread tails.

Your butterfly coaster is now complete.

Optional Customization Ideas

You can personalize your butterfly coaster by:

- Adding embroidered names
- Using metallic thread
- Sewing decorative beads
- Creating seasonal color themes
- Adding lace to the ruffle
- Quilting the coaster base
- Using felt instead of woven cotton

Care Instructions

- Hand wash recommended
- Mild detergent only
- Lay flat to dry
- Iron on low heat
- Avoid bleaching products

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Tips for Success

- Press after every major sewing step.
- Clip curves before turning wing pieces.
- Use matching thread for a cleaner finish.
- Test stitches on fabric scraps first.
- Pin generously when assembling the butterfly.
- Distribute ruffle gathers evenly for a balanced look.

With careful cutting, pressing, and stitching, you'll create a charming butterfly coaster that works beautifully as a table accessory, handmade gift, craft fair item, or seasonal home decoration. 