

moda BAKESHOP

Original Recipe



Hot Java French Press Insulating Sleeve by Mary Lane Brown

The Moda Bake Shop is full of Jelly Rolls, Honey Buns, and Layer Cakes...now it's time for some coffee to wash it all down. I'm going to show you how to make an insulating sleeve for your French press (which makes the BEST coffee in my opinion) to keep your coffee piping hot. Even if you don't drink coffee or have someone who'd like this as a gift, I hope you enjoy learning about the one seam flying geese block...that's right, ONE SEAM!

Ingredients:

1/4 yard fabric or fat quarter
1-2 layer cake slices OR 8 charm squares
14.5" x 5.5" batting scrap (can use insulated batting if desired...do not use your good scissors on it, though!)

Garnishes (optional):

3.75" piece of hook and loop tape (5/8" width used here)

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Instructions:



Cut the following from your 1/4 yd piece:

14.5" x 5.5" for backing (x1)

2.5" x 5.5" strip for ends (x2)

3" x 5.5" rectangles for your geese (x4)



Now cut (8) 3" squares for your geese backgrounds. I chose 2 prints, but if you want the same print, you can use just 1 layer cake slice.

The rectangles will become your geese; the squares will become your background.



Now I am going to show you how to create the One Seam Flying Geese Block. I didn't invent this method; it is probably older than I am. I chose it because I love the look and the little pockets are just the right size for your sweetener or sugar packets.



Layer in the following order:

Bottom: 3" background square, right side facing UP

Middle: 3"x 5.5" rectangle, folded with wrong sides facing (right sides out)

Top: 3" background square, right side facing DOWN

Now sew a 1/4" seam on the side. The fold of your rectangular fabric should be at the top.



Press ONE of your side seams down. Do not press the fold of the rectangular fabric or you will end up with a crease in your geese!

Take your finger and spread your geese fabric out and press.



Trim up the bottom of your block if you need to from behind (using your background fabric as your guide).



Sew your units together. You can sew them into diamonds, but I chose to have them pointing the same directions.



Attach your 2.5"x 5.5" strips to each end and press.



Center your hook and loop tape 1/2" from the edge. You will want your hook and loop tape to be on opposite sides. Stitch around the perimeter of your hook and loop tape and make sure your top thread matches your hook and loop tape for the most finished look.



Layer in the following order:
Bottom: Batting
Middle: Backing (Right side UP), Velcro on the Left Side
Top: Pieced Side (Right Side DOWN), Velcro on Right Side.

Pin this sandwich together and sew around the edge, leaving 3" on one side for turning out.

Snip corners. You may want to cut a notch out of your batting at the opening (size of opening x 1/4" deep).



Turn out and close your opening with an invisible stitch. I used a ladder stitch.

Quilt or top stitch as desired. Keep in mind if you quilt over your geese, the pocket will no longer open.

Yield:



1 French Press Insulating Sleeve that will keep your coffee warm and your French Press protected in case of falls. If you launder your sleeve, make sure your hook and loop tape is fastened together in the wash or all the lint will weaken the grip.

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