

# **Ugly Sweater Coasters — Make & Take Instructions**

Fast, funny, and scrap-happy! Each coaster finishes about **5" wide** and is perfect for holiday mugs.

## **What you need (per coaster)**

- Scraps of **holiday fabric** for the sweater collar & sleeves
- **“ugly” decorations**
- **1 fabric square** for the background: **5½" x 5½"**
- **1 square batting: 5½" x 5½"**
- **1 fabric backing square: 5½" x 5½"**
- Thread
- Basic sewing supplies

## **Cutting**

### **Sweater pieces**

- Sleeves: **2 rectangles 3" x 2.5"**
- Collar: **1 rectangle 5" x 2"**
- Background: **5½" square**
- Batting: **5½" square**
- Backing: **5½" square**

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## **Piecing the Sweater Top**

1. **Make the sleeves:** Fold the 3" x 2.5" rectangle in half RST (the fold will be along the 2.5" side. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ " SA, sew two of the edges, leaving one 3" edge unsewn to be able to turn it right side out. Turn and press.
2. **Make the collar:** Fold the 5" x 2" collar piece in half along the 5" side RST. Sew both short ends. Turn right side out and press.





### 3. Putting it all together.

- Place batting square on table. Put sweater front square right side up. Sew a seam (optional) vertically to join the batting and the front together. Place sleeves on the right and left sides, in toward the middle, angled down. Add collar to the top center finished side down toward the middle



### 4. Assembling and Finishing up the Coaster

- Place the coaster back RST with the sweater top. Beginning on the bottom edge about an inch from the corner, start sewing around the edge of the coaster. Leave about a 2.5" opening to be able to turn the coaster right side out. Backstitch at the beginning and the end to secure the threads. Trim corners before turning.



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## Optional way to Quilt + Finish

### 1. Quilt through all layers.

Easy options:

- Stitch around the sweater outline
- Add a few rows of quilting in the background
- Simple cross-hatch lines

### 2. Trim coaster to **5" square** (or leave $5\frac{1}{2}"$ if you like a bigger coaster).

### 3. Bind OR finish knife-edge style.

#### Quick knife-edge finish (fastest for make-and-take):

- Stitch around the edge with a  **$\frac{1}{4}"$  seam**, leaving a **2"** opening.
- Clip corners, turn right side out, press.
- Topstitch close to the edge to close opening and make it crisp.

## Make It Ugly (the fun part)

Add any combo of:

- Tiny **fabric strips** for stripes
- Little **triangles/diamonds** for cheesy patterns
- **Ric-rac** or ribbon
- Mini **appliquéd trees, stars, hearts, snowflakes**
- A **wonky pocket**
- A couple silly buttons (secure well)

### How to add decorations:

- If using fabric shapes, either raw-edge stitch them down (straight stitch or zigzag), **or** fuse first with fusible web and then stitch.

The rule: **more is more**. If it feels like “too much,” you’re doing it right.

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## Optional “extra ugly” ideas

- Add a tiny pom-pom “snowball”
- Stitch a little crooked hanging ornament
- Use metallic thread for sparkle
- Make mismatched sleeves on purpose