



Fabric Thimble Instructions

Cut out the thimble template (left). Cut out a piece of decorative fabric larger than twice the size of the template. Cut out a 2-inch square of fusible web such as HeatnBond. Fold the fabric in half, wrong sides together. Insert the square of fusible web into the fold of the fabric face down until it meets the crease. Unfold the fabric and iron on the fusible web. Take the paper backing off, refold the fabric, and fuse the two layers together with the iron. Position the template on the fabric so that the bottom edge is lined up with the fold. Cut around the outer line.

To prepare the other side of the thimble, fold a contrasting piece of fabric in half with wrong sides facing each other. Cut out another 2-inch square of fusible web and insert it into the fold of the fabric. Unfold the fabric and iron on the fusible web; take off the paper backing. Cut out a piece of leather (or other stiff material such as Timtex) in the shape of the inner solid line of the template. Insert and center it in the fold with the straight end aligned with the fold. Refold the fabric and fuse the two layers together with the iron. Position the template so that the leather piece lines up with the inner line and so that the bottom edge of the template is lined up with the fold. Cut around the outer line.

Put the two pieces together with right sides facing each other. Sew around the dashed line. Lightly cover the raw edges with a liquid seam sealant. Turn the thimble right side out by pinching the tip and rolling down the bottom edge. Use a knitting needle or chopstick to smooth out the seam allowance inside the thimble.

Decorative options



Using enough fabric to fit into a hoop, embroider a design. Carefully position the template over the design before cutting it out.

Bead or embellish fabric and position template accordingly.

Couch embroidery thread around the seam.

Couch embroidery thread and/or bead around the bottom edge.

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