



Mugrug by PAULA BARNES



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My Mug Rug is a quick and simple “Quilt as you go” style project featuring seventeen of my favorite “Paula Barnes Companions”.
Once your mug rug is pieced it is ready for binding.

What you need (or what I used):

Fat quarter for backing and binding

9 1/2” square of cotton batting

4 1/2” square print of your choice for block center

(4) 5” squares for corners (cut in half diagonally)

(12) Assorted 1 1/2” wide strips (refer to diagram for cut sizes)

Thread to match the backing fabric

Straight pins

From the fat quarter cut a 12” square for backing and (3) 1 7/8” wide strips for straight binding.

Please note: We cut our binding 1 7/8” wide to finish at 1/4”. If you like a wider binding you will need to adjust the width accordingly.



Note these are the sizes that worked for me starting in the corner.

If you start in the center you will need to adjust the sizes of the strips you cut. If you do this, I would suggest you cut as you go measuring each time you need to add a strip.

The corners are added last.

Hint: I starched my fabric before cutting to prevent any stretching as I sewed.

I used a regular 1/4” sewing machine foot but you may also want to try using a walking foot.

I also pinned the center square to the batting and backing and the start and end of the strip that I was adding.



Let's get started!

- Layer backing, batting and 4 1/2" center square. You may place your center square anywhere you want on the batting. I put mine on point in the corner.



- Pin the center square to the batting and batting.
- Pin the first strip (1 1/2" x 4 12") to the center square.
- Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance.
- Press all seams away from the center square.

- Pin the second strip and sew.
- Continue counter clockwise to add the remaining strips.





- Add the corners last.



- After corners are added and pressed, trim the piece to 9".
- Add binding, grab a hot cup of cocoa and enjoy.