
MINI or MICRO QUILTS – Using Fast2Fuse Heavyweight

Fast2Fuse is a product with fusible material on both sides. The Heavyweight variety is thick enough to function as the batting and stiffening for a quilt. This means that you don't have to do any binding or quilting in making your project. Your item is stiff enough to prop on a plate stand and light enough to hang on the wall.

PROJECT IDEAS

1. Postcards – You can write or print the address and message on one side, while letting your pieced, appliqued or embellished block adorn the other. Standard First Class Rates (not postcard rates) apply. The Postal Service will deliver!
2. Quiltlets – Can be hung on a wall using one pin or 3M removable hanger, or they can be displayed on a plate stand. Usually 16" or smaller, they do not have to be bound or quilted – making them super quick to piece or applique. Here are some ideas:
 - Consider using that orphan block that you already have.
 - Make 2-4 with coordinating blocks and hang them in a grouping as wall tiles.
 - You don't even need to sew a block – just use wonderful fabric.
 - For a nice commemorative gift – have everybody sign the back.
 - Perfect to send to deployed military personnel, as they can be hung or stored anywhere.
3. Gift Tags – Use holiday fabric on one side and print the "To" & "From" on the other. They really dress up a package and cost next to nothing. They can be gathered up and re-used the next year!
4. Coasters and Chargers – There are no limits to how beautiful you can make these. The good news is that there is no binding or quilting to make them bumpy.
5. Bags, Totes, Boxes & Bowls – Use this anyplace where stiffening and batting and adhesion are required – it is all in one.

TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE YOUR PROJECT

1. Fast2Fuse Heavyweight can be purchased in craft packs, by the yard or bolt.
2. Since both sides are fusible, you will need to position both the front and back fabrics at the same time **OR** use a Teflon pressing sheet on the underside.
3. Use a thin press cloth to safeguard the face of your project from scorching or shining when pressing.
4. Cut the Fast2Fuse slightly larger than the finished size of your block. After your top & back are affixed, trim all three layers to the same size. Don't iron the Fast2Fuse directly – finish pressing the edges after trimming.
5. If making several cards, tags or coasters, consider cutting them out AFTER the fabric has been fused. Less work and the edges will be cleaner.
6. Although you can bind in the traditional manner – Consider these alternative edges:
 - a. The edges (if trimmed and pressed well) can be left unfinished. They will stay neat for a long time.
 - b. If you don't want the white edge showing, consider using a felt-tip marker to color them in.
 - c. Sew lace or rick rack along the perimeter, letting it extend past the edge.
 - d. A zig zag or satin stitch around the outside adds a nice finishing touch.
 - e. Use a zig zag stitch to affix cording or piping all along the edges. Make a loop to use for hanging.