





Do all quilters have little piles of thread all over the house? I know I do! There are some by my sewing table, some on the couch arm, and, unfortunately, way too many wrapped around my vacuum cleaner! I made this easily portable thread catcher to use as a little nest for all the bits of thread. I keep it next to my sewing machine when I'm working there and then bring it with me when I'm doing handwork. It keeps all those little pieces of thread nice and tidy! This project finishes at 6" square.

Ingredients:

1 10" square of fabric (you can use a single square from a Layer Cake or a piece of a fat quarter)

One 5 3/4"" piece of Timtex or heavy weight interfacing

One 5 3/4" piece of fusible web

Two 1 3/4" squares of fusible web

Four 1 1/2" by 3/4" pieces of fusible web

One 5 1/2" square of batting



Instructions:

Fuse the 5 3/4" piece of fusible web to the Timtex. Center the piece of Timtex on the fabric square. You should have 2 1/8 inches of fabric on each side of the Timtex. Press, fusing the fabric, webbing, and Timtex.



Fold each corner so that the corner of the fabric is about 1/8" away from the corner of the Timtex.

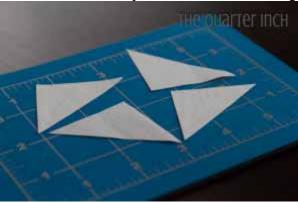


Fold the corner of the fabric again so the fabric overlaps the Timtex. An equal bit of fabric should hang over each edge. The bottom of the fold should be about 1/8" from the corner of the Timtex.





Cut the two 1 3/4" squares of fusible web diagonally so you have four triangles.



Fuse the triangles to the corners, on top of the folded fabric.



Take the four 1 1/2" by 3/4" pieces of fusible web and place them against the raw edge of the fabric.



Remove the paper from the fusible web. Fold the fabric over. The raw edge should be about 1/8" from the edge of the Timtex. Press to fuse.



Remove the fusible web from the corners. Fold the fabric over so that the edges of the folded fabric meet. Press well.



Ease the piece of batting underneath the fabric. When the batting becomes worn out, remove and place a new square 5 1/2" square of batting.



Yield:

This thread catcher finishes at about 6" square.

Enjoy using your new thread catcher! May your tables, rugs and furniture be free of thread piles! Christine Weld

thequarterinch.blogspot.com