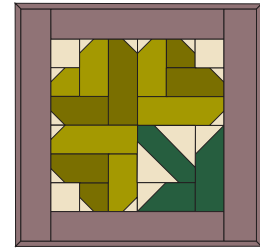


March Meeting Demo *and* Discussion Outline

- Download for your members **March Meeting Project - Shamrock Trivet** on thimbleberriesquiltclub.com
- Discuss safe battings that can be used for trivets/pot holders. We use Insul-Bright batting.
- Remind members to read “**Catching Up Newsletter**” on thimbleberries.com
- Curved binding techniques on the **Blossoms Go Round Table Topper** (page 17)



Serve **Andes Brownies and Golden Tea Punch** (Pattern Party book, pages 12 and 8)

- Demo **Bias Binding Technique** used on the **Blossom Go Round** table topper on page 17 in the **Pattern Party book**.

Specifically give tips on navigating the inner corners of the scallop and the necessity of cutting the binding on the bias.

- Demo cutting Bias strips.
- As always, a sample will inspire your members so be sure to have a few kits made available the day of the meeting. The samples can use any selection of fabrics... your choice. Take advantage of all of these extras that will continue to make your shop a special place to be on Club day.

In The Spotlight . . .

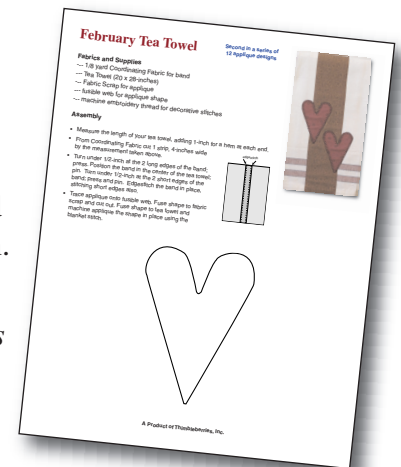
12 Fun Applique Designs for Tea Towels!

Each month a new applique design for a **Tea Towel** is posted on the **Home page** of **Thimbleberries.com**.

At your next Club Meeting...

- Demo the various applique techniques that can be used.
- Stock tea towels in your shop and hand out this **FREE** applique pattern.

Your members will love gifting this quick and inexpensive tea towel project to friends and family.



Hand out these instructions to Club members for easy reference during your demonstration.

Attaching Binding to Scalloped Edges (taken from Pattern Party book - page 17)

A gentle scallop should be fairly easy to bind if you follow these suggestions.

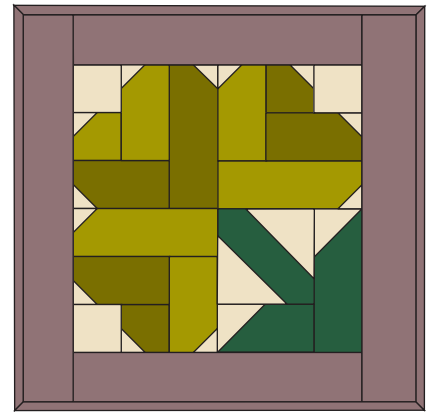
- Always use bias binding for a nice, smooth binding around curves. Pin the raw edge of the bias binding to the edge of the table topper. Do not pin the entire binding on, but just a few inches ahead as you stitch the binding in place. As you stitch, gently ease a little extra binding onto the curved edge. This will prevent the scalloped edges from “cupping” when finished. This happens when the binding is accidentally stretched as it is sewn on.
- At the inside point of the scallops, with your needle in the down position, raise your presser foot so that you can maneuver the table topper and binding slightly. Lower the presser foot and continue stitching. With the tip of a pin or needle, push the edge of the binding strip, making sure it continues to meet the edge of the table topper.
- Trim the end of the binding so it can be tucked inside of the beginning binding about 1/2-inch. Finish stitching the seam.
- Turn the folded edge of the binding over the raw edges and to the back of the table topper so that the stitching line does not show. Slip stitch the binding to the back side of the table topper by hand.

Shamrock Trivet

16-inches

Fabrics and Supplies

- 1/8 yard **each** of (3) **GREEN PRINTS** for block
- 1/4 yard fabric for shamrock background
- 3/4 yard fabric for border, binding, backing
- 18" square **Insul-Bright™** for batting



16-inches

Love Me Tender Part 1 (pages 6/7) -

Referring to instructions for **Heart Flower Blocks**, make 1 Heart Flower Block.

Cutting for Heart Flower Block

From **LIGHT GREEN PRINT**:

- Cut 1, 2-1/2 x 44" strip. From strip cut: (2) 2-1/2 x 6-1/2" rectangles, (3) 2-1/2 x 4-1/2" rectangles, and (1) 2-1/2" square

From **MEDIUM GREEN PRINT**:

- Cut 1, 2-1/2 x 44" strip. From strip cut: (1) 2-1/2 x 6-1/2" rectangle, (3) 2-1/2 x 4-1/2" rectangles, and (2) 2-1/2" squares

From **DARK GREEN PRINT** for stem/leaves:

- Cut 1, 2-1/2 x 44" strip. From strip cut: (1) 2-1/2 x 6-1/2" rectangle, (1) 2-1/2 x 4-1/2" rectangle, and (1) 1-3/4 x 7" stem rectangle

From **BEIGE PRINT**:

- Cut 1, 4 x 44" strip. From strip cut: (1) 4" square. Cut in half diagonally. Also cut: (5) 2-1/2" squares and (12) 1-1/2" squares

Assembly - Referring to trivet diagram, sew the units together; press. At this point the heart flower block should measure 12-1/2" square.

Cutting for Finishing the Trivet

From **border** fabric cut: (2) 2-1/2 x 44" strips

From **backing/binding** fabric cut: (1) 22" backing square and (4) 2-3/4 x 22" binding strips

Refer to page 11 for **Outer Border, Putting It All Together**, and **Binding** instructions.