

1450 Ocean - Made By Hand Project - Log Slice Felt Coaster

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veryone who cares about their furniture needs coasters.

Not only are they a necessary home accessory, they also make great housewarming gifts! Try this fun project that takes only about an hour.

Supplies for two coasters:

- Cutting mat and rotary cutter or sharp sewing scissors
- Ruler (try a metal cork-backed one)
- Fabric glue with pointed applicator
- Wool/rayon felt: 1/8 yard each of cream or beige, fawn or tan, and brown or walnut color; to make additional coasters, purchase extra cream-colored felt



Fun WITH FELT



STEP 1: Cut eight cream, three fawn, and two brown strips of felt, 19" long by 1/2" wide. Eyeballing the strips should be fine, just try to keep the widths consistent. If using a rotary cutter, watch your fingers, use a mat, and cut in one long movement rather than back-and-forth.

STEP 2: Start in the center by taking a cream strip, applying a bead of glue down the center of the strip quite close to the end, and start to roll. You may get a little glue on your fingers but try not to spread it on the front of the coaster—the edges are fine! You want a continuous application of glue as you wrap—just a small line down the center that shouldn't spill over to the sides.

STEP 3: Once your center is less than 1/2" wide, take a small piece of fawn-colored fabric and lay that in with a line of glue so it wraps about once around the center. It may be easier not to cut your center cream strip but rather glue the fawn colored-strip and add glue on top of it to continue with the cream color. When it looks right, add another piece of fawn so it wraps around the center once, and keep doing this as you build



up the "wheel." Don't worry if the strips are overlapping, aren't quite reaching around, or are otherwise not matching because you're going for the organic look of growth rings interspersed with the light color of the wood.



STEP 4: Continue gluing a long bead down the center of the felt strips as you wrap. Again, try not to let the glue pool or spill over the edges. As you wrap, you'll use more cream than fawn. The cream will wrap around several times with the fawn only once or a little less. Go with what looks good to you!

STEP 5: Once your coaster is about 3 1/2" in diameter, take a strip of brown felt and glue it around the outer edge as the "bark." You can also take shorter pieces of brown felt and randomly glue those along the edge to add texture. Let the coaster dry overnight before using. That's it. You're done!



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