

This is a very sweet way to give the gift of a hot drink this cold winter season...perfect for making a favorite cup of hot cocoa or coffee extra special for a friend or teacher one chilly morning...

And the best bit about these fabric sleeve is that they feel cozy and are reusable too – it's a little gift that keeps on giving!



These are fun and very affordable to make – you simply need a piece of felt that you can pick up for just 29c a sheet at Walmart or your local craft store plus fabric of your choice – I am using that gorgeous fabric from Deck the Halls that you can find in the Holiday Mini Catalog on pg 16.

There are some beautiful festive patterns in that pack...and I trimmed it using Cherry Cobbler Seam Binding

You can slip your sleeve onto a one-time use cup from a coffee shop or you can size it to fit a reusable cup, again those you can find in all big box stores right now.

To use for a template, you will need a coffee sleeve – the type that you can find in coffee shops...gently pull it apart and open it out...for reference, my cup above is a Starbucks Grande size...



Take your piece of felt and draw around your template onto it using a permanent marker...



Take a pair of sharp Fabric Scissors and cut out your felt shape making sure to cut inside the lines that you drew on the felt...



Test fit it for size – wrap your felt piece around a cup which is the size you intend to use for your gift...



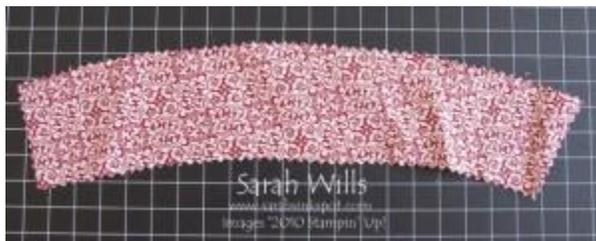
And make sure that the ends meet at the back and overlap...



Next take your piece of patterned fabric and again draw around your template using a permanent marker...



Cut out your shape being sure to cut approximately 1/4" inside the line you drew – I used Pinking Shears to reduce the need for sewing and to give it a cute shaped edge...



Lay it onto of your felt and see how it looks – you can trim more if desired...



Now to attach your fabric – you can stitch it in place or if you don't have a sewing machine or don't sew, you can use the Fabric Adhesive Roll that you can find on pg 17 of the Holiday Mini Catalog – I chose to stitch mine in place...



When your patterned fabric is attached to the felt base, wrap it around the cup and when in the correct position, secure with a pin...



Sew a line of stitches to secure the two pieces together...



And there is your sleeve – a nice snug fit on the cup and it slides off easily to re-use...



You can leave your sleeve like that or you can embellish it – I chose to add a piece of Cherry Cobbler Seam Binding to mine and tied a bow in front – I chose not to stitch it in place so that the recipient can remove it if wished for easier use of their cup...



I also added a sentiment that I made using a stamp from the set Tiny Tags – I punched it out using the Jewelry Tag and attached it to my bow using Linen Thread...that snowflake? Still available in the Little Felt Flurries pack that you can find on sale in the Clearance Rack...



I love how it turned out and plan to make lots more for friends and teachers...have fun making them and I'd love to see your creations...

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