# Watermelon TRIVETS





Makes (3) trivets, approx. 101/2" diameter each

### REQUIRED MATERIALS....

- 100 feet 100% cotton clothesline
- ½ yard pink/red batik
- ¼ yard light green batik
- ½ yard medium green batik
- (54) pre-fused laser cut watermelon seeds
   OR Ultra Hold Heat N Bond and scraps of black fabric
- pink and green threads
- water soluble or washable glue stick

#### CUT MATERIALS.....

From **cotton clothesline**, cut:

• (3) 11 yard ropes

From pink/red batik, cut:

• (33) 1" × 21" strips - divide into (3) groups of (11) each

From light green batik, cut:

• (12) 1" × 21" strips - divide into (3) groups of (4) each

From medium green batik, cut:

• (33) 1" × 21" strips - divide into (3) groups of (11) each

#### RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

- Sewline Fabric Glue Pen
- Clover Wonder Clips
- Clover Fine Quilting Pins Size 30
- Schmetz Super Nonstick Needles Size 90/14

  All available at Shabby Fabrics\*.com

As seen on our HOW TO MAKE WATERMELON TRIVETS

video featured on our YouTube channel:



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## PREPARE FABRIC ROPE\_







Begin with pink/red batik. Using glue to adhere fabric to rope, fold fabric over the end of the rope at a 45° angle to cover the end completely.



Wrap fabric down the length of the rope at an angle, overlapping about ½ of the previous round with each new wrap. At the end of the strip, glue end to rope to secure. Start the next fabric strip overlapping about 1" of the previous piece.

Continue to add a total of (11) pink/red strips, followed by (4) light green strips. Finally, add medium green strips until all rope is covered.



When rope is completely covered, trim away excess fabric, and apply glue to the end of the final fabric strip.



Fold fabric over the end to completely cover the end of the rope.

Make a total of (3) fabric-covered ropes.

#### SEW COILS\_\_



Starting at the pink/red end, tightly coil rope until diameter of the coil is about 1½". Secure with (2) pins.



Using a straight stitch, sew an X shape across the coil. Remove pins.



Set sewing machine to a zig-zag stitch (we used a 5.0 width and 3.5 length). Using pink thread, starting near the center, zig-zag across the gap between each row of fabric-covered rope coils. The rope feeding the coil must enter from the right side so that as the trivet increases in size, it will increase to the left of the presser foot.

When the pink section is complete, change thread to green, and continue to sew coil.



With approximately 4" of rope remaining, fold the rope end toward the coil to create a loop. Zig-zag the end of the loop, connecting it to the coil. Reverse stitch to reinforce, then zig-zag over the gap.

Make a total of (3) coils.

# APPLIQUÉ.....

If you are using a Shabby Fabrics kit, your pre-fused laser cut shapes are ready to use. Skip ahead to  $\bigstar$ .

Refer to diagram *(right)*. Follow fusible manufacturer's instructions to prepare seed shapes (18 per trivet).

★Carefully peel paper backing from back of seed shapes. Arrange as desired on trivet, and press to fuse in place.

Ultra Hold Heat n Bond is a strong adhesive, and no appliqué stitching is required.



