



quilted china keepers

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Quilting cotton – refer to directions for yardage required
- Batting - refer to directions for yardage required or Quilted fabric - refer to directions for yardage required
- Paper for pattern
- Flexible tape measure
- 1/4 yd Clear vinyl
- 3/4 yd contrast fabric to make piping
- Cording (or matching packaged piping) - refer to directions for yardage required
- Felt for dividers - refer to directions for yardage required
- Zipper (at least 2" longer than 1/2 the circumference)
- Quilter's chalk pencil
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine

DIRECTIONS:

Quilted china storage is designed for storing your particular size, shape and quantity of dishes. Select colors that coordinate with the dishes or decor for a personalized look. Directions given are for making the quilted fabric but purchased double faced quilted fabric can be used saving some time.

Measure dishes:

Large plates:	Diameter _____	Circumference _____	Height of stack _____
Medium plates:	Diameter _____	Circumference _____	Height of stack _____
Small plates:	Diameter _____	Circumference _____	Height of stack _____
Large bowls:	Diameter _____	Circumference _____	Height of stack _____
Small bowls:	Diameter _____	Circumference _____	Height of stack _____

Make paper patterns:

For top and bottom draw a circle of plate diameter + 2" (1/2" seam allowance and extra space)

For side, draw a rectangle that is 2" longer than the plate circumference and 2 1/2" higher than stack measurement.

Determine fabric yardage:

Add approx 4" to each measurement (to allow for quilting) and sketch placement on paper to determine yardage needed. Be sure to account for two sides and four top/bottom pieces for each keeper when making the quilted fabric. Batting will only need half as much yardage.

(Approx 4 yards of fabric are needed for a 12" round dinner plate, 8" plate and a 6" plate or 2 yards of purchased double faced quilted fabric)

Quilting fabric:

1. Cut 4 squares 2-3" larger than the top and bottom circle and 2 pieces 2-3" larger than the side pattern.
2. Cut batting to go between.
3. If desired, mark quilting lines on right side of one piece with quilter's chalk pencil (this will be the inside of the china keeper).
4. Sandwich batting between two pieces and machine quilt.
5. Cut patterns from quilted pieces.

Piping:

1. Cut a bias strip of fabric 1½" wide and the circumference of plate plus four inches, then double the length. Cut cording the same length.
2. Cover cord to make the piping. Purchased piping can be used instead based on the same measurements.
3. Stitch piping to top and bottom circle overlapping edges at end.

To make a pocket to insert a label, cut a 3"x5" piece of clear vinyl and sew three sides to top.

Sides:

1. Cut off a two inch strip the length of the rectangle. Place right sides together, and mark 3" in from edge for placement of zipper and another mark at the end of zipper.
2. Using a 1/2" seam allowance stitch to first mark and secure stitches, change to basting length and sew to end mark, reset to standard stitch length, secure stitches and sew to end.

3. Press seam open.

4. Baste zipper in place. Use zipper foot to sew zipper. Remove basting stitches.

5. Stay stitch 1/2" from long edges. Stitch side section together at ends. Clip long seam allowances to stitching

6. Pin top to long edge of side and stitch using zipper foot.

7. Repeat with bottom.

Cut felt circles smaller than dish size to be placed between plates.

Skill Level 2: Sewing experience needed

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