

Bianca's Threads[©] Simple Cup Cover Tutorial

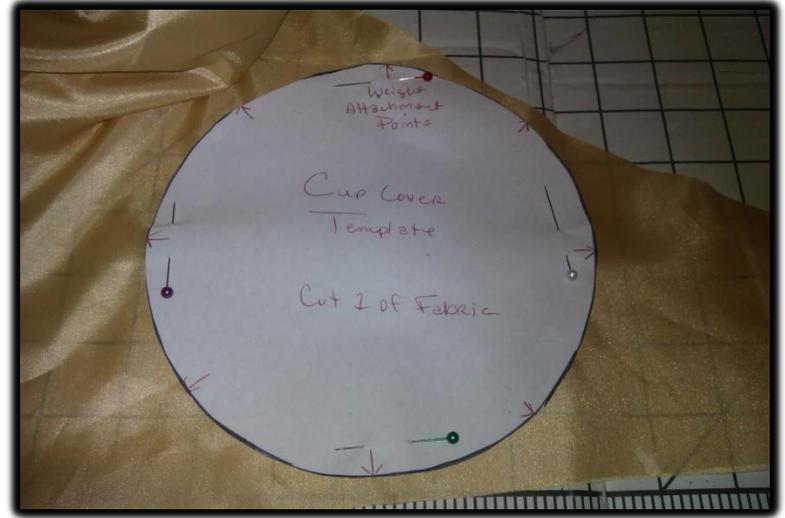
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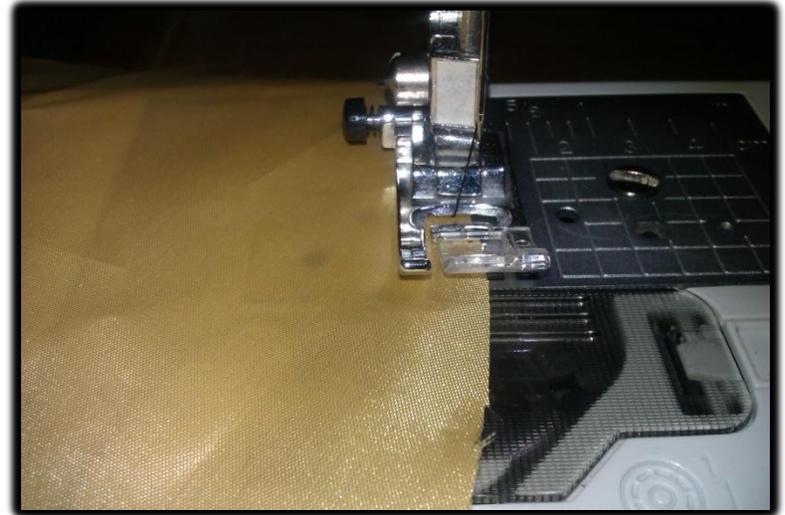
1. Materials Needed: Template, medium to light weight fabric, thread, beading needle, beads of your choice, pins, scissors. This project can be hand or machine edged.



2. If fabric is patterned, determine which side is the right side. Pin template to fabric and cut out the cup cover piece.



3. You will have a mostly round piece of fabric. At this point, you can mark the attachment points with chalk or an air or water soluble fabric pen, or you can just wait until after edging and mark with straight pins.



4. Machine or hand edge the fabric. I use a machine because is faster. You will want to use a tight, wide, zigzag stitch for this, similar to an applique stitch.



5. This is how the fabric will look after machine edging. Don't worry if it is not perfectly round. At this point you might wish to press it flat.



6. Fold piece in half and place straight pins on the edge.



7. Fold piece in half again, matching pins, and place straight pins on fold once more.



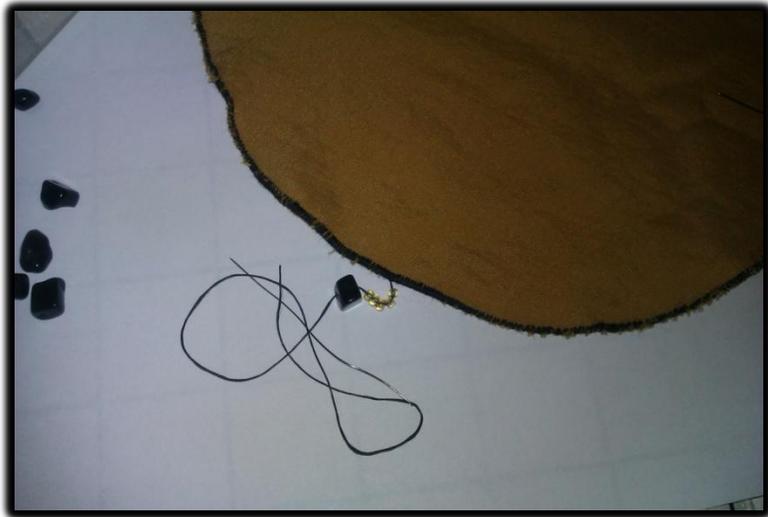
8. You will now have pins in four places marking where to attach beads for weights. You now fold in half; matching two pins and pin on fold two more times until you have 8 attachment points marked. They should mostly match the marks on the template piece.



9. Using the beading needle, conceal thread in edge stitching and tie off.



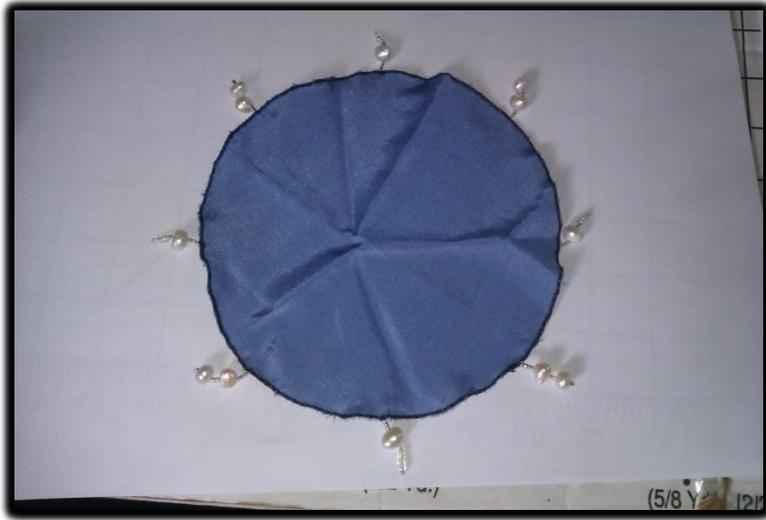
10. Begin stringing the weights of your choice (heave beads, stone chips, metal buttons) and tie off concealing the thread in the edging. Continue in this manner until you have eight weights attached.



11. Weight attachment.



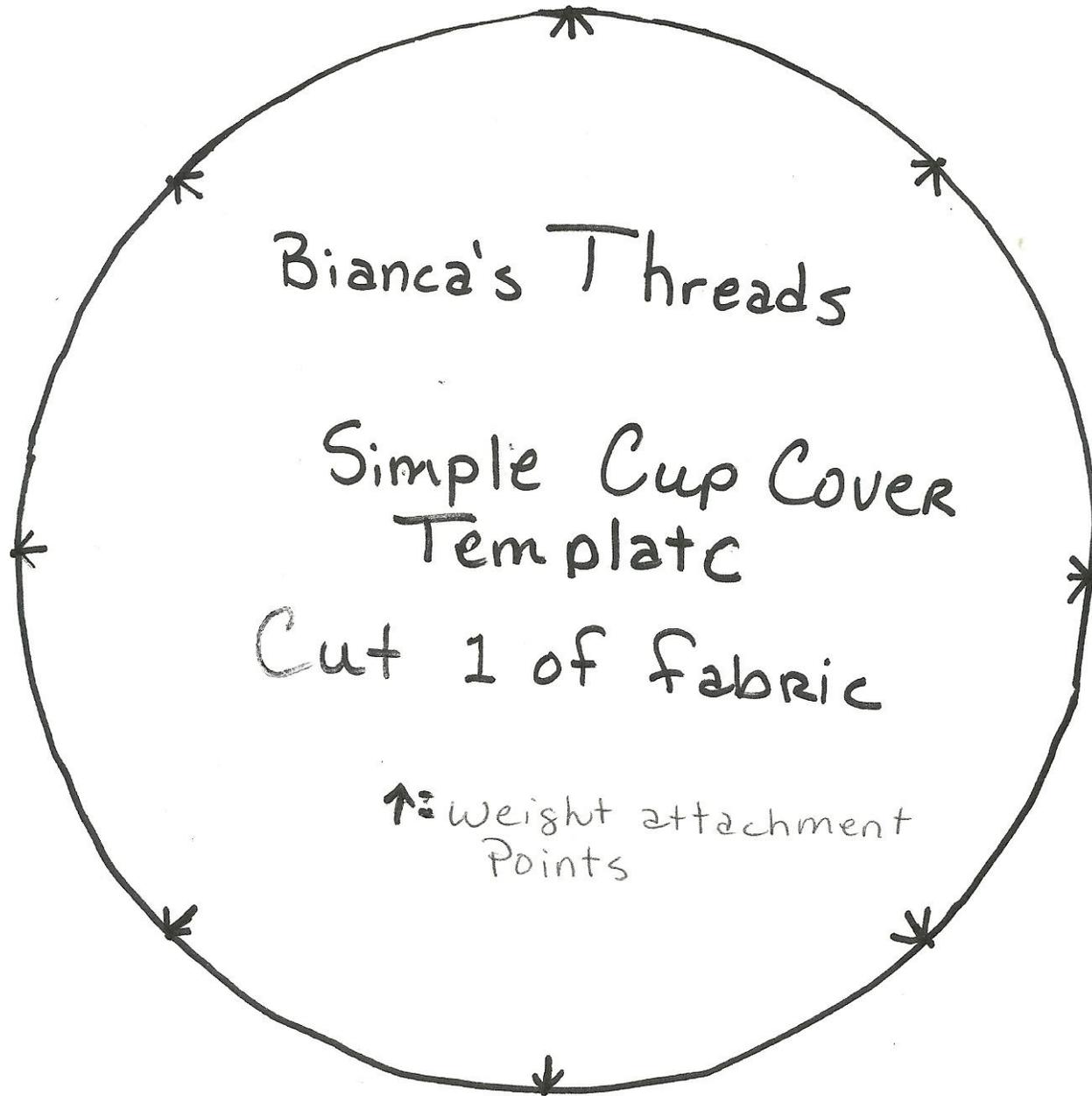
12. Finished weight.



13. Finished cup cover with eight weights.



14. How it is used.



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