

2008 Mystery Quilted Wall Hanging: August Block of the Month: Thimble

August has us making thimbles for our mystery sewing room wallhanging as a change from longing around in the sunshine. This is a really simple or complex block---it's up to you!

You may choose any fabric you wish for the thimble. Try small florals, silvery metallics, or border prints. For the background, you will need to choose white or white on white fabrics for continuity in the block exchange.

You will need 4 of these blocks for your row wallhanging. For each block you will need:

Fusible fabric or used and pressed dryer sheet

From the white background fabric: 1 - 7" square

From the spool fabric: 1 - 5" square

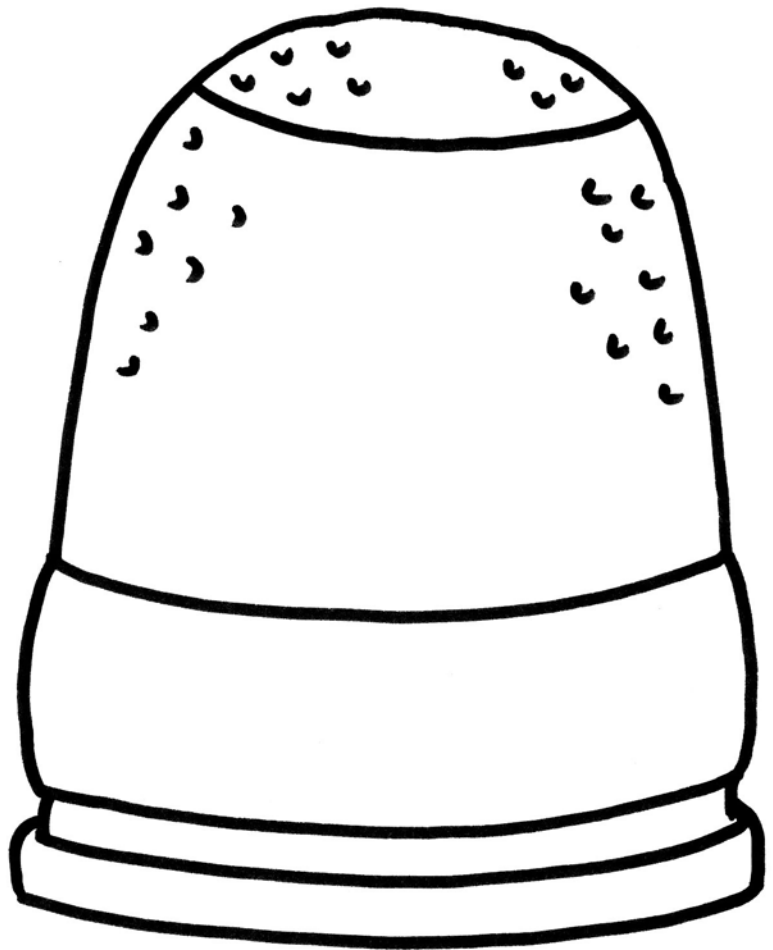
Any fabrics you choose, if making the thimble as printed here

Use 1/4" seams throughout.

Make a template of the thimble: you may use the shape as presented and have several different fabrics for the various trims around the thimble or simply make the sides gently angled.

Trace this shape onto the fusible or dryer sheet with a permanent pen. Place the fusible (*make sure the glue side is facing the fabric*) or dryer sheet to the front of the of the thimble fabric and stitch all the way around the pattern. Carefully cut a slit in the fusible / dryer sheet and gently turn right side out. The glue side of the fusible will now be facing out, so be sure you are careful when you press it!

Fold both the background and the thimble in half lengthwise, and finger press to mark the center. Do the same for the width. Position the thimble, press carefully if fusing, or pin the dryer sheet, and use the finishing stitch of your choice: invisible thread, blind hem stitch, hand stitch. I wouldn't suggest a blanket stitch unless you have been using it for all of you blocks to this point.



Square your completed block to 6 1/2". These are like eating potato chips---betcha can't make just one! You'll want to make lots! Any questions? Contact Lynda Burns at 927-0848 or ljburns@quiltpost.com.