

QUILTERS IN STITCHES QUILT GUILD

GUILD MEMBERSHIP BADGE

Our membership name badge is your rendition of a spool, with a background and border of your choosing. The name badge may be worn pinned or as a necklace.

Use your imagination to design a spool all your own, or feel free to make a spool badge from the instructions at the bottom of the page.

If you want a really simple badge, you may just add a border to the muslin fabric with our logo (which we'll provide), sew or write your name in permanent ink, and finish off your badge. Be sure to heat seat the ink.

Remember: you aren't making an heirloom quilt here! All members are asked to have their badge completed by the second meeting after they join (example: join in June, badge should be done no later than August meeting). Wearing our badges at meetings isn't for our own benefit: it's to help other members begin to put a face with a name. All of us are pretty embarrassed when we walk up to another member whose face we know, but we just can't remember their name! Wearing our badges will remove that temptation to just head up to someone whose name we do know. It encourages us to take that first step toward making a new friend. It should also be a clue when someone doesn't have on a badge that they are a new member or a visitor. So, we should walk up and introduce ourselves!

Simple Spool Pattern

- 1) Decide how big you want your spool to be.
- 2) For this example, let's say the small squares in this block will be 1.5", finished.
- 3) Cut two 2 3/8" squares of background fabric and two 2 3/8" squares of spool top/bottom fabric.
- 4) Layer squares, right sides together using one background square and one spool top/bottom fabric. Draw a dashed line diagonally across the wrong side of the background fabric. Draw a line 1/4" (scant) from either side of this diagonal line. Sew on the lines both sides of the dashed diagonal. Slice the middle dashed diagonal line. Press the seam open, seam toward the darker fabric. Repeat for the other square set.
- 5) Cut a 2" square from the fabric that represents the thread on the spool. You may use the same color as the spool top/bottom, or a totally different "thread" color. Use your creativity!
- 6) Cut two 2" squares from the background fabric and two 2" squares from the spool top/bottom fabric.
- 7) Arrange the 9 squares as in the diagram. Make your spool block by sewing each row, matching seams. Press the seams of each row to one side. Sew the rows into the final block. Square to 5".
- 8) Now, add a border of your choosing around the spool block.
- 9) Once your border is attached, cut a backing for your badge the same size as your block with its border attached. Cut a piece of batting this same size.
- 10) Layer as batting on top, badge face down in middle, backing face up on bottom.
- 11) Make a quarter inch seam around the edges; leave enough open space to turn the badge right side out. Before you sew around the edges, be sure to insert the ribbon if you intend to use one for hanging your badge around your neck!
- 12) Flip the badge right side out and whipstitch the opening closed.
- 13) Embroidery or write Quilters In Stitches and your name on the badge with a pigma pen. Congratulations on completing your badge!

