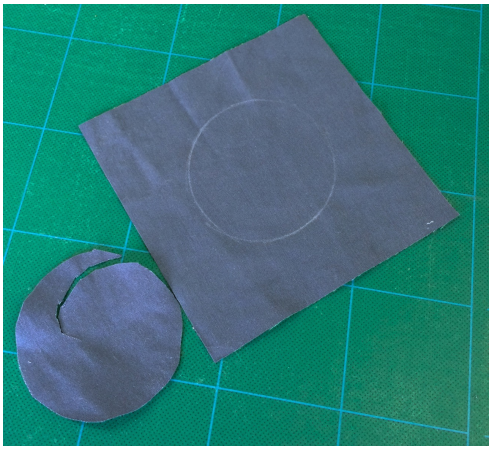
Yakityak's Party Pants Coasters

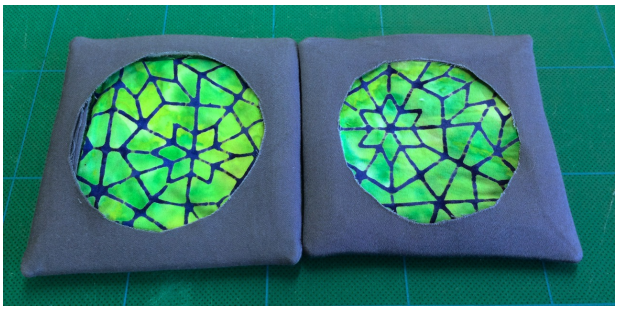
You don't *have* to use old pants to make these coasters, but I did, so that's why they're so named. A word of warning – those denim coasters cost me quite a few broken needles despite using 18s. The lighter weight twill and wool material were an absolute dream to work with by comparison. Anyway, this is a great way to use up scraps of quilt batting and fabric. And if you've ever had an irreparable tear in a pair of expensive wool dress pants–this is a really nice way to recycle that fabric into something useful.

This is so easy and simple I feel kind of sheepish even making this up as a pattern.



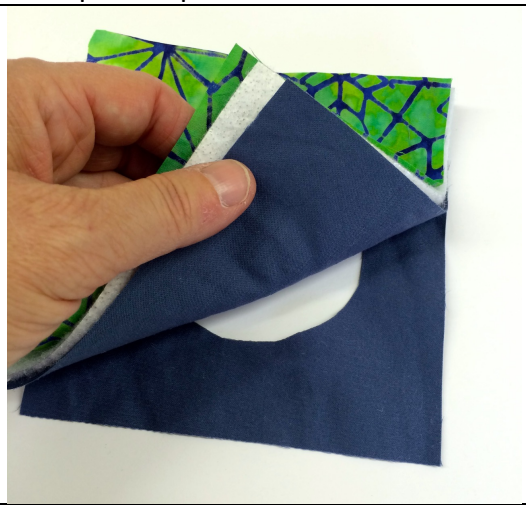
1. Cut 5" squares of the following:
   - two of solid fabric (I used cut up pants)
   - 1 of cotton quilt batting or Insul-brite™
   - 1 of quilting cotton scrap

2. Using a glass or a yogurt cup, trace a circle on the back of one of the solid squares – do your best to center it but don't be fussy. You don't even have to cut a circle if you don't want to – any sort of polygonal shape will look nice, even asymmetric ones. If you look closely at the pile of coasters above, you'll see one that is square. I got an odd number of 5" squares out of those pants (my son had ripped a hole in one knee) and I made the top out of strips left over from cutting squares. The minimum size for any strip is about 5" X 1.5".



Thru circle on L, thru gap on R

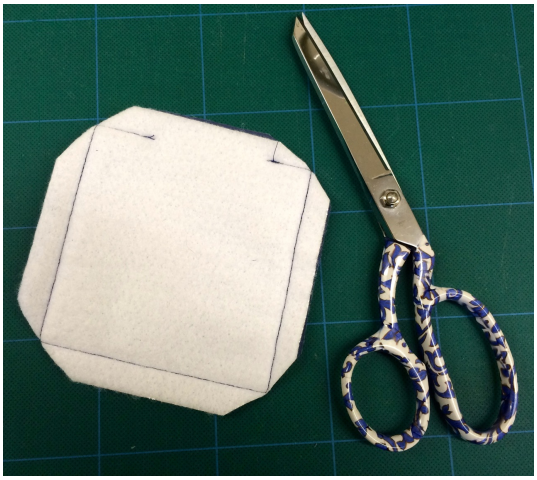
3. There are 2 ways of layering this fabric sandwich. You can actually "flip" through the circle, or leave a gap and flip through the side. I tried it both ways. I like the results with a side gap better, but some heavier fabrics may be easier to flip through the circle. (I like through the gap better because the quilt fabric lies flatter under the circle and the seam allowances are entrapped once flipped and can't possibly peek out through the circle.)

FLIP THROUGH THE CIRCLE SANDWICH	FLIP THROUGH THE GAP SANDWICH
quilt fabric batting plain pants square circle pants square	batting plain pants square circle pants square quilt fabric
	

4. Sew with 1/2" margins leaving a generous gap on one edge.

5. Trim corners, flip, press, edgestitch.

6. Sew round and round the circle.

7. Go find your favorite libation. Pour it in a glass.

8. Enjoy!