



## Coffee Cozy Get a Grip Template – No Slipping ~ No Kidding!

The Coffee Cozy Template makes it easy to cut multiple layers accurately & quickly. After you've made one, you won't want to stop!

This template is 'taller' than the paper coffee cozies that come with your \$5 coffee; those don't fit your pinky & your pointer finger!

Bigger cup, smaller cup - same cozy.  
Finishing technique allows for different sizes.

Cozies don't have to be just for coffee; great for cold drinks, too!



Get a Grip Backing

Before starting, read all directions and watch my Coffee Cozy videos at [www.Youtube.com/Lindavideos](http://www.Youtube.com/Lindavideos) & [www.WinnerDesigns.com](http://www.WinnerDesigns.com).

### What you'll need:

Get a Grip Coffee Cozy Template	Coffee cup (for button placement & elastic length)	Button(s), beads or earrings
Rotary cutter, cutting mat	Pencil or dissolvable pen (optional)	*2 Thin Elastic Hair Ties
2 pieces coordinating fabric 6" x 12"***	1 piece batting* 6" x 12"***	Turning Tool
Sewing machine & basic sewing tools – Scissors, Iron, Straight Pins, Hand needle & matching thread or Fabric Glue (optional)		

\*Hair Ties: Coffee cups vary. To accommodate different sizes, I use 2 thin elastic hair ties found at the Dollar stores. After sewing is completed, tie a knot in the middle of each hair tie, and this, plus button placement will allow the Coffee Cozy to adjust to a variety of sizes of cups and mugs.

\*\*The minimum amount of fabric needed is 6" x 12". Take into consideration any directional pattern on the fabric.

\*\*\*Batting – This can be batting, interfacing, polar fleece, felt, terry cloth, a towel – most any material that offers some loft & will absorb the heat or moisture from a cold drink. If using an absorbent fabric, skip the batting. If using an iron-on batting or interfacing, iron in place first, following manufacturer's instructions.



*Seam Allowance:* The Coffee Cozy Template was designed to be used with a 1/4" seam allowance.

### Laying Out the Fabric and Template Placement:

The template is not symmetrical so fabric placement makes a difference. Place top and bottom fabrics right sides together or wrong sides together but not both facing up or both facing down.

<p>Place fabric on mat: batting, back fabric then top fabric right sides together.</p>	<p>Take into consideration any designs you'd like to have on cozy.</p>	<p>Place template down where you'd like to cut.</p>

### Cutting with the Template:

**Note:** Watch videos for cutting techniques. I recommend cutting 3 layers (batting, front & back) at one time. Use rotary cutter to cut around template. Because of the Get a Grip material, you can cut and then turn the template and fabric to cut the next side. (If you're not comfortable with a cutter, you can trace & then cut with scissors.)

<p>Cut 1<sup>st</sup> side, turn template &amp; fabric</p>	<p>Cut 2<sup>nd</sup> side; turn template &amp; fabric</p>	<p>Cut 3<sup>rd</sup> side; turn template &amp; fabric</p>	<p>Cut 4<sup>th</sup> side; done!</p>

**Pinning and Adding Hair Ties:**

Here is the fabric just cut.	Cut 2 hair ties so you have 2 long pieces that you'll fold in half.	Place batting down, back fabric right side up, then top fabric wrong side up. Line up edges.

Place folded ends of hair ties between the 2 fabric layers.	Pin before and after hair ties to hold them in place when sewing.	Check inside layers to make sure hair ties are between pins.	Pin around rest of cozy, leaving a 2 1/2" opening for turning.

**At the Sewing Machine and Turning Tight Sides Out:**

Start sewing at turning area, being sure to backstitch, then stitch all around the cozy. Slow down when close to the hair ties. Stitch over hair ties a few times. Continue sewing. When you arrive at other side of turning area, be sure to backstitch. Clip corners. Trim off any bulk from batting.	Turn right sides out and use turning tool to push out corners and to provide shape. Press with iron. Fold turning area in. Press then pin in place. Topstitch around Coffee Cozy, being sure you've closed turning area. (Or skip the topstitching and use a hand needle and thread or fabric glue to close.)

**Elastic Hair Ties & Button:**

Tie a knot in the middle of each of the hair ties.	Place coffee cozy around cup to determine best placement for buttons. With hand needle and thread, sew in place. Add buttons, beads, earrings – it's your choice!

**Finished!** Now, go brew yourself a cup (or head to the nearest drive-through) and enjoy!

Thanks a latte for your purchase. I hope you enjoy this template; I'd love to see what you do with it! Check out my other templates and videos at [www.WinnerDesigns.com](http://www.WinnerDesigns.com) and [www.youtube.com/LindaVideos](http://www.youtube.com/LindaVideos). 'Like me' on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/LindaWinnerDesigns](http://www.Facebook.com/LindaWinnerDesigns), Questions, suggestions? Contact Linda Winner at [Linda@WinnerDesigns.com](mailto:Linda@WinnerDesigns.com) or 850-449-0249.

**Embellishments:** Anything embellishment should be fairly flat since you'll be holding this in your hand. Embroider a name, monogram or favorite saying. Add a pocket for a gift card or room key.



Lace or ric rac – totally different look.

Cut your scraps up into strips for a pieced cozy.



Add embellishments like embroidery (these are fabric scrapbook elements that you buy!). If using a busy fabric, choose simple buttons.

**Elastic Hair Ties:** The coffee fabric cozies below have thicker elastic hair ties – too thick to tie in a knot. Perfect if you always use the same cup. These elastics come with their own 'buttons'. Make sure they're not too bulky for fingers!



**Velcro:**

You can use Velcro but it makes it a 'one size fits only one cup' Coffee Cozy, as in pictures below. If you'd like to use Velcro, use the Template to cut fabric 1" longer so it will overlap. Then add Velcro as seen below right. This will allow it to fit on larger or smaller cups. Use the soft side of the Velcro in 'Velcro 1' placement and the rough side for 'Velcro 2'. That way, it won't snag other items.



**The Fastest, Cheapest Way to Finish - Elastic**

I love elastic hair ties but they require buttons and time to sew them on! So elastic is another great option. Use 2 pieces shown at left (I did white but choose pretty elastics!) Sew on top and bottom on one side. Sew rest of cozy but leave other end open. Turn right sides out and pin elastics to open side and stitch down. Or use one wide piece of elastic, like a headband, instead of the 2 pieces. Measure for your cup to see how much length you'll need. There are so many options in so many sizes, colors & styles! Explore the Hair Care section of you local dollar store as well as your craft/sewing stores.



**Care & Handling for the Get a Grip Template:** For best use, store template with Get a Grip material face up or in accompanying bag. Material must be kept free of dirt, threads, etc. (Get a Grip will stick to painted surfaces in humid environments.) If Get a Grip material gets dirty, press clear packing tape on area to remove dirt.

## Coffee Sayings!

Make a gift or greeting card to give with your coffee cozy. Or add an embroidered saying by hand or machine. You can even sew a pocket to your cozy and stick a gift card to your local coffee house in the pocket.

Better Latte than never.  
Brew it!  
Caffeinating.... Please wait.  
Caffeine fiend – hit me with your best shot!  
Coffee and friends make the perfect blend.  
Coffee – A hug in a mug.  
Coffee before talkie.  
Coffee! Do stupid thing faster with more energy!  
Coffee! Is the planet shaking? Or is it Me?!  
Coffee keeps me grounded.  
Coffee makes all things possible.  
Coffee makes me awesome.  
Coffee makes the world go round.  
Coffee – you can sleep when you are dead!  
Coffee will fix everything.  
Deja Brew  
Espresso Yourself!  
Everytime is coffee time.  
Genius is 1% inspiration 99% Coffee  
Give me coffee and no one gets hurt.  
Happiness is a cup of coffee and a good book.  
Home is where the coffee is.  
I don't have a problem with coffee....I have a problem without it.  
I'd stop drinking coffee but I'm not a quitter.  
If you make me coffee in the morning, I'll love you forever. Or at least until the coffee is gone.  
I haven't had my coffee yet. Don't make me kill you.  
I Heart Coffee  
I like it strong.  
I'll be fine once the caffeine kicks in.  
I'm not a morning person; I'm a coffee person.  
I'm so hot!  
Instant Human – just add coffee.  
Let's brew it!  
Life begins after coffee.  
Life's too cheap to drink cheap coffee.  
Must have coffee.  
My blood type is coffee.  
Need more coffee...  
Sometimes I like coffee more than people.  
Sometimes I stay up so late that I have my morning coffee before I go to bed.  
Starter Fluid  
Sleep is for the weak.  
Stay Grounded  
Take life one cup at a time.  
Take time to smell the coffee.  
Thanks a latte!  
There's not enough coffee in the world to make me a morning person.  
Wake me up with coffee.  
WAKE UP.  
Wake up and smell the coffee.  
Warning – Coffee Lovers only. All others will be roasted.  
With a little coffee I could rule the world.