



FUZZY BURGER COASTER SET

I love surprising friends and family with unexpected cuteness. This six-piece stackable Fuzzy Burger Coaster Set protects furniture *and* makes guests smile.

Size: 4¼"–4½" (10.8–11.4 cm), depending on the size of cups or mugs you want to use

TOOLS & MATERIALS

Tufting cloth

Tufting frame

Fuzzy Burger Coaster Set template



Cell phone, tablet, or laptop

Projector

Adapter cable that can connect the projector to your device

Marker

Yarn (colors: dark brown, brown, cream, salmon, classic red, light green, green, tan, and yellow)

Yarn threader

Tufting gun

Vacuum

Glue

Spatula

Scissors

Mesh

Final backing fabric

Utility knife (optional)

Carpet shaver

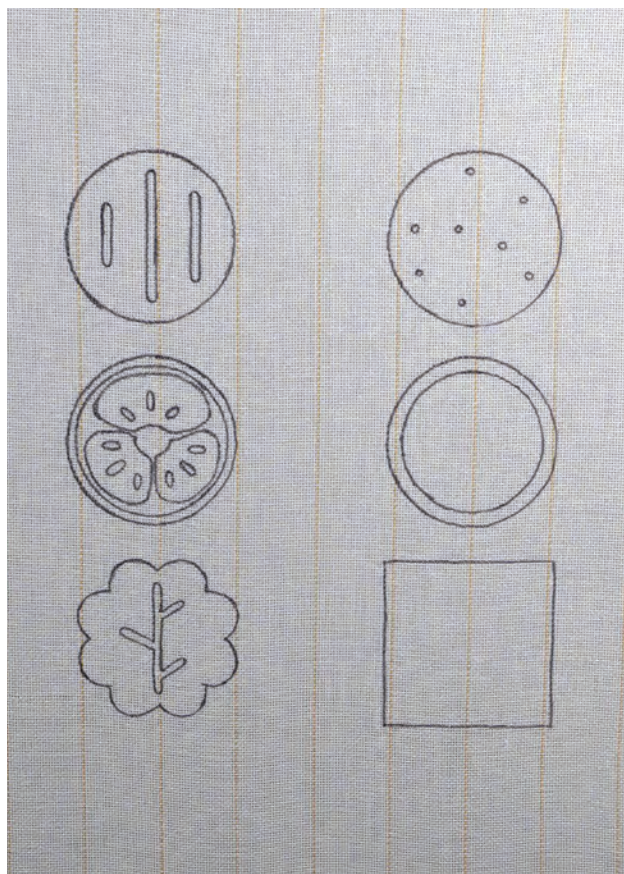
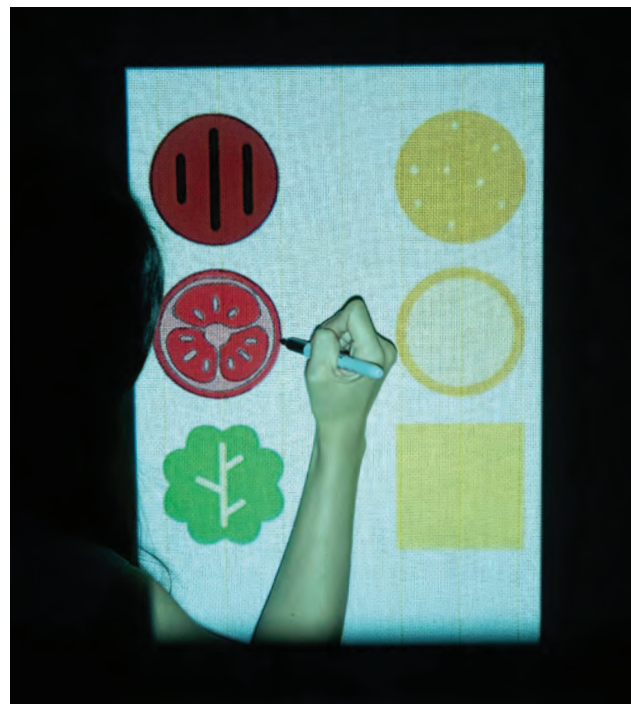
Lint roller

Tweezers



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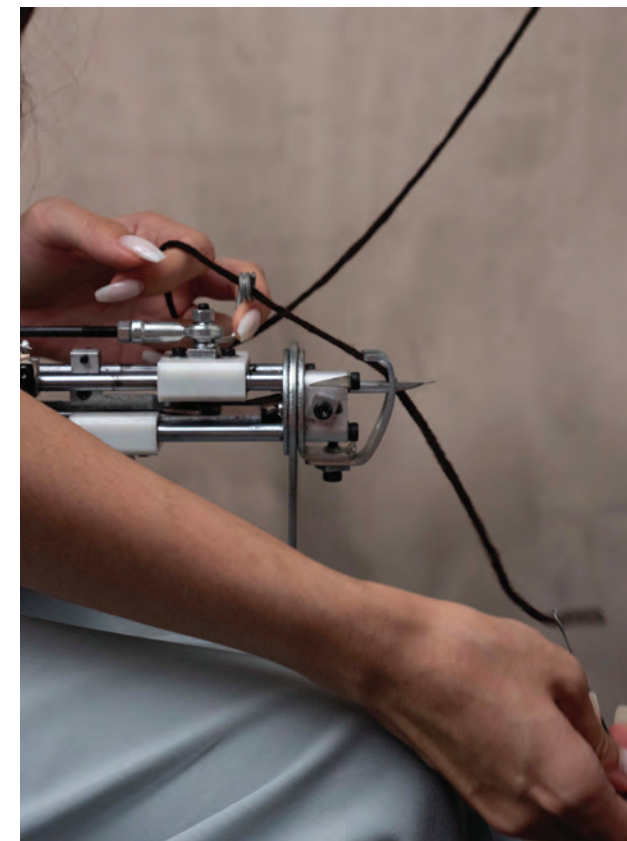
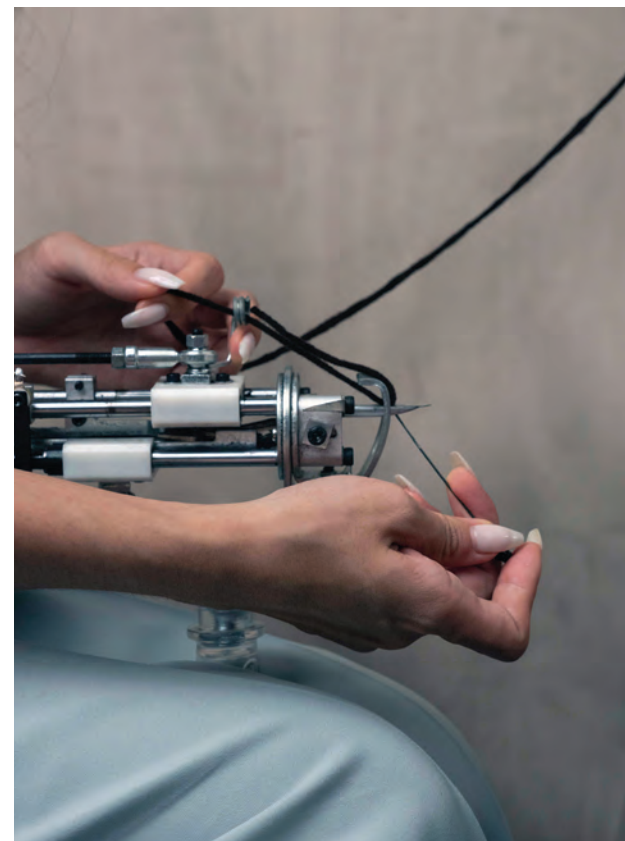
STEP 1: Stretch your tufting cloth onto the tufting frame and download the Fuzzy Burger Coaster Set template. Remember to flip the image horizontally! Adjust the size of the projected image so that the bottom of a cup or mug will comfortably fit on the coasters, and make sure the image is level. Use a marker to trace the images, beginning with the details then moving on to the outlines. Turn on your lights to check your work before you move the projector.

TIP

Tufting Tip

For small rugs, rather than centering the template on your canvas, try projecting the image toward a left or right corner, making sure to steer clear of nails of the frame. This way, you could make another small rug with the empty space on the stretched cloth.

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TIP

Tufting Tip

If you're designing a multi-piece rug like this coaster set, put all of your pieces onto one template so that you can easily maintain the correct proportions of each rug.

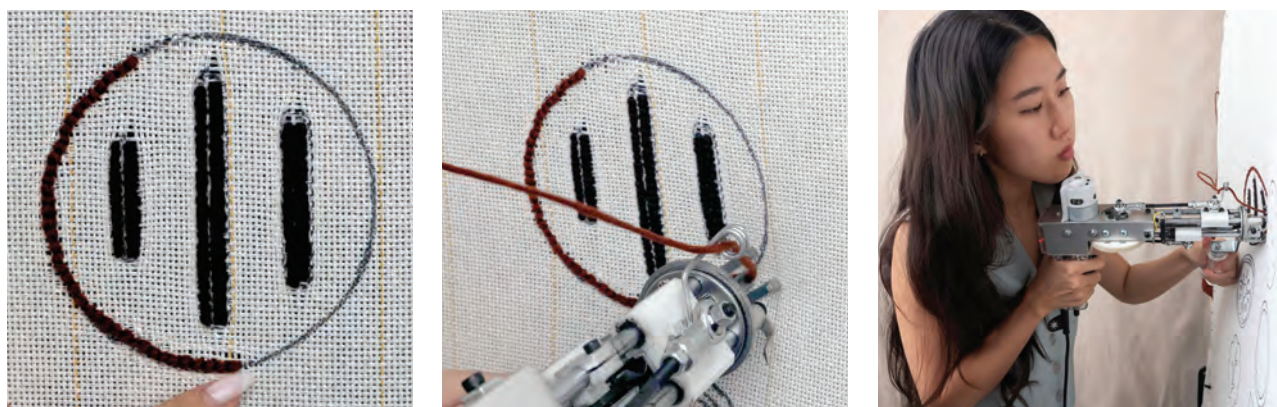
STEP 2: Let's begin with the dark brown grill marks on the burger patty. Set up your yarn by slipping it onto the yarn holder dowel on the frame. If you don't have a yarn holder, you can set the yarn on the floor. Thread a strand of dark brown yarn onto the yarn-feeder loop near the top of your frame and pull the strand toward you. Make sure that your tufting gun is turned off. Then thread the dark brown yarn into the tufting gun.



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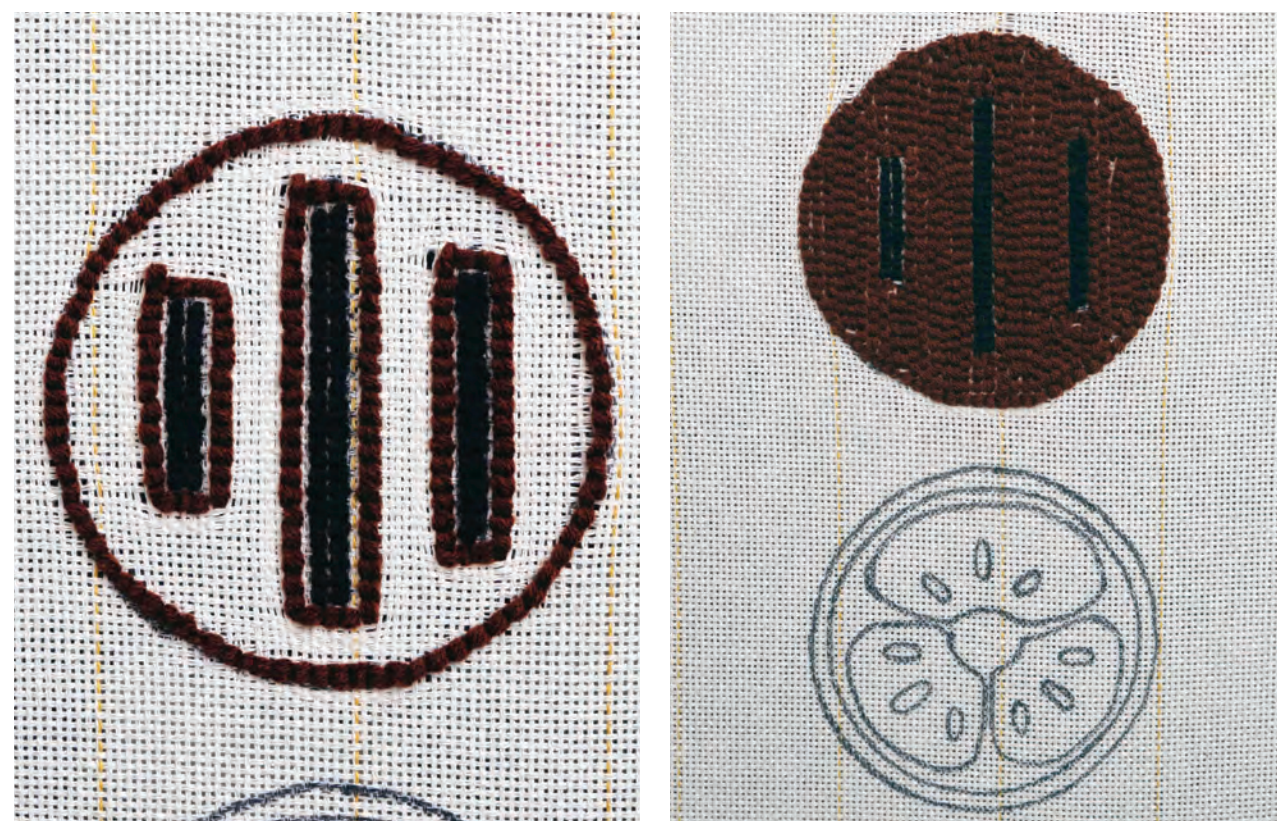
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STEP 3: Turn on your tufting gun and adjust it to the slowest setting. Hold the handle for support and pierce the needle into your stretched fabric, at the bottom of the first grill mark, until the feet of the tufting gun are firmly resting on the cloth. Press the trigger and allow the gun to glide from the bottom to the top of the grill mark while applying medium pressure. Repeat until the first grill mark is filled. Do the same for the other two grill lines.

STEP 4: Now, let's outline the patty. Replace the yarn on the dowel with the regular brown yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Pierce the tufting gun needle into the bottom center of the circle, just inside the line. Tuft up the left side of the circle until you reach the top center. Then go back to the bottom center and tuft up the right to complete the circle.

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STEP 5: Next, outline the grill marks with brown. Then fill in the patty. Starting at the left side of the circle, tuft vertical lines, from bottom to top, until the patty is completely filled in.

STEP 6: Moving on to the tomato! Replace the yarn on the dowel with the cream-colored yarn, which we'll use for the seeds. You'll see in the image that I used a salmon-colored yarn at first, but it didn't show up well enough so I switched to cream. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Make sure your tufting gun is set to the slowest setting. Pick a seed and start at its bottom left. Pulse and push your gun forward until you reach the top of the seed. Go back to the bottom and move your gun up the right side of the seed. Hold back on the gun as you tuft this small area so it is denser. Do this for all of the seeds. Don't worry about being perfect. In fact, remember this motto: Imperfect equals charming!



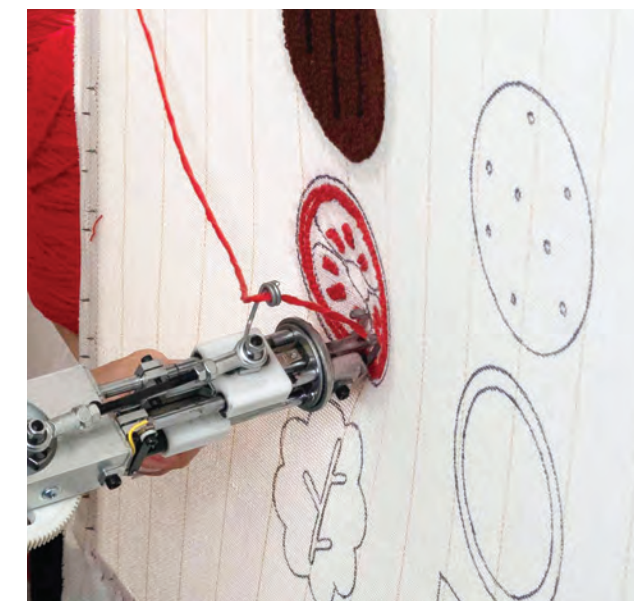
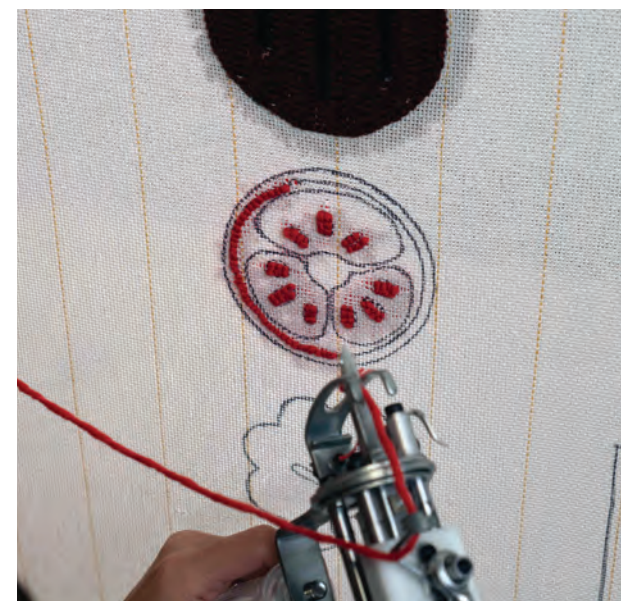
Tufting Tip

This is a good point in the book to remind ourselves that we can change our design mid-project, if we want to. Also, you don't have to use the same colors that I do, if you don't want to! You'll notice that the pictures show me tufting salmon-colored seeds. However, after I finished the tomato, I decided that the seeds would look better in a cream color. So, I carefully plucked out the salmon-colored seeds with a pair of tweezers and retufted them in cream.

I love how it turned out!



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STEP 7: Replace the yarn on the dowel with salmon-colored yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Outline the inner circle that goes around the three curvy shapes around the seeds. Then, outline the three curvy shapes themselves.

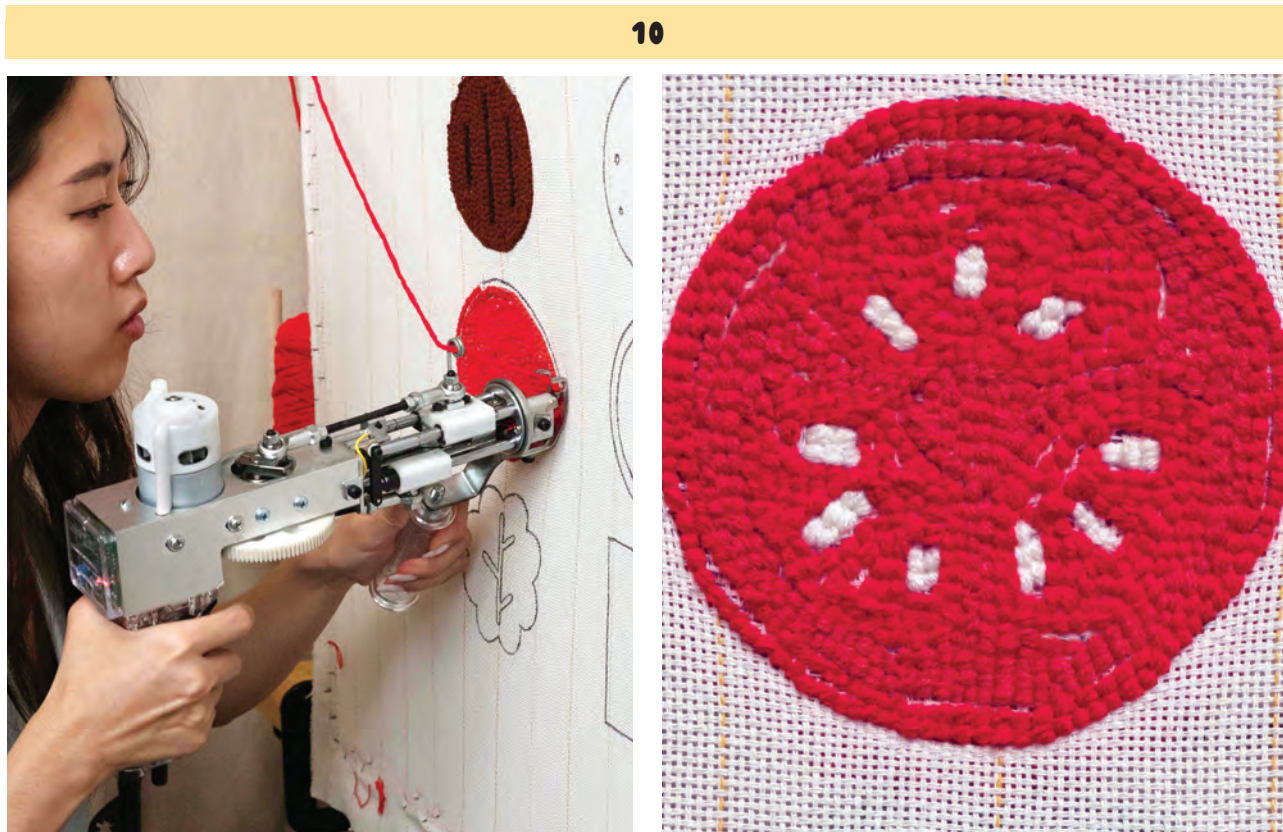
STEP 8: Fill in the gaps between the curvy shapes. These areas are tight, so you may have to tuft horizontally or at an angle to get into the crevices. Finally, tuft the circle at the center of the tomato with vertical lines.

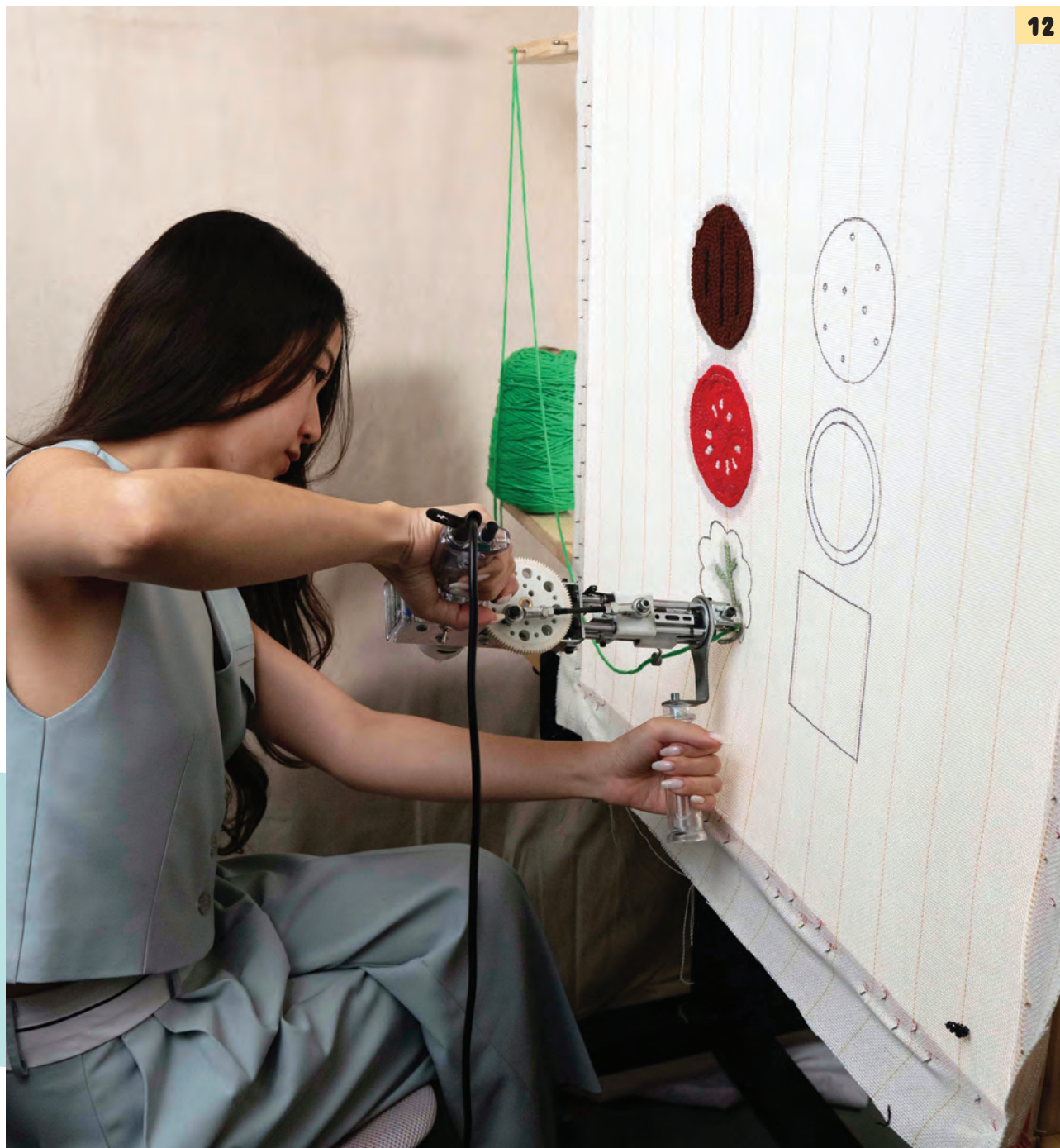


STEP 9: Next, replace the yarn on the dowel with classic red yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Outline the inside of the curvy shapes around the seeds, and then outline the seeds themselves.

STEP 10: Fill in the gaps between the seeds and the curvy shapes. Again, these areas are tight. You may have to adjust your body to tuft at different angles to get into the crevices. Finally, tuft around the outer circle of the tomato. After I finished, I decided that the seeds would look better in a cream color (see below).

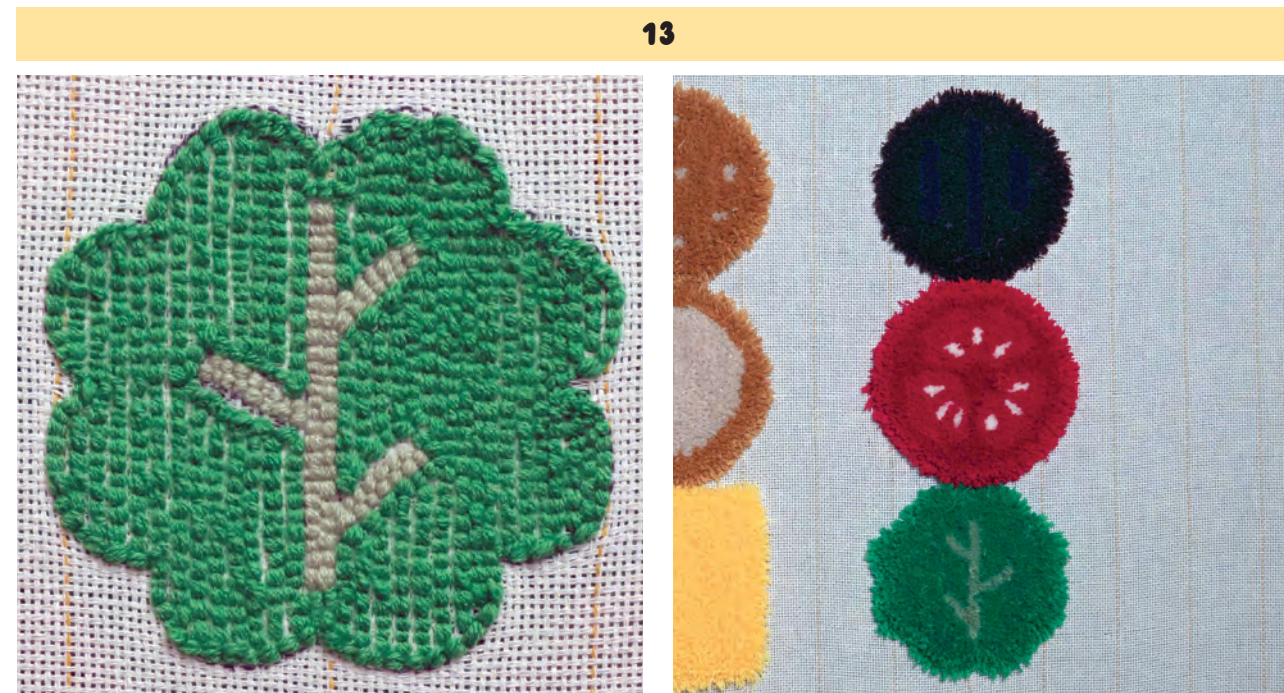
STEP 11: Now, it's time to tuft the lettuce leaf. Replace the yarn on the dowel with the light green yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn, and then tuft the veins in the center of the lettuce leaf.



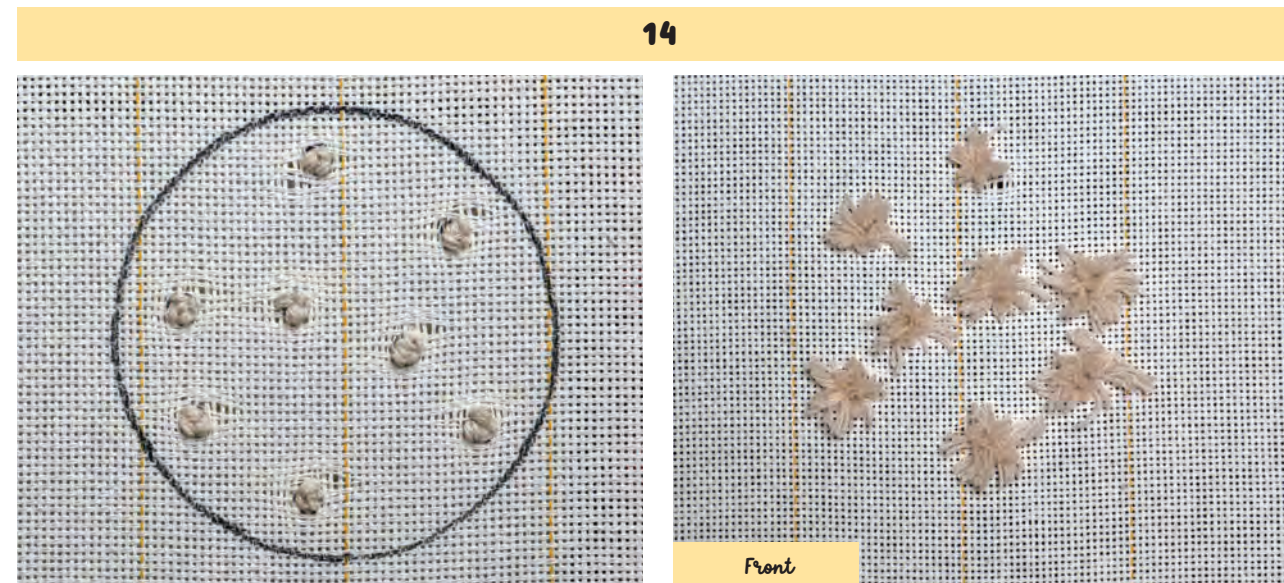


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STEP 12: Replace the yarn on the dowel with the regular green yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. First, outline the light green veins in the center of the leaf. Then, outline the entire leaf. Start at the bottom center and tuft up the left side of the leaf until you reach the top center. Then, go back to the bottom center and tuft up the right side to complete the leaf.



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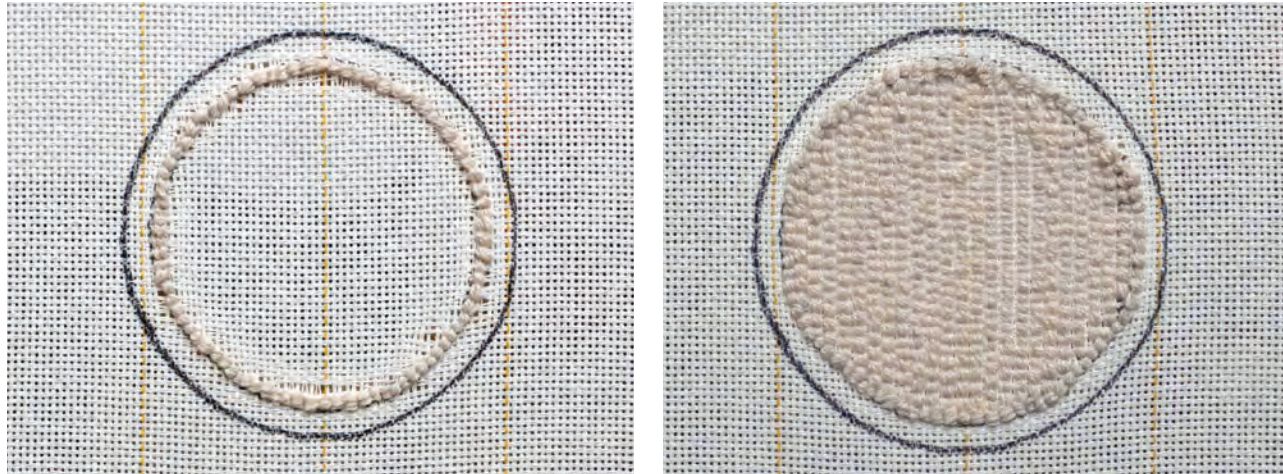


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STEP 13: Next, we'll color in the leaf. Starting at the left side, tuft vertical lines from bottom to top until the leaf is completely filled in. Now that we're halfway through the project, check your progress on the other side. Hello, fluffy half burger!

STEP 14: Let's move on to the bun pieces. The top and bottom of the bun use the same colors, so we'll do them at the same time. Replace the yarn on the dowel with the cream-colored yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Holding the handle of your tufting gun for support, pierce the needle into the center of a seed on the top bun. The seeds are super tiny, so you'll need to pulse the trigger and twist the machine to tuft them holding back a bit. Use this technique to tuft all of the seeds on the top bun.

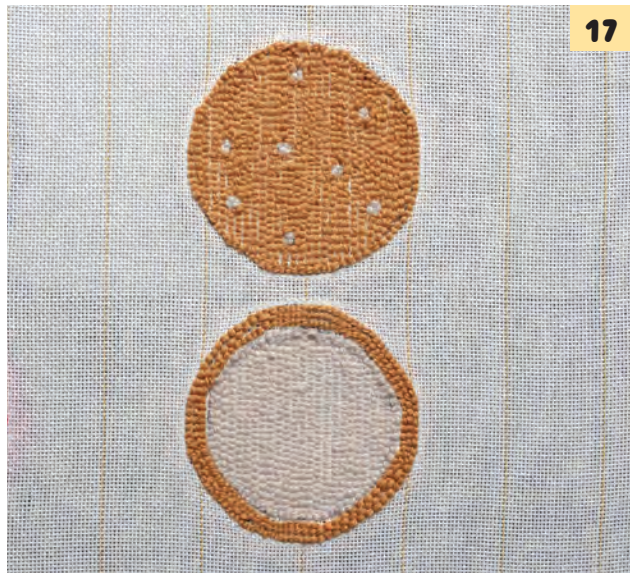
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STEP 15: Using the same yarn, outline the inner circle of the bottom bun. Now, let's fill it in. Starting at the left side of the circle, tuft vertical lines, from bottom to top, until the area is completely filled in.

STEP 16: Replace the yarn on the dowel with tan yarn. Rethread your tufting gun with the new yarn. Outline the outer circle of the top bun, as well as the seeds. Then, beginning at the left side of the bun, tuft vertical lines from bottom to top until it is completely filled in.

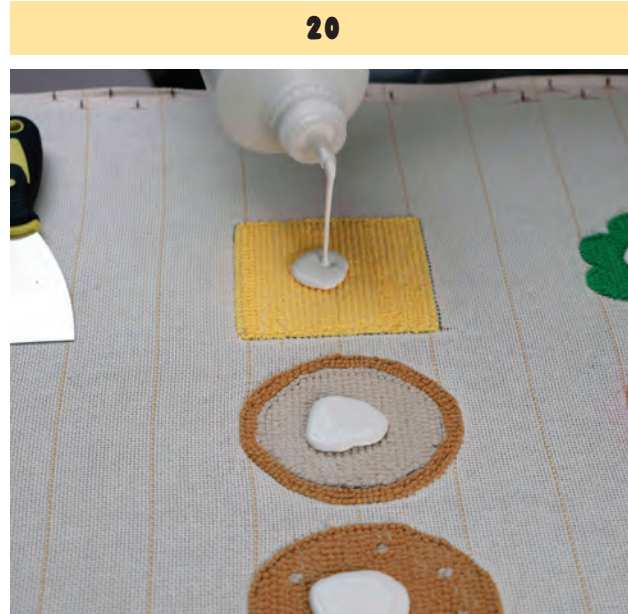
STEP 17: Now, using the same tan yarn, outline the bottom bun. Begin at the bottom center of the bun and tuft up the left side. Go back to the bottom center and tuft up the right side. Since this is such a tight area, continue to use the outlining technique to fill in the rest of the bun.

STEP 18: Last but not least, let's color the cheese, which is a yellow square (or another color if you'd like a different type of cheese). Change the yarn on the dowel to yellow and rethread your tufting gun. Outline the square. Then, starting at the bottom left side, tuft vertical lines from bottom to top until the cheese is filled in. Check out the tufted side. How cute is that?



STEP 19: Vacuum the area behind the frame. Remove the clamps and place the frame on a table with the fluffy side down. Lay the mesh on top of your frame and cut one row of mesh for each row of the burger elements that is about 2" (5.1 cm) larger than the edges of each row. Cut two similar-size pieces of your final backing fabric for a later step. Set everything aside.

STEP 20: Pour a generous amount of glue onto each rug. Use your spatula to evenly spread the glue. Extend the glue 1"-2" (2.5-5.1 cm) past the edges of the yarn. Use as much glue as you need to cover the rug thoroughly.



STEP 21: Lay the two rows of mesh on top of the burger elements. Pour glue on top of each row of mesh, near the edges of the rugs. Gently spread the glue from the edge of the rugs outward, securing the mesh to the canvas. Pour glue over the entire rug and spread it around. Flatten any wrinkles with your spatula as you secure the mesh to the rug and the canvas. Let dry for 24 hours or until dry.



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STEP 22: Once dry, cover the rugs with another generous layer of glue, making sure to extend the glue past the edges of the yarn. Cover each row with the final backing fabric that you cut earlier. Smooth the fabric and press down to secure it. Don't press down too hard, because the glue could seep through the fabric, but make sure that the edges of each coaster are securely adhered to the backing fabric so your rug stays together. Let dry for 24 hours or until dry.



TIP

Tufting Tip

Test that the final backing fabric is completely dry by peeling it back and giving it a little tug. If the backing peels off or is tacky, the glue isn't dry enough. If it doesn't budge, you're good to go.



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STEP 23: Carefully remove the rugs and tufting cloth from the frame. Flip over the rugs so that the tufted part is on top. So cute! Now, you'll be using scissors to carefully cut out each rug. Fold the tufting cloth in between each coaster to help you see where you should be cutting. Hold back the tufted yarn and carefully cut the cloth as close and as evenly as possible to the rugs without cutting into them.

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STEP 24: Wearing a mask, shave the top of each mini rug to make it uniform. Snip the hanging yarn from around the edges of the rugs. Then angle your scissors and cut around the edges again, this time creating a slightly rounded bevel that is neat and sculpted.



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STEP 25: Vacuum each coaster. Roll a lint roller over it to make the colors pop. To create a really finished look, go in with tweezers and move individual yarn threads to ensure the lines between yarn colors are sharp. Assemble your burger. I did it this way: bottom bun, burger, cheese, tomato, lettuce, top bun. Yum!

