

Everyday Placemats for Two

Fabric Requirements for Two Placemats:

- 1 fat quarter or 1/4 yard feature fabric
- 1/8 yard fabric for small inner frame (flange)
- 1/4 yard fabric for 2nd frame
- 1/4 yard fabric for the outer wide frame
- 3/8 yard fusible Interfacing
- 1/2 yd. for backing

Cutting Instructions:

- From the feature fabric cut two rectangles, 7 1/2" x 12"
- From the fabric for the small inner frame (flange) cut 2 strips, 1 1/4" x length of fabric
- From the fabric for the 2nd frame cut 3 strips, 1 1/2" x length of fabric; cross cut in to 4 strips 12" long and save the rest
- From the fabric for the outer wide frame, cut 3 strips, 2 1/4" x length of fabric
- From the fabric for the backing cut, 2 rectangles 12 3/4" x 17 1/2"

Making the Placemats:

Use an accurate 1/4" seam allowance

1. With wrong sides together, fold the strips for the flange in half lengthwise and press.
2. Cross cut folded strips in to 4 strips 7 1/2" long and 4 strips 12" long.
3. Pin the 12" flange strips to the long edges of the feature fabric rectangles, machine or hand baste in place. Repeat with the 7 1/2" flange, adding them to the short 7 1/2" edges of the feature fabric rectangle.
4. Pin and sew the 2nd 1 1/4" wide frame strips in place on the long edges of the feature fabric rectangles (the flange will be sandwiched in between). Fold and press the frame out, leaving the flange flat on the large feature rectangle. Repeat for the sides.
5. Measure the width of your project and cut 4 strips of the outer wide frame to match. Pin and sew the strips in place on the long edges. Repeat for the short edges.

Interfacing:

1. Measure the finished size of your project and cut two pieces of backing to match.
2. Subtract 1/2" from the width and length of project and cut 2 pieces of fusible interfacing to that size. Center on the wrong side of the backing then follow the manufactures instructions to fuse the interfacing in place.

Putting it all Together:

1. Pin the backing, right sides together with the the placemat. Sew around all four edges of the placemat, leaving a 5" opening on one long side to turn right side out.
2. Turn the placemat right side out through the opening. Press.
3. Whip stitch the opening closed.
4. Topstitch as desired, (make sure and pin before stitching to help avoid any pleats).

