

# Pocket Placemat

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A more detailed PDF file with instructions, list of supplies and specific cutting instructions is provided with all orders. This How-To just demonstrates the construction method.



1. To stitch design on center of placemat - Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch the placement line directly on the stabilizer, no fabric yet.



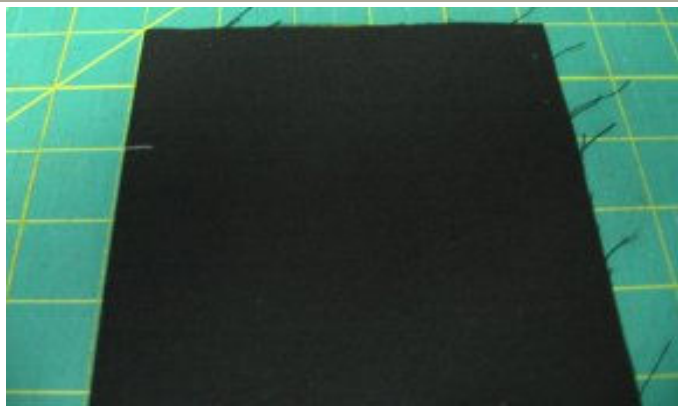
2. Spray stabilizer area with temporary adhesive spray. Fold the pre-quilted fabric exactly in half & mark the center on the folded edge. Place folded edge right next to placement line keeping center mark even with center of placement line.



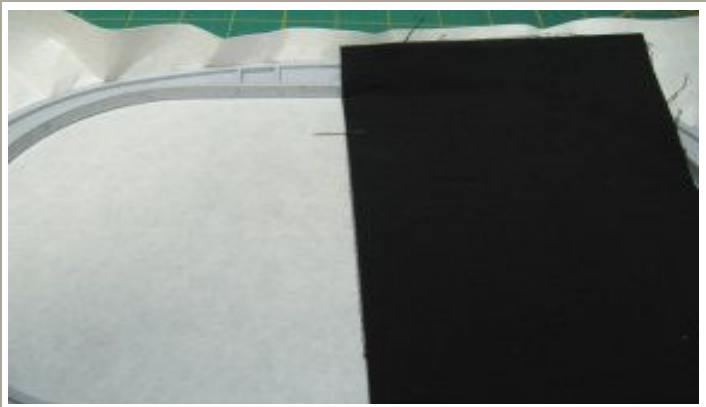
3. Unfold fabric and smooth down until fabric is secured in the hoop with the adhesive spray. Put hoop on machine.



4. Stitch design following instructions in text files provided. When finished, trim stabilizer close to design, set aside.



5. To stitch designs on placemat sides – Fold “sides” fabric in half to 5” W x 15 ½” long. Iron to crease the center fold. Mark a short line 2” down from top on folded edge. Note: Add light weight woven fusible interfacing to wrong side of fabric (not shown)



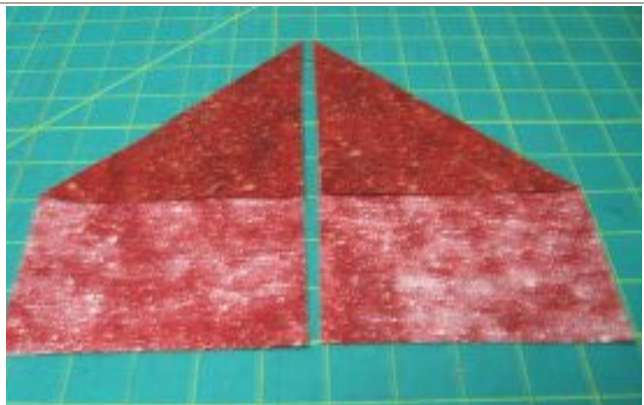
6. Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch placement line directly on stabilizer first. Spray stabilizer area with temporary adhesive spray. Place folded edge next to placement line keeping the 2” mark even with “T” (top) of placement line (so design stitches 2” down). Unfold fabric & smooth down smooth to secure to adhesive. Put hoop on machine.



7. Continue stitching designs as instructed in the text file provided with your designs.



8. When finished, remove from hoop and cut fabric exactly down the middle (at crease) so each piece is the same width. Trim stabilizer close to designs.



9. To make “bottom sides” – On wrong side, fold top edge down keeping top & side edges even to form angle. Press to set angle. Fold second piece in opposite direction.



10. Pin “bottom side” pieces to bottom of each side (exactly as shown above) and stitch in place along angled edge. (or use wonder under fusible strips to fuse fabric in place)



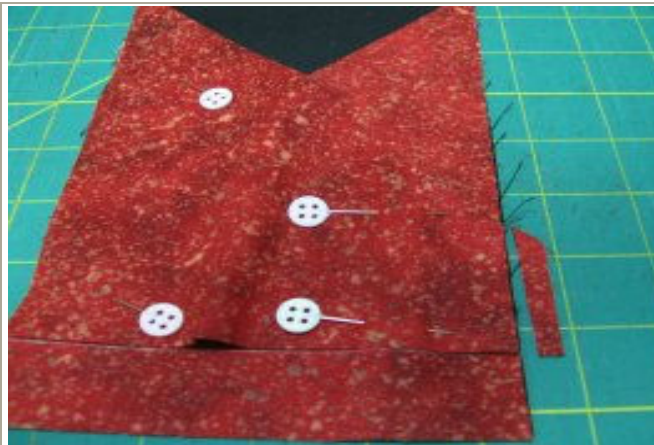
11. Mark horizontal line across the bottom and then mark vertical lines for the silverware slots. (specific marking instructions provided with all orders)



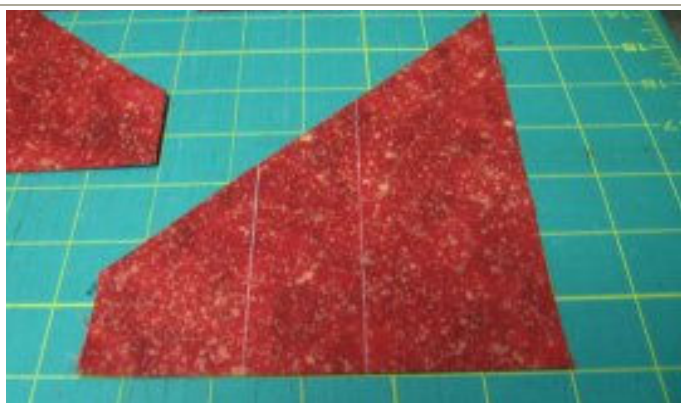
12. Cutlery/napkin pockets – Use pattern to trace the angle on the first piece, flip pattern over to mark the second piece. (Pocket pattern instructions provided with all orders.)



13. Stitch directly on top of the traced lines. Press seams open, trim leaving  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance and turn right side out. Press to set.



14. For left side NAPKIN pocket - Pin pocket to left edge (bottom even with bottom mark). Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from short side of pocket & pin to right edge (even with bottom mark)



15. For right side CUTLERY pocket - Mark 2 vertical lines on the pocket front - marking measurements are provided with all orders. Marked lines will create the silverware slots.



16. Pin cutlery pocket to right "side" Pin pocket left side to other side (even with bottom mark). Fabric will cup in middle (excess fabric for silverware slots). Stitch pockets in place at the sides (on both pieces) with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. Do not stitch pocket bottoms closed!



17. Next, on right side CUTLERY pocket, pin the traced lines on the pocket directly on top of the traced lines underneath. Pin & stitch directly on the traced lines.



18. I placed silverware in the slots to demonstrate how the fabric cupped between the stitched lines creates ample room for the silverware handles!



19. Sew top border to top of center piece with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Next, add bottom border using  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam but with a 4.0 SL basting stitch. Press borders away from the mat center. Iron to crease bottom border seam well because that seam will be reopened later.



20. Pin "sides" to center piece and stitch to mat together with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams. Press sides away from center. Trim mat if necessary so that the borders are all square and even along the edges. Measure the width and height of the mat and trim the "back" fabric to the same size (if necessary).



21. Now, remove the basting stitches from bottom border to create an opening to turn placemat right side out later.

(NO PICTURE FOR THIS STEP!  
ADD "BACK" FABRIC TO PLACEMAT)

22. Place "back" fabric piece over placemat (right sides facing) and pin evenly around edges. Stitch front and back together with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.

Trim corners at 45 degree angle and turn placemat right side out by pulling mat through the opening in the bottom border.

Manipulate fabric edges until seams are even at the edge, press to set.



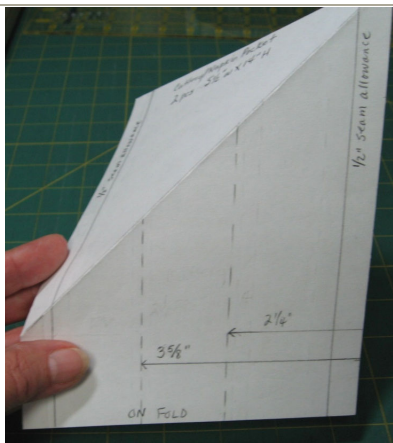
23. Pin bottom border in place again using ironed/creased seam allowance as your guide. This should help you keep the edge of the border nice and straight.

24. With needle in far left position (for 1/8" seam), top stitch around inside edge of borders & sides (will close opening in bottom border as well).

Move needle to center position, keep presser foot even with fabric edge and stitch around edge of placemat.

Press "silverware" slots to the mat center until nice & flat.

Press napkin pocket to the mat center as well.



Detailed dimensions & cutting instructions for the POCKET PATTERN provided with all orders.