

Pocket Placemat (using purchased placemat)

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Pocket Sides that you can add to purchased placemats 13" x 18" (or larger)

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



1. To stitch design in center of placemat (optional) - Hoop tear away stabilizer. Stitch placement line on stabilizer, no fabric yet.

2. Spray stabilizer area with temporary adhesive spray. Fold placemat exactly in half horizontally (right side facing). Find vertical center & mark short line on folded edge (wrong side). Place folded edge next to placement line on stabilizer keeping center mark even with placement line center line.



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

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



5. To stitch designs on placemat sides – Fold 10” wide “sides” fabric in half to 5” wide x height of placemat. Iron to crease center fold. Mark short line **1 1/2”** down from the top of the folded edge. Note: Add lightweight 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 **1 1/2” mark** even with “T” (top) of placement line (design stitches 1 1/2” down). Unfold fabric and smooth it down in the hoop. 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 down the center (at crease) to make each piece 5” wide. Trim stabilizer close to designs.



9. To make “bottom sides” – On wrong side, fold top edge down keeping top and side edges even to form an 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 to fuse in place)



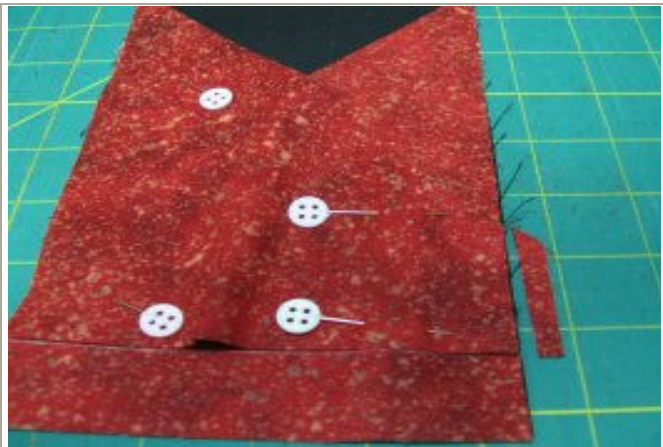
11. Mark horizontal lines across each piece at the bottom. On right piece, also mark 2 vertical lines - for silverware slots. (correct marking measurements provided with all orders).



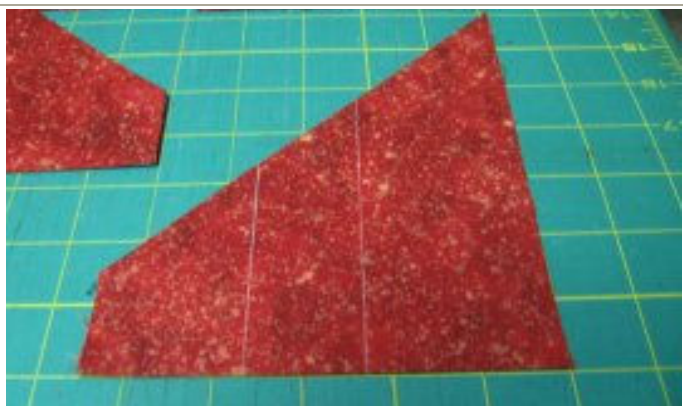
12. Cutlery/napkin pockets – Fold fabric (right sides facing) with the fold at the bottom. Use pattern (pattern instructions provided with orders) to trace the angle on the first piece, flip pattern over to mark the second piece.



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 side with bottom even with bottom mark. Trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from short side of pocket and pin to right edge.



15. For right side CUTLERY pocket - Mark 2 vertical lines on the pocket front (measurements provided with orders). Lines will be stitched to create the silverware slots later.



16. Pin cutlery pocket to right "side" at bottom mark. Next, pin left side of pocket to left edge. Fabric will cup up (excess fabric is for silverware slots). Stitch pockets in place along the sides on both pieces using $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 over the traced lines.



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



19. On lining (back) pieces. Measure up 2" from the bottom, mark line 7"-8" long centered. Cut marked line open with ruler & rotary cutter (both pieces).



20. Pin lining to side pieces (right sides facing) with slit opening at the bottom. Stitch back to front with 1/2" seams. With design facing, press seam allowance to the center.



21. Turn right side out by pulling ensemble through the opening in the back. Maneuver fabric until edges are straight & even and press to set. Place pieces on purchased mat to check the size.

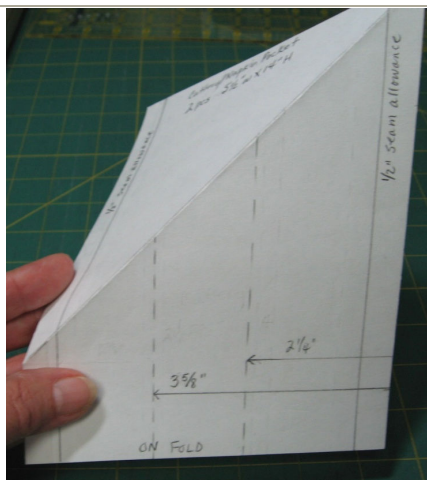


Flip pieces to wrong side and add strips of paper backed Wonder Under or Heat 'n Bond Lite about 1/8" from the edges.



23. This shows how the fusible strips were applied at the top/bottom & the sides. Remove paper backing, position pieces on purchased placemat. Center them vertically and approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the sides. Fuse pieces to placemat.

24. With needle in far right position (for $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam), top stitch around edge of both pieces. Press the "silverware" slots to the center so they are nice & flat. Press napkin pocket to the center as well.



Pocket Pattern

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