

Placemat 13"x 17"

This placemat is completed in a snap using the quick and easy quilt-as-you-go technique. You may want to be creative and make the placemat reversible by using a completely different fabric for the back (just be sure it "works" with the binding fabric ☺). The front is simply a 10" center panel and two 3 ½" sides with a flange.

Fabric Requirements:

Front: 1 – 10" x 13" rectangle of focus fabric for the center
 2 – 4" x 13" rectangles of a complimentary fabric for the sides
 2 – 1 ½" x 13" rectangles of accent fabric for the flanges

Back: 1 – 14" x 18" rectangle fabric

Binding: 2 – 2 ½" x (WOF) width of fabric strips

Batting: 14" x 18"

Construction:

- 1) Find the center of the backing fabric by folding in half along the 18" edge. You now have a piece that measures 9" x 14". Place a pin at the fold mark. I like to place a pin at the top and bottom edge. Open fabric to full 14" x 18".
- 2) With backing fabric right-side down, place the batting on top (just as you would when laying a quilt).
- 3) Find the center of the center panel by folding in half along the 10" edge. You now have a piece that measures 5" x 13". Place a pin at the fold mark. Again, I like to place a pin at the top and bottom edge. Open panel to full 10" x 13".
- 4) Position the center panel on top of the batting matching the centering pins. You now have a "quilt sandwich". Pin as needed and quilt, as desired. Simple vertical straight-line quilting is just fine.
- 5) Prepare the flanges by folding the 1 ½" x 13" rectangles, wrong-sides together, in half along the 1 ½" edge. You now have a piece that measures ¾" x 13". Press.
- 6) Position the flanges on either side of the center fabric with raw edges together. Pin in place.
- 7) It's now time to add the sides to the center section. Pin, making sure that all raw edges are aligned. Stitch through all layers (I like to use a little longer stitch length). Press. Flip the side fabric to complete each side. Quilt the side sections, as desired. Again, simple vertical straight-line quilting is just fine.
- 8) Press and trim placemat to 13" x 17".
- 9) Stitch on binding using your preferred method.

Placemat is complete!!!