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Sweet Peppers Mat or Trivet - 9" x 9"

Locker Hooking Pattern with Ruched Frames

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Materials:

- 22 yds 1/2"w Color Crazy Poppana Fabric Strips in Coconut
- 14 yds Color Crazy Fabric Strips for background
- 2 yds 1/2"w Green Color Crazy Fabric Strips for stems
- 2 yds 1/2"w Color Crazy Hibiscus Fabric Strips for center pepper frame
- 4 - 6 yds 1/2"w Persimmon Color Crazy Cotton Fabric Strips for outer peppers
- 14 - 16 yds Color Crazy Cotton Strips for background in Caramel or other color.
- 8 - 10 yds 1/2"w Color Crazy Satinique Strips for ruched outer frame - Antique Pearl
- 6 - 8 yds 1/2"w Color Crazy Satinique Strips in Ruby for outer pepper frames and center pepper ruched stitches
- 8 - 10 yds 1/2"w Color Crazy Cotton Fabric Strips or Rayon Ribbon for framing edges
- Medium weight yarn for locking medium
- 8 - 10 yds bulky yarn for padding
- 5-mesh Canvas: 50 x 50 squares
- Locker hook and #13 tapestry needle
- scissors
- permanent color marker (optional)
- 9 1/2" x 9 1/2"w fabric for backing (optional)

Instructions:

1. Fold over cut canvas by creasing gray area. Thread color cotton strip or rayon ribbon through tapestry needle and whipstitch edges to frame. Cover corners with a couple of stitches ea.

2. Optional: use color marker to mark pattern on canvas. Locker hook 2 rows with Poppana strips starting on outer edge. 3. Stitch ruched padding between rows as shown - about 4 - 5 strands of yarn. Leaving long stitches on top and taking small stitches on back. *Image 1* 4. Use Satinique strips and stitch by wrapping padding with tapestry needle. 5. Follow pattern and locker hook 2 more rows with Poppana strips.



See also illustrated instruction for Ruched Frames in "Locking Loops" book and watch videos for ruched frames designs at colorcrazy.com.

6. Locker hook pepper frames. Use Hibiscus cotton fabric strips for center pepper. Use Satinique in Ruby for outer peppers. 7. Stitch on yarn padding for all peppers with tapestry needle. Tip: stitch on additional padding for puffer peppers. *Image 2* 8. Thread Ruby Satinique and wrap by stitching around center pepper padding. Use cotton fabric strips in Persimmon for outer peppers. 9. Locker hook background with cotton fabric strips in caramel color or other contrasting color. 10. **Finishing:** Sew in locking medium. Pull up tails. Sew in. **Optional:** Add backing. Cut 9 1/2 x 9 1/2" fabric square. Press 1/2" seam allowance under. Adjust to fit mat. Machine stitch on top side 1/4" from outer edge. Use permanent water proof glue to attach, or hand stitch onto locker hooked square.

Image 1



Image 2



Fold by creasing grey row

Locker hook with poppana in wheat color

Stitch in yarn padding and wrap with Satinique fabric strips

