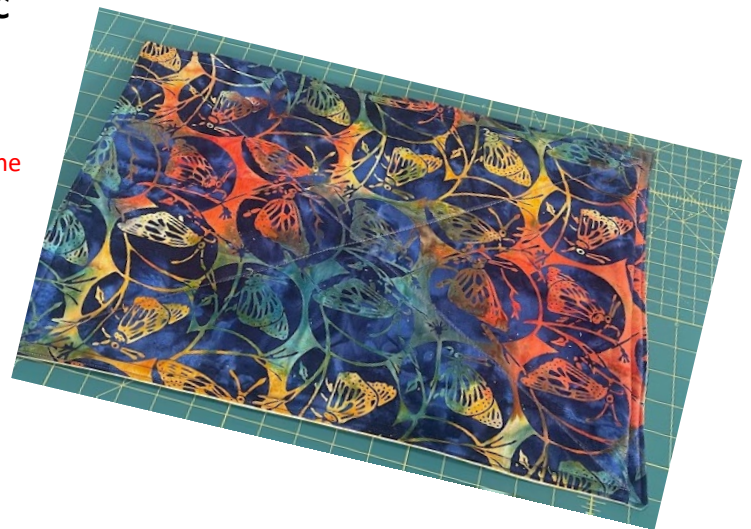




Easy Peasy Placemat Pattern

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Video Tutorial Available:
<https://www.youtube.com/@thequiltingbea/videos>



Skill Level: Beginner
Finished Size: 4 Placemats approximately 14" X 19" each

Materials Needed:

1 yard of fabric for placemat front, pressed with hot iron, steam or Best Press optional
1 yard of fabric for placemat backing, pressed with hot iron, steam or Best Press optional
1 yard of batting

Instructions

Cutting:

First, cut (4) 14" (high) X 19" (wide) pieces from the Front Fabric

If you are using directional fabric, make sure your subject matter will be going in the correct direction with the placemats being 14" high and 19" wide. We don't want sideways placemats on the table!

Next, cut (4) 14" (high) X 19" (wide) pieces from the Backing Fabric

Finally, cut (4) 14" (high) X 19" (wide) pieces from batting

***If you're comfortable cutting multiple layers at one time, you could cut all of these pieces at one time, stacked on top of each other.*

Make the Sandwich ~ For Each Placemat:

We are keeping it simple on these, so we are going to use the "placemat" or turn method on the placemats so this will not be a traditional quilt sandwich!

Start with one piece of batting down on the table.

Lay the Backing piece RIGHT SIDE FACING **UP** on top of that piece of batting.

Lay the Front Fabric piece RIGHT SIDE FACING **DOWN** on top of the Backing piece so that all three layers are completely aligned on top of each other.

Pin at the corners to keep all three layers in place.

Then stitch around all four edges, leaving a 3" turn hole on the right or bottom edge of the placemat, using a 3/8" seam allowance. Start stitching to the LEFT of your turn hole, go all the way around the placemat and end to the RIGHT of your turn hole.

****Backtack (Backstitch) at the beginning and ending**

****Pivot at the corners with the needle down in the three layers, but with your foot raised up, to keep everything in place.**



Turning the Placemat Out:

Next, trim your corners to remove the bulk so the corners will turn nicely and crisply, being careful to NOT cut into that 3/8" seam allowance you just stitched.

Reach in and turn the placemat right side out, grasping the placemat Front and using your fingernail or a corner turning tool, turn your corners out and smoothing them to as much of a point as you can manage without poking a hole through the seam allowance. Repeat on all four corners.

Now it's time to close our turn gap - finger press the fabric inwards to create a 3/8 seam allowance... There are several options to close the hole. You can use some fusible seam tape, you can iron it closed and whip stitch it shut by hand or you can seam a very narrow seam on your machine. Judy and Amanda prefer to use both fusible seam tape and then catch the fused seam when we stitch around the placement in the coming steps.

We like to then go around the placemat and using our finger tips, roll the edges to ensure the backing fabric is at the back, and the front fabric is at the front and the seam is exactly where it should be. We don't want to see backing fabric on the front of placemat, do we? You can see our video on YouTube for our technique.

After we have finger pressed the edges, we like to take a hot iron and steam press the placemat nice and flat, to hold those edges right where we want them.

Making sure to backtack at your starting and ending points, stitch around the edge of the placemat, approximately 1/8" inch from the edge, and then again 1/2" from the edge of the placemat.

At this point, you can quilt your placemat as simply or as ornately as you desire. Increase your stitch length to 3.5. We prefer to at least do a Criss-Cross from corner to corner but you want to do something to give the placemat some structure.