

Coming Home Placemats

A free project from Vicki Welsh

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These placemats were design to show off special fabrics. In this case it's the Coming Home gradient but it's also great for your favorite print fabrics.



Fat quarter are perfect for this project.

Materials

These are the approximate materials for 4 placemats.

Feature fabric – scraps or fat quarters or one fabric – about $\frac{3}{4}$ yard total

Sashing and binding fabric – about $\frac{3}{4}$ yard (I used 1 fat quarter for each placemat to have 4 different colors

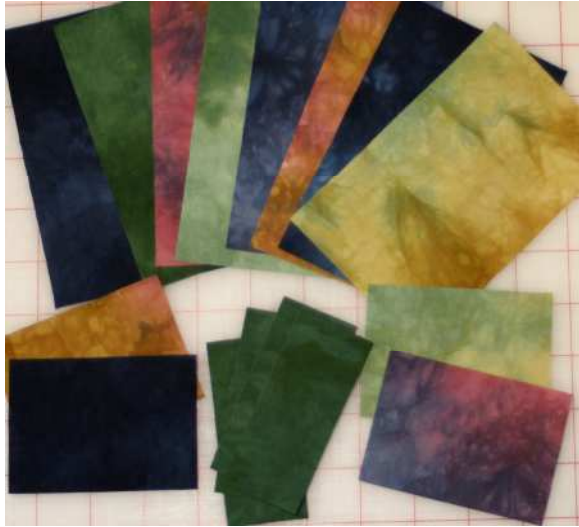
Backing – about 1 yard

Batting – enough to cut 4 13" x 17" pieces, I prefer to use old flannel sheets for my placemat batting. Flannel will give a nice weight to the placemat without making it puffy. This is a great opportunity to recycle. You could also use denim, canvas or other materials for batting. Just make sure it's been pre-washed and shrunk.

Thread to match

Note: $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances used throughout

Step 1 – Make the Center



For each placemat center cut:

- Feature fabric: 8 pieces 5.5" x 3.5"
- Feature fabric: 4 pieces 2.5" x 3.5"
- Sashing fabric: cut a 1.5" strip and then sub cut into 3.5" segments. You need 7.

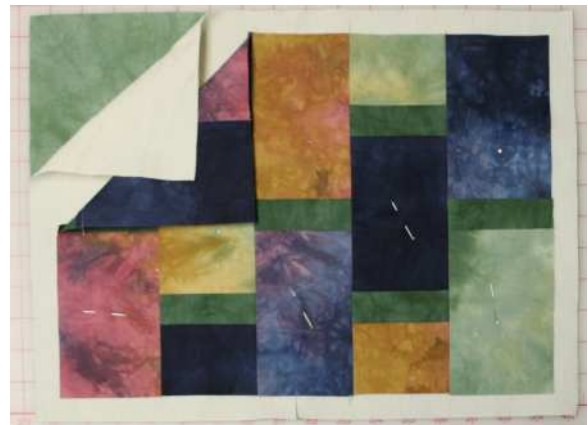


Arrange the feature fabric pieces as shown in the photo with a sashing strip in between the featured fabric pieces. Sew then together in columns.



Sew the columns together. The center of the placement is complete and should measure 15.5" x 11.5". If not, that's OK, just note your measurement.

Step 2 – Quilting



Add 1.5" to each dimension of your placemat center. Mine was 17" x 13"

Cut the backing and batting to this measurement. I like to layer my backing and flannel batting together before cutting them because it's easier to keep everything square that way.

Layer the backing, batting and placemat center. Make sure there is $\frac{3}{4}$ " of batting showing all around the center.

Pin through all layers.



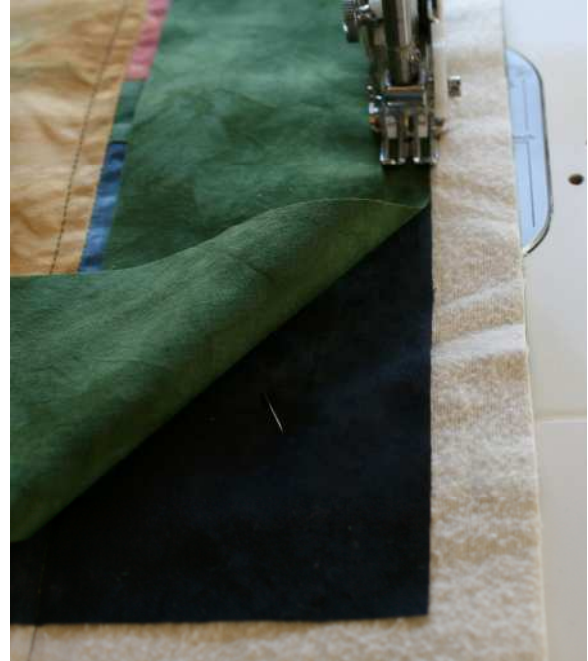
Quilt the center any way you wish. I quilted $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the vertical seams. Make sure the stitching extends beyond the edge of the fabric.

Step 3 – Add the border

For each placemat you need 4 border pieces. These are cut 3" wide. For a placemat that finishes 17" x 13", cut:

- 2 strips 3" x 12"
- 2 strips 3" x 18"

I used fat quarters so I simply cut 4 3" strips and cut the excess off as I attached each strip.



Sew the side strips first. Align the edge of a strip with the edge of the placemat center and sew through all layers with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

The border should extend about $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the top and bottom edge of the placemat center. It doesn't need to go all the way to the edge of the placemat. (See below).

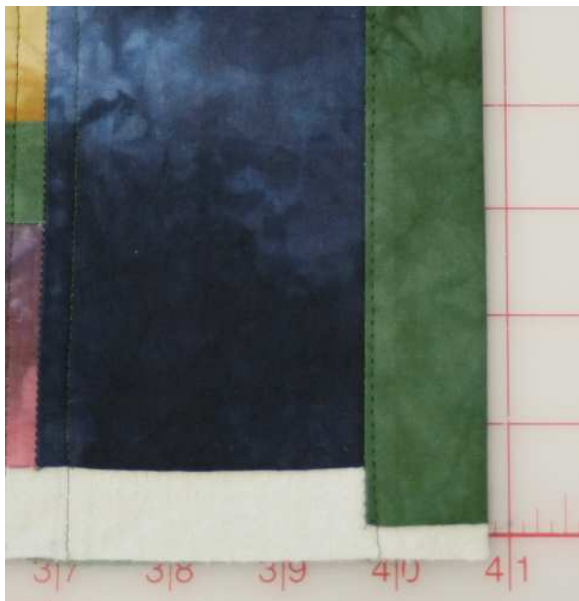


Press away from the center.



Fold the border fabric to the back. Fold under a hem but make sure there's enough of the border fabric extending beyond the stitching so that the border covers that stitching line.

You should have plenty of fabric to do this. I purposely cut the borders extra wide so that there's no issue with this step.



From the front topstitch next to the seam line. This stitching will catch the folded edge on the back so that the border is also the binding and finished off with one step.



Add the top and bottom borders. For this step the border fabric needs to extend beyond the edges of the placemat about $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sew the border to the placemat and fold the border to the back.



Fold the hem for the top and bottom the same as the sides EXCEPT wrap the ends around to the back first and then fold the long edge to the back and turn under the hem.



Topstitch these border the same as the sides and then stitch close to the edge all around the placemat.



Your placemat is done!