

Sliced Patchwork Placemats

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Size: 17" by 13"

Made with three coordinating fabrics, plus backing & batting.

Materials Needed:

Fabric A—Five five-inch squares

Fabric B—Four five-inch squares

Fabric C—Two 2 ½ inch by 13 inch strips. For binding, 2 ½ inch strips pieced together, totalling 75 inches long. (A fat quarter or quarter yard is enough for both. You can of course use a different fabric for the binding if you like.)

Backing Fabric—16" by 20"

Batting—15" by 19"

Directions:

Make a 9-patch with Fabrics A and B. Press as shown. Assemble the rows, pressing toward the dark, then stitch the rows together. The center square should have two sides pressed toward the center and two sides pressed away from the center.



Slice the 9-patch in half, measuring 2 ¼ inches from the edge of the center square to make the cut.

Turn one side around and sew the two halves together.



On the side with squares (not rectangles) cut a slice 2 ½ inches from the outside edge. Move that slice to the other side of the block and sew it to the block.



The block should now measure 13" by 14". Turn it so the 14" side is on the bottom and cut a vertical slice from each side, with the cuts at 2 ½ inches from the outside edges. Insert the Fabric C strips.



Layer with backing & batting and quilt as desired. Press binding in half, sew by machine to the front, then stitch it down on the back by hand.