

ZIPPY PLACEMATS

SUPPLIES for 4 Placemats:

- ♥ Backing - 1 yard
- ♥ Bias binding - 3/4 yard
- ♥ Two 2 1/2" strips each of 5 coordinating colors
- ♥ 1/3 yard focus fabric
- ♥ Four round or rectangle fusible Bosal placemat forms
- ♥ Coordinating thread for decorative stitching



directions:

- ♥ Cut a 7 1/2" strip for round (9 1/2" strip for rectangle) of the focus fabric.
- ♥ Put the backing fabric on top of a placemat form and press to adhere fabric to form. Trim fabric around form, leaving a 1/2" of fabric extending beyond edges.
- ♥ Turn placemat over and place the focus fabric 7" from edge of round and 9" from one corner of rectangle as shown in the picture. Press to adhere fabric, being careful not to press placemat form where there is no fabric.
- ♥ Choose one of the 2 1/2" strips, place it right sides together with the edge of the focus fabric. Stitch a 1/4" seam from the raw edges using a walking foot and thread in the bobbin that matches the backing fabric.
- ♥ Press strip away from the focus fabric, again being careful not to press the placemat form where there is no fabric.
- ♥ Continue adding strips, stitching and pressing until placemat form is covered.
- ♥ Cut out heart shape below from fabric (with fusible web on the back) and iron in the section of the placemat with the focus fabric. Use more than one applique if desired.
- ♥ Decorative stitch or blanket stitch around the applique.
- ♥ If desired, decorative stitch all the seams as well.
- ♥ Carefully trim around the placemat form, removing the excess fabric.
- ♥ Cut 2 3/8" strips on the bias for the binding, sew together with diagonal seams to make one long strip. Press seams open and press entire strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
- ♥ Sew the binding to the front of the placemat raw edges, folding 1/2" of the beginning of the binding to the wrong side. Tuck the opposite end of the binding into the folded edge to finish attaching the binding to the placemat.
- ♥ Hand stitch the folded edge of the binding to the wrong side of the placemat.

