

Picnic Pizzazz Placemats

Cutting

Furnishing Fabric

Cut 4 rectangles each 15 ½ inches x 11 inches for the placemat fronts

Insulbright Wadding/Batting

Cut 4 rectangles each 17 x 12 ½ inches

Homespun Fabric

Cut 4 rectangles each 17 inches x 12 ½ inches for the placemat backs

Cut 6 strips each 2 ½ inches x width of fabric for the binding

Quilting

1. Press the fabric rectangles well.
2. Lay each backing rectangle right side down on the table.
3. Smooth the wadding/batting over each backing rectangle.
4. Smooth the furnishing fabric rectangles over the wadding/batting, keeping the furnishing fabric centered.
5. Baste the three layers together using safety pins.
6. Thread the sewing machine with a thread to match the furnishing fabric in the needle and a thread to match the homespun fabric on the bobbin (Note: you may need to alter the tension of the machine to achieve proper stitch tension – refer to your sewing machine manual or sewing shop).
7. Fit the walking foot to the machine or engage the IDT (if fitted) and set the stitch length to 3.0.
8. Stitch along the stripes in the fabric. Quilt as few or as many of the stripes as you prefer.
9. Increase the stitch length to 4.0 and baste around the edge of the placemat about ⅛ inch from the cut edge.

Binding

10. Trim the wadding/batting and backing fabric level with the front of the placemat.
11. Join all of the 2 ½ inch wide strips into one long piece by joining with bias (mitered) seams.
12. Press the seams open.



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13. Fold the binding in half with the **wrong** sides together, having the raw edges even and press the binding.
14. Pin the binding to one of the placemats, having the raw edge of the binding level with the raw edge of the placemat and mitering the corners as you go.
15. Join the start and finish of the binding with a bias (mitered) join.
16. Stitch the binding through all layers with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, starting and stopping the stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the corner of the placemat.
17. Turn the folded edge of the binding to the back of the placemat and hand stitch into place.
18. Use your placemats with your favourite crockery at your next dinner party.

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Requirements

24 x 33 inch (65 x 85 cm) piece of striped furnishing fabric*

1 1/8 yd (1.0m) Insulbright wadding/batting

1 2/3 yd (1.5m) Homespun fabric to coordinate with the furnishing fabric

Threads to match the furnishing and homespun fabrics

Sewing machine in good working order (dusted and oiled – check your manual)

Walking foot or IDT applicable foot

Safety pins

Universal Needle 80/12

Rotary Cutter

Quilter's Ruler

Cutting Mat

Scissors

Hand sewing needle

Pins

These requirements make 4 placemats.

*The fabric can be thermal lined which makes the placemats water resistant.

The Insulbright is a thermal wadding/batting which will help to protect your table from warm plates.

