

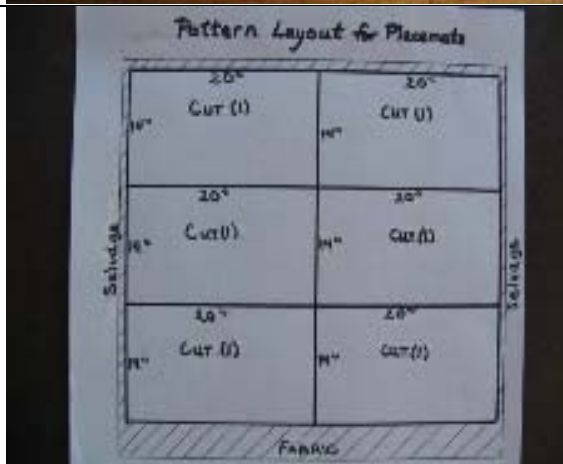
HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 2007

PROJECT FOR NEXT MONTH – THANKSGIVING PLACEMATS



What you need.

- 1 ½ yards of 45" wide top fabric (decorative fabric)
- 1 ½ yards of 45" wide bottom fabric (plain fabric for underside of placemat).
- 1 ½ yards of at least 45" wide fusible heavy fleece (Pellon has a very nice one) it gives the placemat a good feel.
- Matching thread
- Minimum 14" x 20" piece of interfacing for pattern piece



Cut one rectangle measuring 14"x20" out of interfacing.

Open your top fabric up and lay out your pattern piece on the fabric as indicated in the picture, moving it around as shown so that you get 6 placemat tops cut out of your fabric. You will end up with (6) 14"x20" placemat tops.

Next, do the same with your bottom fabric, and then with your fusible fleece fabric.



Before ironing your fusible fleece onto the back of each of your 6 top pieces, you need to first trim ¼" off from around each edge of your six fleece pieces. (Your fleece pieces will now measure 13 ½" x 19 ½" each) Doing this helps keep your iron and ironing board from getting adhesive from the fusible products on them.



Next attach the fleece to the backside of your top fabric.
Place your fleece fabric fusible side up on your ironing board, place your top fabric on top of it with **print side up** (making sure that the top piece hangs over the fleece piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " all the way around). Iron the fleece down following the manufacturer's directions. You now have 6 placemat tops with the iron on fleece attached to the back of them.



Time to sew the back to the top piece. Place a top piece down with the right side facing up, then place a bottom piece on top of it right side facing down. Pin the two pieces together; sew them together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.

As indicated in the picture, please leave a 6" opening, (where there is no sewing), so that there is an opening so that the placemat can be turned right side out.



Trim off four corners on each of the placemats.



Turn each placemat right side out through the 6" opening. Use a blunt pencil, or a pen to push the corners out.

Carefully iron placemats, making sure that you get nice crisp edges.



The opening needs to be stitched close. Before doing so turn the raw edges of the top and bottom fabric in $\frac{1}{2}$ " and iron down (as shown in picture).



Pin the opening shut, and hand sew starting from right and working to the left, using a slipstitch to sew the opening shut. Please see picture. The placemat is now closed up all the way around.



We are going to top stitch around the edge of each placemat. Before doing so, secure the back and the top together by pinning all the way around each edge of each of the placemats. Doing this keeps the back and front from slipping around while topstitching.



Now topstitch 1" in from outer edge of each placemat.

You are done!



What a fine looking Thanksgiving table you are going to have when friends and family come over.

These could also be made as gifts. Try different fabrics and have some fun!