

Blushing Peonies Placemats
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These placemats feature a large floral print as the focal point in the main block. Then use scraps from a jelly roll, leftover binding strips or charm squares for the side block. I used half of a charm square pack that matched my feature fabric to get lots of variety but you can make it scrappy. The coral piping is optional but I added it to make my colors pop.



For 1 placemat:

Floral Fabric	12 ½" x 12 ½"
Green border	12 ½" x 1 ½" – 2 strips
	14 ½" x 1 ½" – 2 strips
Strip side block	3 ½ charm squares or 7 pieces 2 ½" x 5"
Optional coral piping	12 ½" x 1" – 2 strips
	14 ½" x 1" – 2 strips
Backing & batting	15" x 19" backing
Binding	2 ½" x wof – 2 strips

For 6 placemats:

.7m floral fabric

.4m green border

2 m grey fabric for backing & binding –

.25m optional coral piping

21 charm squares (5"x5") or about 250" of 2 ½ strips (you would need 42 strips that are 5" long)

.5m batting (assuming 90" or wider)

Note: you could also use a layer cake (10" squares) for the floral blocks. You'd have to adjust the green border sizes to 2 ½" wide if you did that and resize them accordingly.

Cutting:

Floral	cut into 6 pieces 12 ½" x 12 ½" each
Green Border	cut into 10 strips 1 ½". Then recut 6 of them into 2 pieces 14 ½" each. Cut the remaining 4 into 3 pieces 12 ½" each. So you should have 12 of each size.
Grey backing	Cut into 6 pieces 15" x 19" for backing (1.1m)
Binding	Cut the rest of the grey into 2 ½" strips for binding (about .8m). I used 2 strips per placemat so you'll need about 12 in total.
Coral Piping	Cut into 10 strips 1" each then cut the same lengths as for the green.
Strip block	If you aren't using charm squares then you need 42 pieces 2 ½" x 5"

Side block construction:

- If you're using charm squares then draw a line in the middle, lengthwise, on the wrong side of 9 of them. Put these right sides together with 9 others. Sew ¼" seam on each side of your line. Cut apart and iron to one side.
- You have 3 charm squares left. Cut these in half lengthwise.
- Sew together 6 of the pieced squares + a single 2 ½" x 5" strip so you have a strip set of 7 colors. You will make 6 of these.

Placemat construction:

- Note: if you want to do the optional coral piping the iron each of the 24 strips in half lengthwise. Lay the piping along the edge of the floral block. Then put the border on top of it. I use pins to hold the layers in place. Add these as you're adding the border. If you use a ¼" seam allowance your piping should stick out roughly ¼" and float freely.
- Sew the 12 ½" side border to each side of the floral square. Press towards the border.
- Sew the 14 ½" top/bottom border to the top/bottom of the floral square. Press towards the border.
- Sew the pieced side block to the right side of the block. Press towards the block.
- Layer the backing, batting and placemat top. Pin to hold in place
- Quilt as desired. I did a stitch in the ditch between each of the 2 ½" strips and between the strip block and big block and between the green border and floral center. I did different walking foot designs on each of my placemat blocks.
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