

BRAID AS YOU GO PLACEMAT

One 4 ½" square, cut diagonally (Use only one half)

Coordinating 2 ½" strips:

- Seven @ 9 ½" or longer
- Seven @ 11 ½" or longer
- Two @ 3" or longer

Draw a 12 ½" x 18 ½" rectangle on a 13 ½" x 19 ½" piece of batting. Mark a line down the center of the batting in the 18 ½" direction (6 ¼" from each side of the previously marked rectangular outline). Layer batting onto wrong side of placemat backing fabric, spray basting together, if desired.



Place the triangle cut from the 4 ½" square RS up on the batting and aligned with the short edge of the marked rectangle, with the triangle point on the marked center line. Place a 9 ½" strip RST with the triangle, with the edges aligned. Start stitching ¼" from the point of the triangle, backstitching to secure. Sew ¼" seam to past the marked rectangle. Flip the strip open, pressing flat. Now align an 11 ½" strip RST with the newly created point. Stitch as before. When flipped open, the point of the new strip should be on the centre line. Continue in this manner until all of the originally marked rectangle is covered with fabric, using the short strips to fill in the corners. Trim placemat to 12 ½" x 18 ½", using the aligned points down the centre as a guide. These points should be 6 ¼" from each side of the placemat. Add label and bind.