

REEL AS YOU GO

- (1) 5" square
- (8) 2 ½" x 5" rectangles
- (8) Assorted 2 ½" strips – 2 each with minimum lengths:
18", 14", 10", 6"



Draw a 12 ½" x 18 ½" rectangle on a piece of batting. This will be the outline of your placemat top. Mark the centre of the outline in both directions (6 ¼" from top and bottom, and 9 ¼" from sides). Place backing fabric wrong side up and layer batting on top with markings visible, spray basting together if desired.

Place the 5" square RS up on the batting, aligning its corners with the drawn centre lines. Secure in place. Draw two lines diagonally across the placemat even with two opposite raw edges of the square to aid in alignment as you add pieces.

Place one of the small rectangles on the top right edge of the square RST and stitch in place with ¼" seam, starting and ending ¼" from the edges (at the crossing seam allowances) and securing your stitches. Flip the newly attached piece open, pressing flat. Continue to add the small rectangles the same way until they cover the top and bottom marked lines. In a similar manner, add the 2 ½" strips from the edges of the previously pieced section to fill in the opposite corners. Stitch all the way to the ends since these pieces go to the edge of the placemat. Be sure to cover the edges of the drawn outline, filling the corners with scraps as necessary. Trim to 12 ½" x 18 ½" using the points of the middle square to identify the centre. Add label and bind.