

HEXAGON PLACEMATS

FOR **THREE** HEXAGONS (14" finished size in widest dimension), CUT:

(2 EACH) of **two** coordinating 3 ½" x WOF strips

(3) 2 ½" x WOF binding strips

Sew one 3 ½" strip of each fabric together to make a strip set. Repeat with the other pair of 3 ½" strips. Using a 60 degree triangle ruler and aligning the point with one edge of the strip set, cut each strip set into nine triangles, alternating the ruler direction with each cut. Be sure that you cut two sets of matching triangles (i.e. 9 each with the same fabric for the small triangle). *Edges of the triangle sides should measure 7 ½"*. Each hexagon requires 6 triangles.

Using the picture as a guide, lay out your three hexagon mats. The two mirror image placemats each require 6 matching segments. The third mat uses three of each orientation. Sew three triangle units together for each half hexagon, then join the halves together. Layer, quilt, add label and bind.

PRESSING: Press the strip sets to the dark fabric. For the windmills, press to the unseamed piece. For the alternating triangles, press seams open. Press final centre seam open.

Experiment with alternate layouts. If you choose to make only one hexagon, you only need one strip of each fabric, and the windmill layout is not possible.

