

# Colorbar Placemat

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Project of the Month



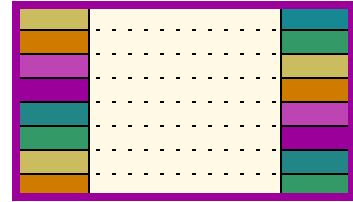
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## Requirements for 6 Placemats:

- 6 - ½ yards for placemat borders, backs and binding
- ¾ yard unbleached muslin for placemat centers
- 1¼ yard cotton batting



## Optional:

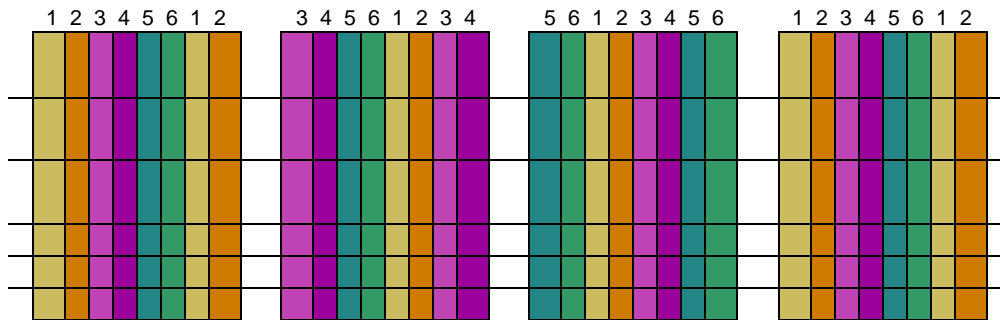
- Machine quilting thread coordinated to back fabric
- Variegated machine quilting thread for placemat center

*Preshrink all fabrics, including cotton batting. Your placemats will stay flat and retain their size after washing.*

After washing and ironing your fabrics, number your main fabrics 1 through 6. Use the cutting layouts on the pages that follow to cut your border strips, placemat backs and binding.

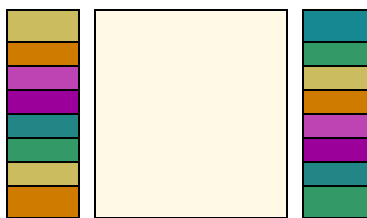
With your border fabric (2" X 18"), strip piece to make 4 sets:

(You should have 4 - 2" X 18" pieces left over.)



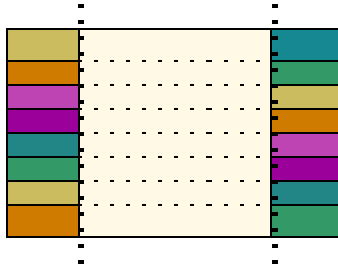
Cut each set into 3 - 3½" strips and 3 - 1½" strips. The 3½" strips are the right and left borders of the placemat. The 1½" strips are for the top and bottom binding.

Attach 3½" border strips to either side of a center.



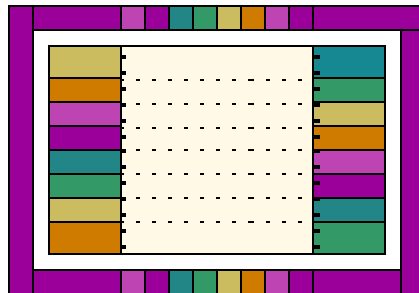
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Assemble each placemat: Back, batting top. Mark quilting lines across the center section. Stitch along the marked lines and 'in the ditch' on either side. Trim excess batting and backing



There is enough fabric for a continuous solid binding in the cutting layout. Use the same color as the back or use a contrasting color.

An alternative is to use the 1½" strips of the border fabric inserted into the binding so they line up with the center square.

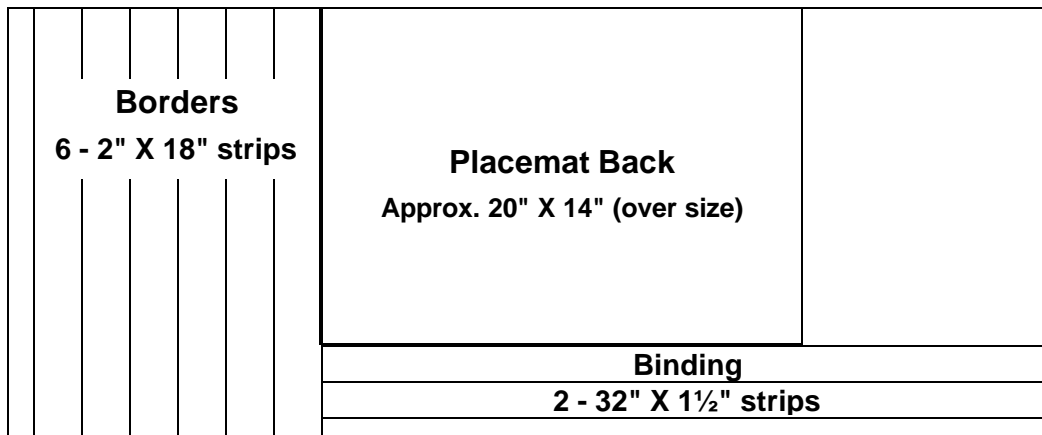


Half yards of the Jewel Combo (CMB1-HY) were used for the sample placemats.

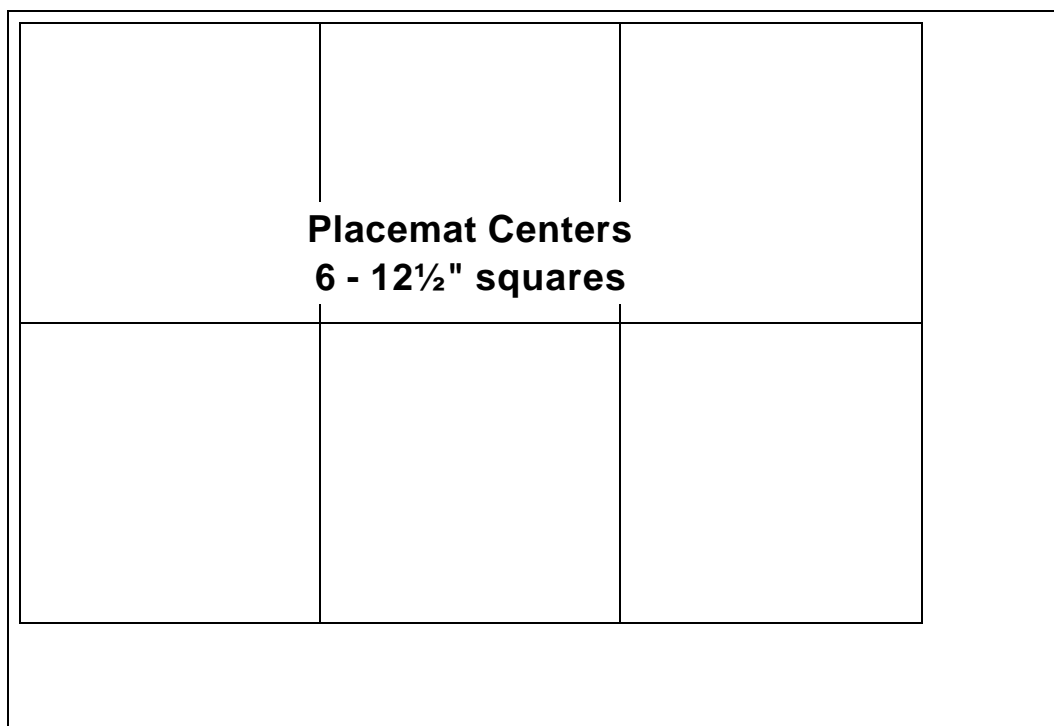


Using a product, such as, Scotchgard™ will help repel food and beverage stains.

**Main fabrics - Cutting layout for ½ yard - approx. 44" X 18"**



**Placemat Centers - Cutting layout for ¾ yard PRESHRUNK muslin**



**Placemat Batting - Cutting layout for PRESHRUNK 1¼ yard**

