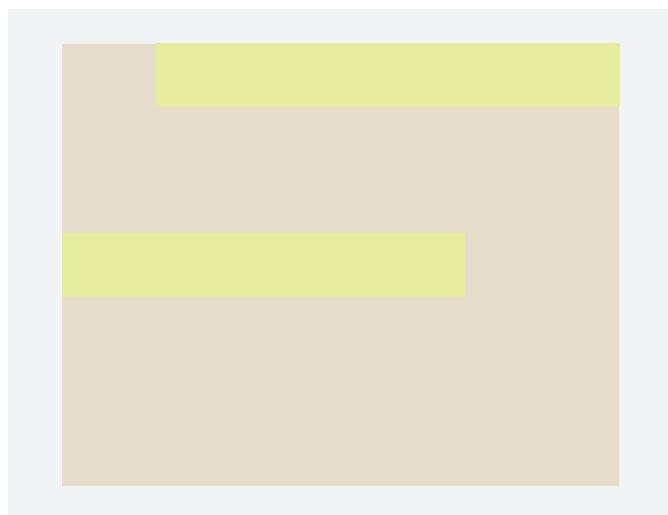
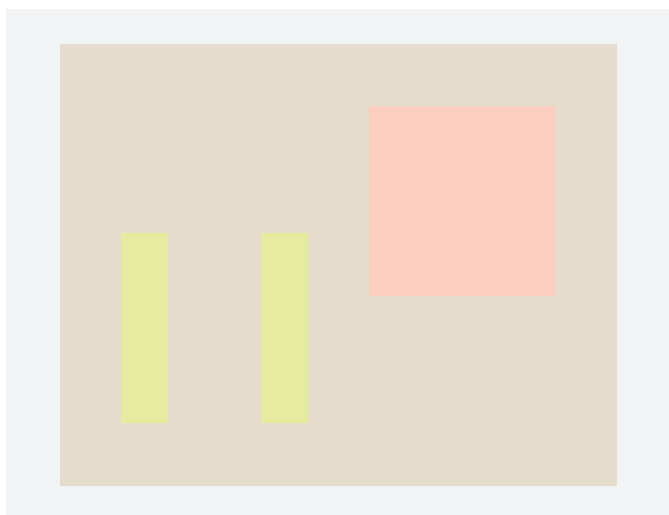
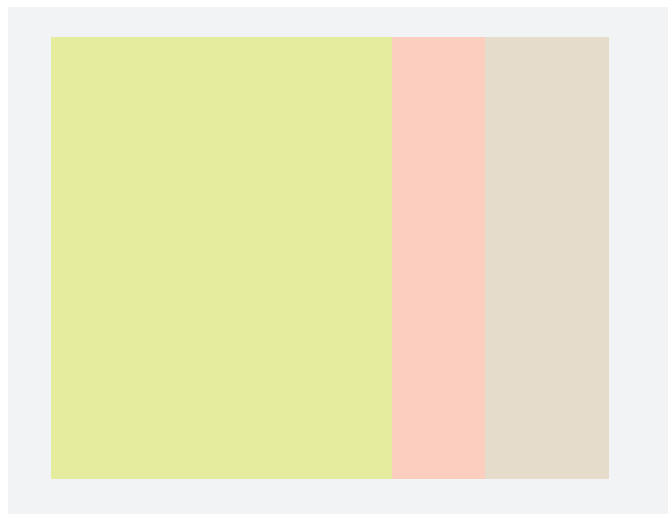
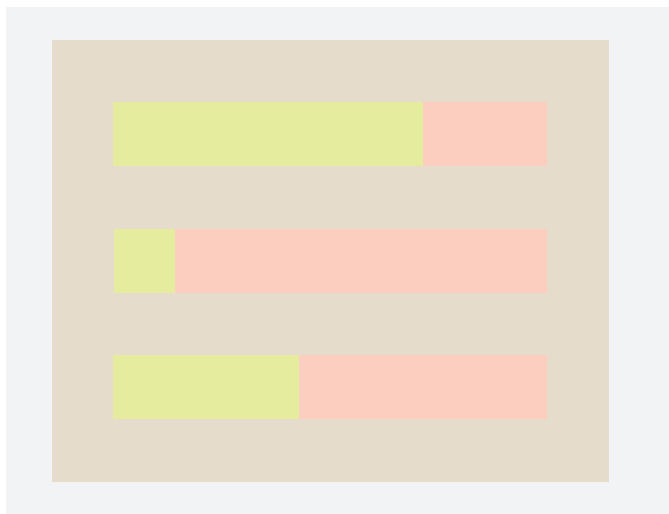


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About this pattern

This pattern will instruct you on how to piece together squares and rectangles to create modern placemats. The placemats will be pieced like a quilt, but there is no quilting required! If you're a seasoned quilter, these placemats are a great scrap buster. If you've never quilted or sewn before, this is a great beginner project. You can mix and match the designs to create the perfect set for your home.

I'd love to see your work, feel free to tag me on Instagram @stitchin_camaro or use the hashtag #simplemodernplacemats. If you have any issues or questions send me an email at michelle@stitchincamaro.com

Fabric and supplies

These placemats are intended to be a scrap busting project. The amount of fabric required will vary depending on which designs you choose and if you mix and match. Fabric should be a non-stretch cotton, ideally quilting cotton. Prewash your fabric so that you can easily wash your placemats without shrinking them.

Fabric requirements for a set of 4:

1/2 yard of primary color**

1/4 yard of secondary color

1 1/4 yard of background color

1 yard of fusible fleece or medium weight interfacing

Supplies needed:

- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Quilting ruler (a regular ruler will work if you don't have a large quilting ruler)
- Fabric marking tool

**A set of 4 of design #2 will require 3/4 yard of primary color

Directions

This booklet contains instructions for 4 different designs. Use the instructions for each design to assemble the top of the placemat. Each finished placemat top should be 14 1/2" x 18 1/2". Once you have assembled the tops of the placemats, follow the instructions on page 9 to finish the placemats.

As you sew, use a scant 1/4" seam allowance.

Press seams open or towards the darker fabric.

Assembling Design #1 Top

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Step 1

Cut out the following pieces.

Background:

A - 14 1/2" x 2 1/2" (6)

Primary:

B - 10 1/2" x 2 1/2"

C - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

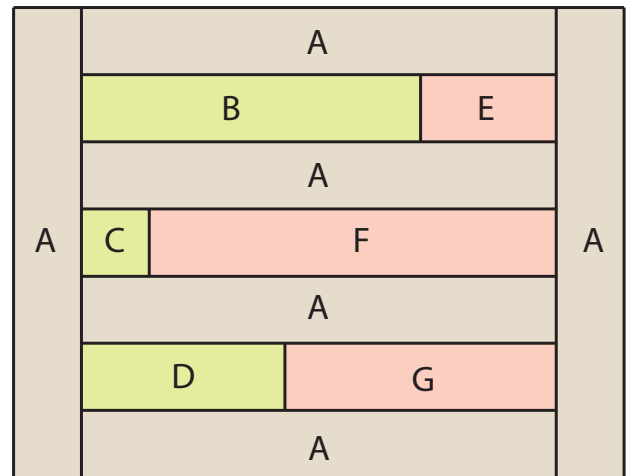
D - 6 1/2" x 2 1/2"

Secondary:

E - 4 1/2" x 2 1/2"

F - 12 1/2" x 2 1/2"

G - 8 1/2" x 2 1/2"



Step 2

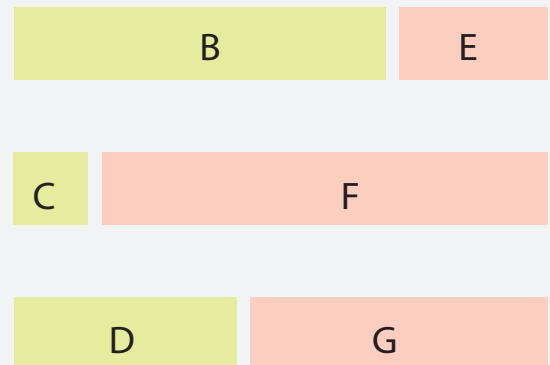
Sew the short sides of the strips of your primary and secondary colors together, matching the following pieces:

B and E

C and F

G and D

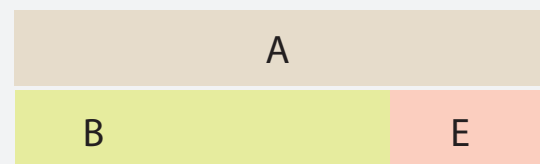
All strips should have a final length of 14 1/2" once sewed.



Step 3

Sew a strip A to the BE block, long edges together like so:

Attach another background strip (A) to the BE block on the other long edge.

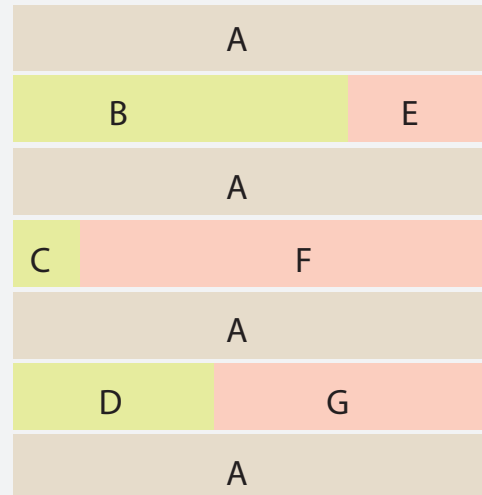


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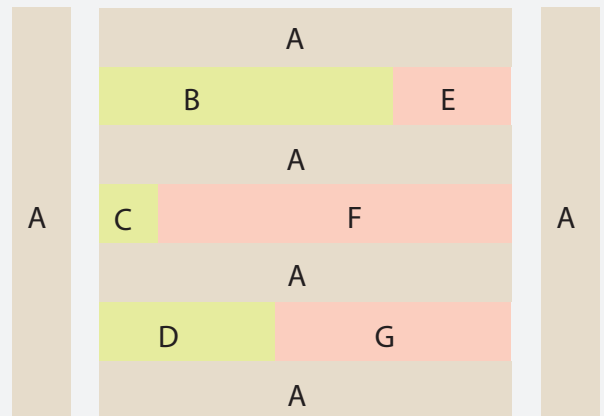
Step 4

Continue to assemble the 14 1/2" length strips using the following arrangement.



Step 5

Lastly sew the two remaining A strips to either side of your block.



Assembling Design #2 Top

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Step 1

Cut out the following pieces.

Background:

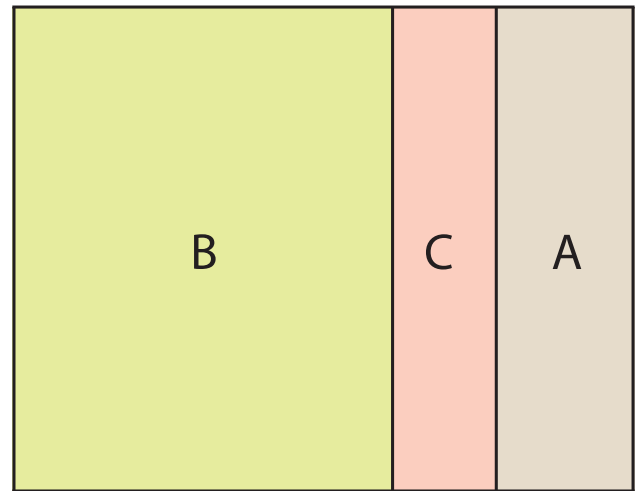
A - 4 1/2" x 14 1/2"

Primary:

B - 11 1/2" x 14 1/2"

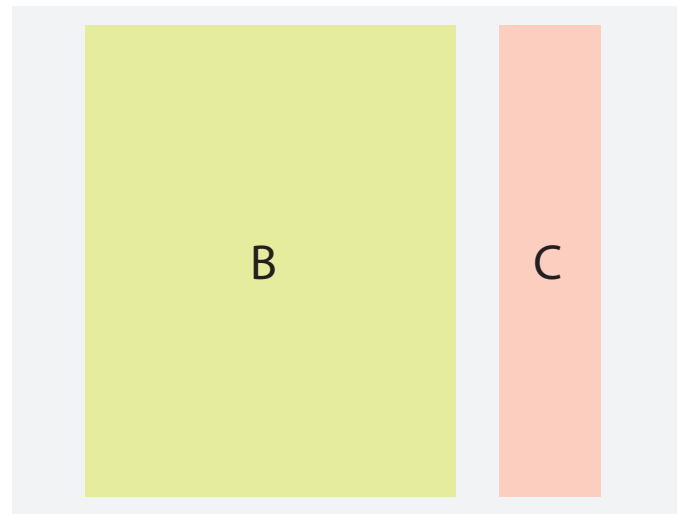
Secondary:

C - 3 1/2" x 14 1/2"



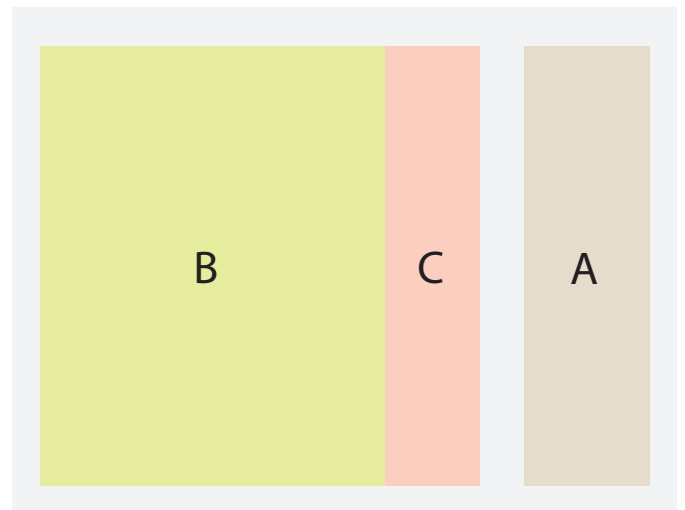
Step 2

Sew B & C rectangles together matching the 14 1/2" edges.



Step 3

Attach the A rectangle to the long edge of C.



Assembling Design #3 Top

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Step 1

Cut out the following pieces.

Background:

A - $18\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ (2)

B - $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ (3)

C - $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ (2)

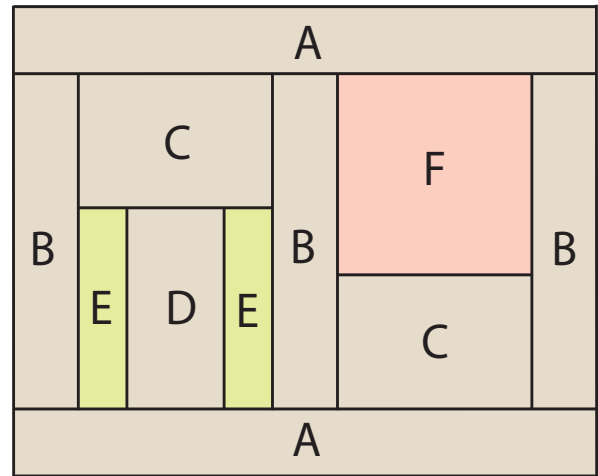
D - $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$

Primary:

E - $2'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$ (2)

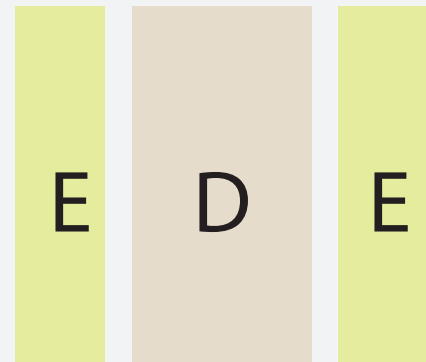
Secondary:

F - $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$



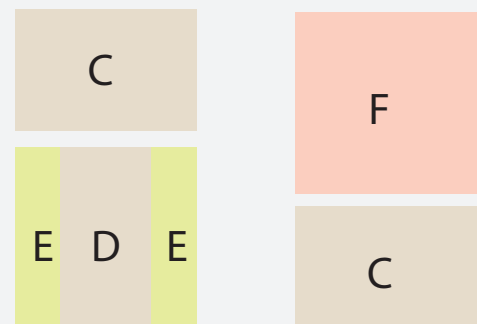
Step 2

Sew an E rectangle to either side of D rectangle, match the long edges.



Step 3

Sew a C rectangle to the combined ED block. Sew the remaining C rectangle to the bottom of the F rectangle. You should have the following blocks, both $10\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$.

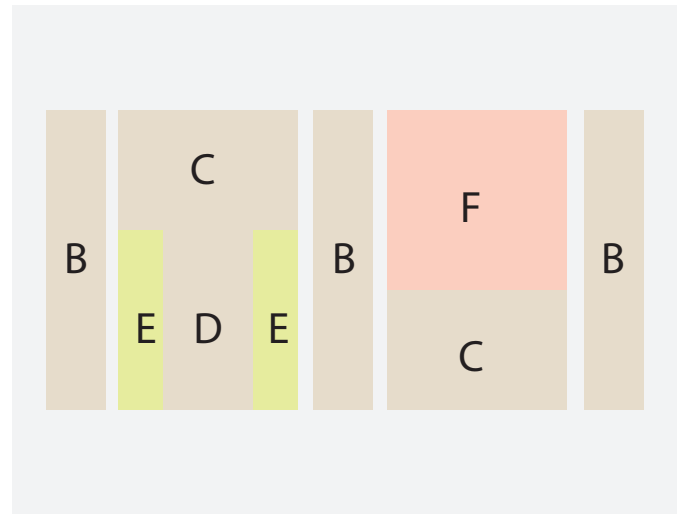


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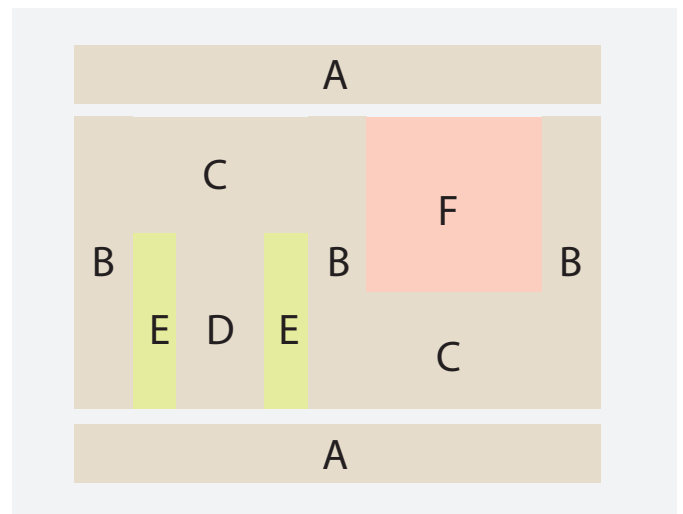
Step 4

Arrange the pieces that you've sewn and the piece B rectangles as shown. Sew together.



Step 5

Lastly take two A rectangles and sew them to the top and bottom.



Assembling Design #4 Top

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Step 1

Cut out the following pieces.

Background:

A - 3 1/2" x 2 1/2"

B - 5 1/2" x 2 1/2"

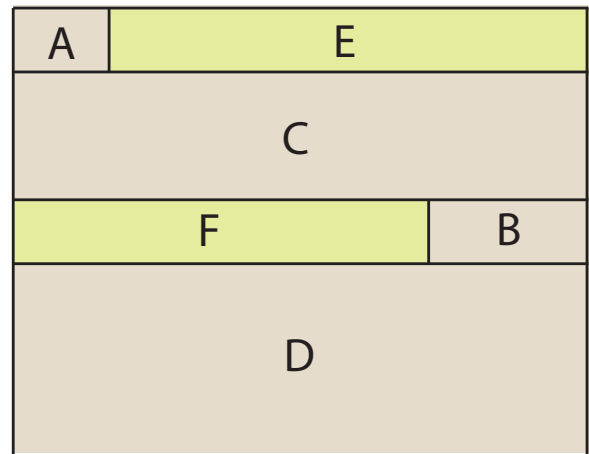
C - 4 1/2" x 18 1/2"

D - 6 1/2" x 18 1/2"

Primary:

E - 15 1/2" x 2 1/2"

F - 13 1/2" x 2 1/2"

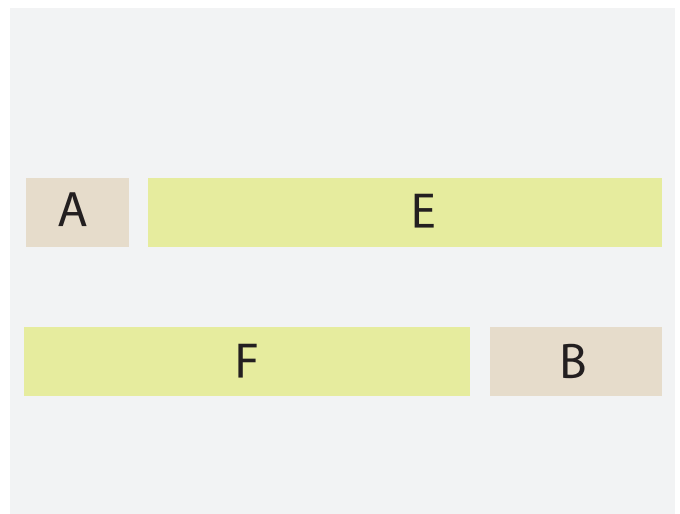


Step 2

Sew the following rectangles together, matching the short sides:

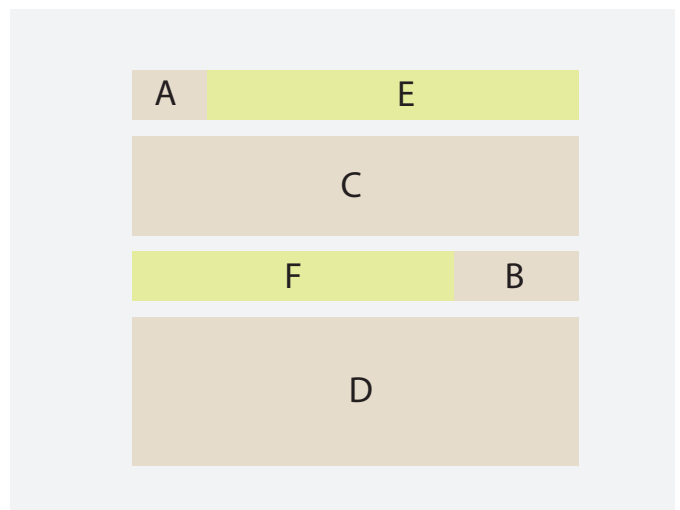
A & E

F & B



Step 3

Arrange your pieces in the following order.
Sew together to assemble.



Putting your placemats together

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Step 1

Sew your placemat tops using the instructions outlined.

Step 2

Cut out a 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of your background fabric. This will be the back of the placemat. Fuse* a 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of interfacing to the background fabric.

* Follow the instructions on your interfacing packaging.

Step 3

Pin the interfaced back piece to your assembled placemat top, **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**. Make two marks on the short side of your placemat about 3" apart.



Step 4

Sew around the perimeter of the placemat, starting at the bottom mark and ending at the top mark. Use a 1/4" inch seam allowance. When you are finished sewing your placemat should have a 3" hole.



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Step 5

Pull the placemat right side out, using the hole. Once it is right side out, press the placemat to flatten the seams.

Step 6

Fold and press the fabric near the hole inward, so that the raw edges of the fabric are inside the placemat.

Step 7

Top stitch around the entire placemat, sewing the hole shut. Use a 1/8" seam allowance. You can use contrast thread for this if you'd like the top stitching to be decorative. Now your placemat is complete. Congratulations!!!