

Charming Placemats

Makes 4 placemats approx. 19" x 13"

Materials:

2 charm packs, or at least 54 squares 5" OR

(1/6 yard of 16 prints to cut the 5" squares works well. This gives you enough variety to make color placement fun and you can get 6 to 8 placemats from this.)

1 yard backing – 5/8 yard binding

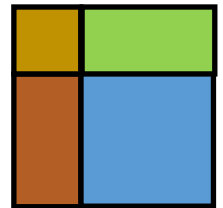
Batting for 4 placemats



Sewing:

Using the 5" squares, make six large 9-patch blocks. Mix up the prints and colors. The squares that are in the four corners of the 9-patch will remain that size. The other five squares will be cut through.

Press seams. The squares should measure 14". Cut each of the 9-patch blocks exactly in half both horizontally and vertically. You will have four new blocks each measuring 7". Each will look like diagram at right.



Six of these new blocks will be used in one placemat. Lay them out in a pleasing arrangement, then sew three blocks together twice. Press seams and sew these two rows together. Your placemat will be three blocks wide and two blocks long, measuring about 20" x 13½".

Cut batting and backing a bit larger than placemat top. Layer placemat with batting and backing; baste and quilt as desired. Trim placemats to 19" x 13" or desired size. Be sure corners are square with exact right angles.

Apply binding as typical for a quilt.

Alternate batting method:

I used Bosal In-R-Form for the batting. Fusible or non-fusible will work. If using non-fusible you may want to spray baste the backing to the Bosal. Fuse backing to one side of Bosal. I sewed three 7" blocks together, and placed it on the side of the Bosal without backing. Fuse down, then take the next set of three 7" blocks, right sides together with raw edges even and sew a ¼" to 3/8" seam, sewing through to the backing fabric (a quilt-as-you-go technique). Press second row down. Then do a minimal amount of additional quilting through all layers. I sewed stitch-in-the-ditch along the two seams of the 7" blocks. Trim and square up placemat to about 19" x 13".

