



Charm Table Mats

18" x 13 1/2"

Requirements for TWO table mats:

Thirty-four – 5" squares or charm pack

1/2 yd backing – cut in half on fold

1/3 yd binding – cut four – 2 1/2" strips

1/2 yd fusible fleece, Thermolam Plus,
Insul Bright, or cotton batting
Cut two pieces the size of backing

Arrange twelve charm squares in a pleasing manner, four across and three down. Set aside two more squares for the napkin pocket (on the left of the mat), and two more squares for the silverware pocket (on the right), and one square for corners of square where a glass or cup will sit, top right. Repeat for second mat.

Napkin pocket: With right sides facing, sew the two squares that you set aside together at the top using a 1/4" seam. Turn right sides out aligning bottom edges. Press seam. Press top of pocket (where the seam is) down 1" to front of pocket forming a cuff. Topstitch 1/4" from bottom of cuff. Baste pocket to bottom *left* square of mat but *only* along the *right* sides.

Silverware pocket: Using one square you set aside, form a cuff by folding square in half, wrong sides together. Press. Align raw edges of cuff to top raw edge of the other silverware pocket square you set aside, having right sides together. Stitch. Press cuff seam up. Bring top of cuff to the seam line on wrong side of pocket, thereby enclosing the seam. Topstitch. Set aside.

Glass/cup Holder Square: Using corner square you set aside, cut it in half horizontally and vertically forming four – 2 1/2" squares. Draw diagonal line from corner to corner on wrong side of squares (see steps below). With right sides facing, place two squares in opposite corners of top right square. Sew one thread away from drawn line towards the corner. Lift up and press triangles to the corners. Repeat on opposite side. Baste 1/8" from outer edge to hold corners in place.



Sewing the Squares Together: Check the arrangement of your squares. The glass/cup square should be in the top right corner and the napkin pocket in bottom left corner. The silverware pocket is set aside still.

Sew the three squares in the left column together. Press seams up.
Sew the next column squares together, press seams down. Sew this column to previous column.
Sew third column squares together. Press seams up. Add to other columns.
Sew the right column squares together (not silverware pocket). Press seams down.
Place silverware pocket at bottom corner of this column. It will overlap the square above.
Baste only along *left* side. Sew column to the other columns.
Press vertical seams away from pockets.

Adding backing: If using fusible fleece or fusible Thermolam Plus, fuse to wrong side of backing fabric. With backing fabric face down and batting on top, add table mat right side up. If using Insul Bright or cotton backing, make a quilt sandwich. Pin all layers together. Quilt by sewing an X in each square.

Do Not X the napkin pocket or silverware pocket but the pockets can be lifted up to X the square underneath. Do not X the glass/cup square. For this square, quilt in the ditch around triangles.

Binding: Miter strips together. Press strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Align raw edges of binding to raw edge of table mat. Stitch, mitering the corners as you come to them. Turn binding to back of mat. Blind stitch binding to back of mat.



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