

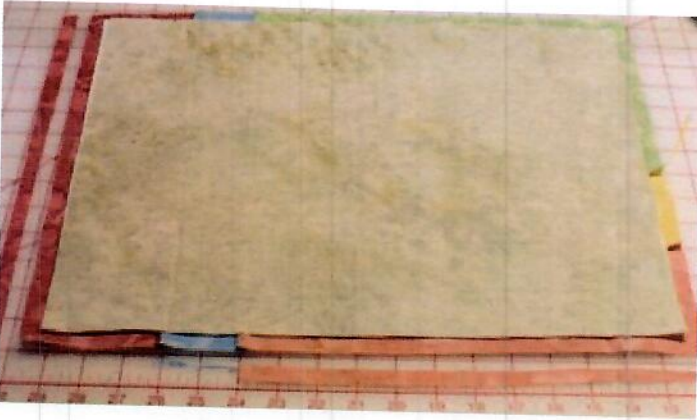
Step 7

Add piece E. Now the top of the placemat is complete.



Step 8

Flip the placemat over to the back and trim the edges of the top fabric so they extend 1/2" beyond the edge of the backing.



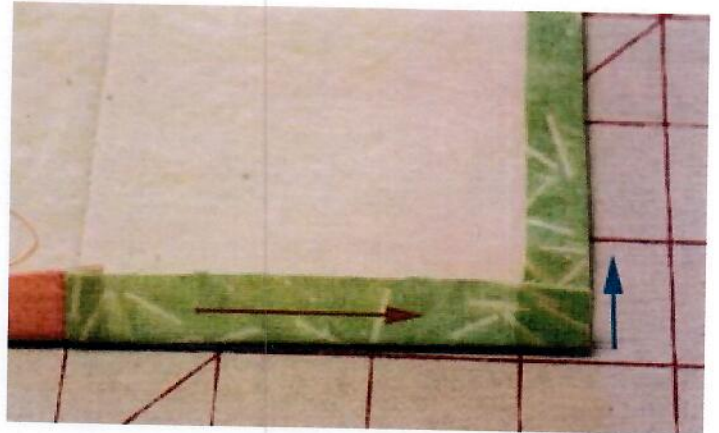
Step 9

Press the top fabric to the back.



TIP: When you press the raw edges to the back, it will be easier to stitch if you press every corner as illustrated in the photo. Turn each corner so that it is oriented on the lower right as you are pressing. Press the right edge over to the left and press the bottom UP (blue arrow). This is because

you will always be stitching each corner in the direction of the red arrow. By pressing this way you will not have to worry about pressed corners getting caught and twisted under the presser foot.



Step 10

I finished these with twin-needle stitching. It creates a zigzag finish on the back side that is a great finish for the raw edges. Twin-needle stitching is very straight forward as long as you remember a few tips:

- You need two spools of thread to feed through the machine, one for each needle. If you don't have two matching spools then run some thread onto a bobbin and use the matching bobbin as the second needle thread.
- Make sure you are only doing a straight stitch! Any sort of decorative stitch will most likely break your needles.
- Test your tension on some fabric scraps before you sew. Feeding two threads through your tension guide often requires adjustment.
- When turning the corner, make sure the needles are UP. Turn the corner and align the needles so that the first stitch is taken in the right needle stitches of the previous stitches (as in the photo below). The left needle will carry a thread diagonally across the corner.

