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## PROJECT: Spooky Place Mat

Set your October table with a place mat sewn using novelty prints.

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FABRICS are from the Spellbound collection by Maude Asbury for FreeSpirit ([freespiritfabrics.com](http://freespiritfabrics.com)).

**PLACE MAT**Finished size:  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ "

- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard total assorted Halloween novelty prints (outer border)
- $\frac{1}{8}$  yard gray print (inner border)
- $\frac{2}{3}$  yard purple print (place mat center, backing)
- $\frac{1}{3}$  yard solid black (binding)
- $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " batting

**CUT FABRICS**

Cut pieces in the following order:

From assorted prints, cut:

- 22— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

From gray print, cut:

- 2— $1\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " inner border strips  
*20'1/2*

From purple print, cut:

- 1— $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle  
*20'1/2*
- 1— $7\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

From solid black, cut:

- ~~2~~— $2\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ " binding strips  
*2*

**ASSEMBLE PLACE MAT**Measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Press seams in directions indicated by arrows on diagrams. If no direction is specified, press seam toward darker fabric.

- 1) Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together 11 assorted print  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles to make a pieced outer border strip. The strip should be  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances. Repeat to make a second pieced outer border strip.

**2) Referring to Place Mat Assembly**

**Diagram**, sew together pieced outer border strips, gray print  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " *20'1/2* inner border strips, and purple print  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle to make a place mat top. The place mat top should be  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

**FINISH PLACE MAT**

- 1) Layer purple print  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle with right side down, batting  $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, and place mat top with right side up; baste. Quilt as desired.

- 2) Bind with solid black binding strips.

*center gnome piece  
cut to 10" x 7"*

*orange side pieces:  
cut 2 - 7" x 6"*

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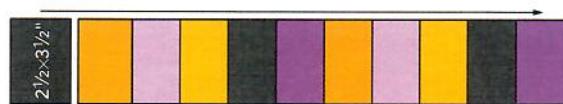
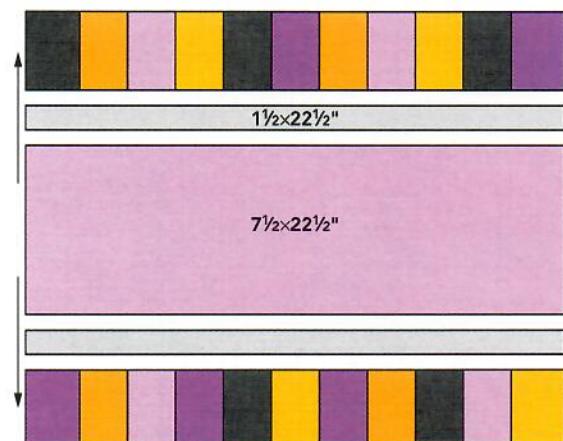


DIAGRAM 1



PLACE MAT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM