

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).

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

From purple print, cut:

- $1 - 15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle
- $1 - 7\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle

From solid black, cut:

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

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 $1\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " 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

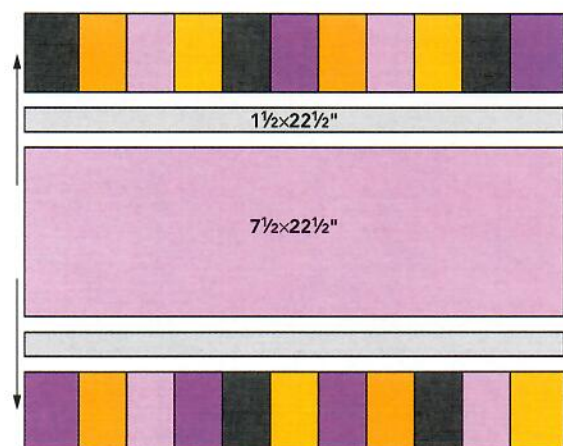
- 1) Layer purple print $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle with right side down, batting $15\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, and place mat top with right side up; baste. Quilt as desired.
- 2) Bind with solid black binding strips.

center gnome piece:
cut to $10" \times 7"$

orange side pieces:
cut 2 - $7" \times 6"$



DIAGRAM 1



PLACE MAT ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM