

Instructions For Making Charm Square Placemats

These easy placemats are made using a sew-and-flip method, and a pillowcase-type construction, eliminating the need for binding. *A walking foot will keep your work smooth and flat.*

Fabric Requirements:

- Twelve 5" squares
- Piece of thin batting at least 15" x 19"
- Backing fabric at least 15" x 19"

Please also bring a walking foot.

1. Stitch the 12 squares into three rows of 4 each. Press seams.
2. Lay first row right side up on the batting. Pin in place.
3. Place second row on top of first, right sides facing, and stitch using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Flip the sewn row down onto the batting. Smooth flat.
4. Add the last row of squares right sides together with row two; stitch and flip as before.
5. Press the rows flat, then baste around all sides. Trim away excess batting.
6. Layer the sewn squares right sides together (batting side up) with the backing piece. Starting on a long side, *stitch with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam*, around the mat, leaving an opening of about 6". (The $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam will hide the basting stitches so they won't have to be removed.)
7. Trim excess backing. Trim the corners, and turn the piece right side out. Press flat.
8. Topstitch all around $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edges.
9. No further quilting is necessary because the rows have been stitched through the batting.