

COLOR BLOCK PLACEMATS & NAPKINS

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This pattern makes 4 napkins, 20" x 20" each, and 4 quilted placemats, 13" x 18" each.

Pattern Level: Enthusiastic Novice




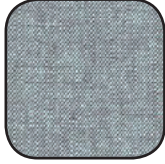


"I am a total beginner and want to learn more!"

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Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 42" wide.

| Color | Fabric | Name/SKU | Yardage | Color | Fabric | Name/SKU | Yardage |
|--|--------|-------------------------|----------|--|--------|---|-------------|
|  | A | AZH-16622-341 PICKLE | 1/2 yard |  | D | ZH-16618-336 FOG | 1/2 yard |
|  | B | AZH-16621-335 SHALE | 1/2 yard |  | E | E064-456 SHALE <i>* includes placemat backing</i> | 2 yards |
|  | C | AZH-16620-341 PICKLE | 1/2 yard |  | F | AZH-16619-341 PICKLE <i>* includes binding and napkin backing</i> | 1-7/8 yards |
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Notes Before You Begin

- Please read all directions before starting your project.
- Yardages are based on fabric at least 42" wide.
- WOF = width of fabric
- This pattern is written like a quilt pattern, with all pieces rotary cut and all seams sewn with a 1/4" seam allowance and pressed open, unless otherwise indicated.
- I do not typically prewash fabrics for quilts. However, because these napkins will not be stabilized onto batting with quilting (which generally causes everything to shrink at the same rate as the batting, thus negating any problems with mixing fibers) I recommend prewashing the fabrics for this project.

Conversion Chart

Following the pattern as written will make 4 placemats and 4 napkins (4 sets). If you would like to make more than 4 sets, please refer to the table below for yardage requirements.

If you're making more than 4 sets, you'll need to complete each step of the cutting directions more than once. For example, if you're making 8 sets, you'll need to complete each step of the cutting and sewing directions twice. The bottom row of the table will tell you how many times to complete the cutting and sewing directions.

| Number of Sets | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Colorful Patchwork Fabrics | 1/2 yard each of 4 fabrics | 1/2 yard each of 8 fabrics, or 1 yard each of 4 fabrics | 1/2 yard each of 12 fabrics, or 1-1/2 yards each of 4 fabrics | 1/2 yard each of 16 fabrics, or 2 yards each of 4 fabrics |
| Neutral Solid Fabric | 2 yards | 4 yards | 6 yards | 8 yards |
| Colorful Accent Fabric | 1-3/4 yards | 3-1/2 yards | 5-1/4 yards | 7 yards |
| Batting | 4 pieces, 14-1/2" x 19-1/2" each | 8 pieces, 14-1/2" x 19-1/2" each | 12 pieces, 14-1/2" x 19-1/2" each | 16 pieces, 14-1/2" x 19-1/2" each |
| Complete Cutting & Sewing Directions | once | twice | three times | four times |

Cutting Directions

From each of the 4 Colorful Patchwork Fabrics (Fabrics A-D)

For ease in cutting directional print fabrics, all dimensions for these pieces are listed width x height.

Cut one strip 6" x WOF and subcut:

- one piece K, 6" x 9"
- one piece L, 6" x 2-1/2"
- one piece F, 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"
- one piece H, 3" x 8-1/2"
- one piece I, 3" x 5-1/2"

Cut two strips 3-1/2" x WOF and subcut:

- one piece A, 3-1/2" x 20-1/2"
- two pieces B, 3-1/2" x 17-1/2" each
- one piece C, 3-1/2" x 14-1/2"

Cut one strip 3" x WOF and subcut:

- one piece O, 3" x 9"
- one piece D 2-1/2" x 10-1/2"
- one piece E, 2-1/2" x 3-1/2"
- one piece N, 2" x 8-1/2"
- one piece M, 2" x 5-1/2"

From Neutral Solid Fabric (Fabric E)

Cut four strips 15-1/2" x WOF and subcut the following, cutting one Placemat Back, one Napkin Center, and one piece G from each strip:

four Placemat Backs, 15-1/2" x 20-1/2" each
four Napkin Centers, 14-1/2" x 14-1/2" each
four Pieces G, 4-1/2" x 9-1/2" each

Cut two strips 3" x WOF and subcut:

four pieces J, 3" x 6" each
four pieces P, 3" x 5" each

From Colorful Accent Fabric (Fabric F)

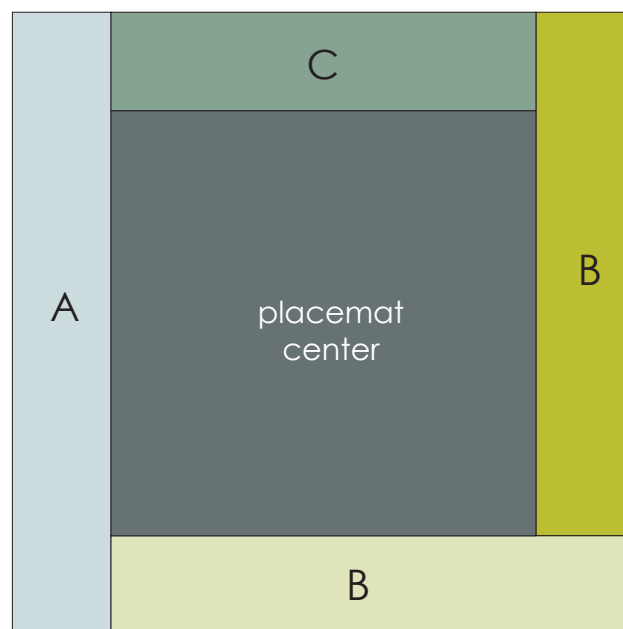
Cut two strips 20-1/2" x WOF and subcut:

four Napkin Backs, 20-1/2" x 20-1/2" each

Cut eight strips 2-1/2" x WOF for placemat binding

Making the Napkins

Step 1: Sort pieces A, B, and C into four sets, each including one piece A, two pieces B, and one piece C, with each piece in each set being cut from a different fabric.

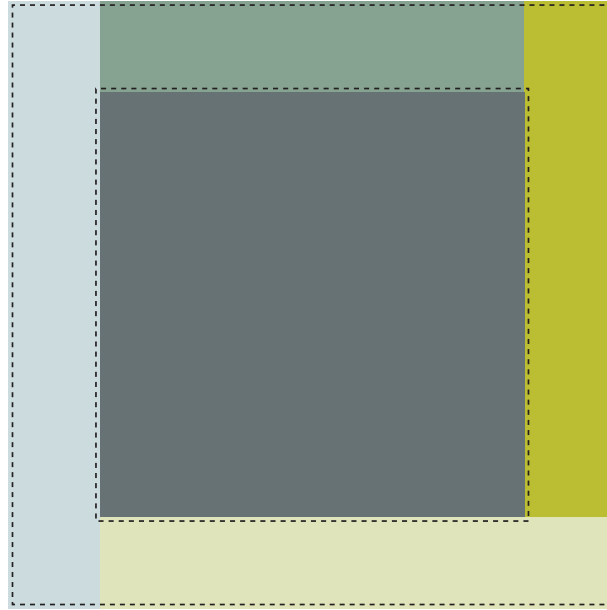


Napkin Piecing Guide

Step 2: Starting with one set, sew Piece C to the top of one Napkin Center. Working around the Napkin Center (kind of like sewing a log cabin quilt block) sew one Piece B to the right side, the other piece B to the bottom, and piece A to the left side to complete the Napkin Top.

Step 3: With right sides together and using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew the Napkin Top from Step 2 to a Napkin Back, leaving a 3" opening near the center of one side. Instead of turning and pivoting at the corners, stitch all the way from one end to the other of each side, stitching forward and backward at the beginning and end of each side. (This will make it easier to get nice, sharp corners that aren't in danger of being broken when you turn the napkin right-side-out.)

Step 4: Clip the corners, being careful not to cut the seams, and turn the napkin right-side-out. Use a chopstick or point turner to push out the corners and press.



Napkin Topstitching Guide

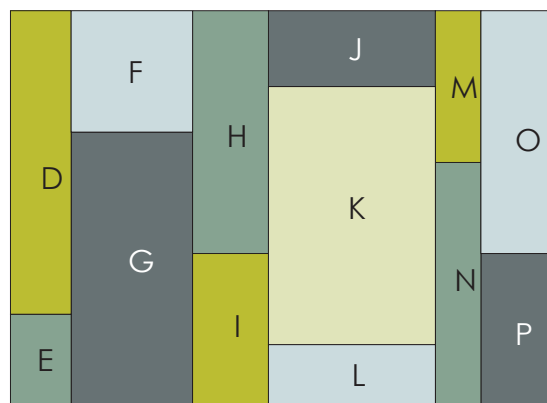
Step 5: Topstitch (sew about 1/8" from the edge) around both the inside and outside edge of the patchwork border. Ensure that your finished napkin lays flat by starting with the inside border, pressing, and then sewing around the outside edges of the napkin last. (This last stitching around the outside edge should catch the opening you used for turning, closing it up.)

Repeat Steps 2 - 5 to complete each napkin.

Making the Placemats

Step 1: Start by assigning a number, 1 - 4, to each of your colorful patchwork fabrics. (The order isn't important. This is just to help divide the fabric evenly among the placemats.) Refer to the chart below to sort pieces D – P into four sets, one for each placemat.

| | First Placemat | Second Placemat | Third Placemat | Fourth Placemat |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Neutral Solid | Pieces G, J, and P | Pieces G, J, and P | Pieces G, J, and P | Pieces G, J, and P |
| Patchwork Fabric 1 | Pieces D, I, and M | Piece K | Pieces F, L, and O | Pieces E, H, and N |
| Patchwork Fabric 2 | Pieces E, H, and N | Pieces D, I, and M | Piece K | Pieces F, L, and O |
| Patchwork Fabric 3 | Pieces F, L, and O | Pieces E, H, and N | Pieces D, I, and M | Piece K |
| Patchwork Fabric 4 | Piece K | Pieces F, L, and O | Pieces E, H, and N | Pieces D, I, and M |



Placemat Piecing Guide

Step 2: Arrange the cut pieces for the First Placemat according to the piecing guide above. Sew together the pieces in each of the six columns, then sew the columns together to finish the 13-1/2" tall x 18-1/2" wide Placemat Top.

Repeat this process to make a total of four Placemat Tops. Because of the way we've sorted the fabrics, you can refer to the same Piecing Guide to make each one. The piecing layout of each placemat will be the same, with pieces G, J, and P (the Neutral Solid Fabric) in the same position on each, but the placement of the colorful fabrics will vary among each placemat.

Step 3: Make four small quilt sandwiches, each using one Placemat Top, 1 one piece of Batting, and one Placemat Back, using pins or spray baste as desired. Hand or machine quilt each sandwich, using your preferred method. (This is a great project for practicing your quilting skills!)

Step 4: Trim each quilted placemat to match the Placemat Top. The size of each should be about 13-1/2" tall x 18-1/2" wide, but don't worry if the size is a little smaller after quilting. Cutting to match the size of the Placemat Top is the important thing.

Step 5: Use the 2-1/2" strips of Colorful Accent Fabric to make straight-grain binding and use it to finish each of the four placemats with binding.