

Crockett's Play Mat

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Featuring Trucks and Tractors
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play mat measures 42" x 30" x 8"

Pattern Level: Confident Beginner

*"I have basic block construction down
and would like to learn a new trick!"*

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Supplies Needed

- 1" thick foam (see sizes in cutting instructions below)
- 8" long hook and loop tape (Velcro)
- 22"+ polyester zipper
- "Primary" Color Story:
 - 1 1/3 yd AWN-14196-204 (Fabric A)
 - 2 1/2 yds AWN-14197-204 (Fabric B)
 - 2/3 yd AWN-14198-204 (Fabric C)
- "Bermuda" Color Story
 - 1 1/3 yd AWN-14196-237 (Fabric D)
 - 2 1/2 yds AWN-14197-237 (Fabric E)



Notes Before You Begin

- you can make the mat from one color story, or make it reversable by using both color stories. If you would like to make it reversable, you will need half quantities of all 6 fabrics listed above.
- remember to measure twice and cut once!

Cutting Instructions

(Playmat can be made with 6 prints or only 3. If only using 3 fabrics, cut double the pieces of ABC.)

Fabric A & D:

- From **each** fabric cut 1 rectangle 28.5 x 41" for the **mat bottom**.

Fabric B & E:

- From **each** fabric cut 1 rectangle 41" x WOF.
- Trim off the selvage, then cut 2 strips **lengthwise** 9" x 41" for the **long sides**.
- Cut 2 pieces 9" x 28 1/2" for the **short sides**.
- Save the remaining strip (it should be about 5" or 6" x 41") for the **handle**.

Fabric C & F:

- From **each** fabric cut a piece 9" x WOF.
- Using a compass or a Roll'n'Ruler, or the included quarter circle template, Cut 4 quarter circles, with the sides measuring 9" for the **corner circles**.
- Cut 2 **strap** pieces (4" x WOF).
- From your fabric C or F scraps: Cut 8 strips of fabric about 1" x 8" for **ties**.

Foam:

- Cut 1 piece 26.5" x 39", 2 pieces 7" x 26.5", 2 pieces 7" x 39"

Sewing Instructions

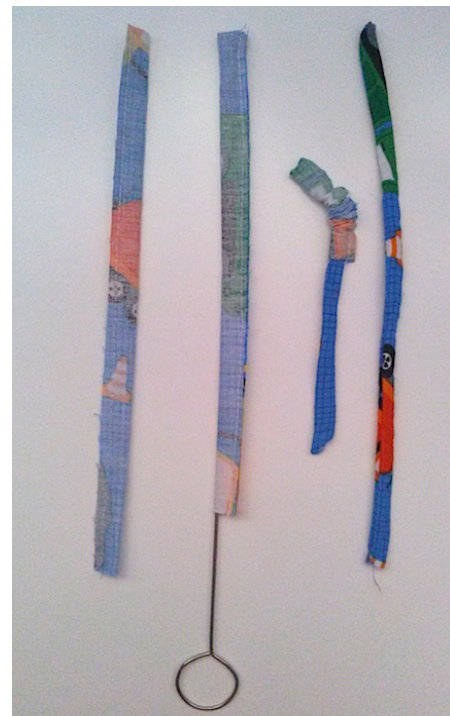
Step 1: Make Ties

Fold the 1" x 8" strips in half, right sides together, along the long sides. Sew with a tiny (less than 1/4") seam allowance (about 1/8").

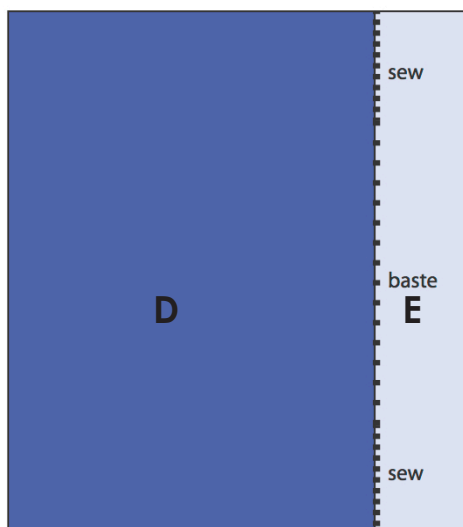
Use a turning tool to turn the tubes right sides out. Press flat.



Fold over 1/8" at one of the raw-edge ends, then fold over again, and sew it down, so raw edge is encased.



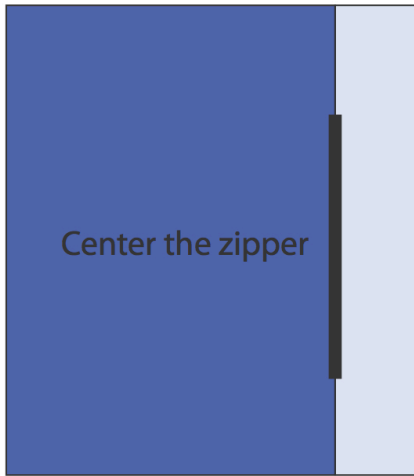
Step 2: Sew the Zipper



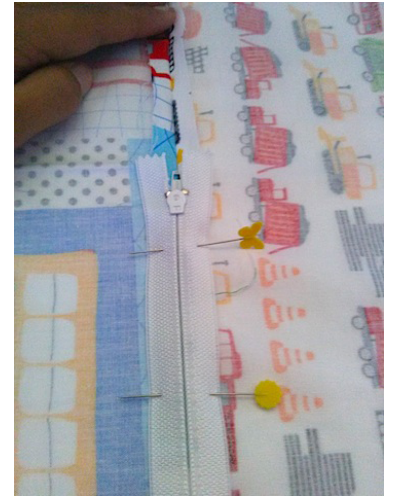
Place your **mat bottom D** (if that's the outside bottom) and one of the **long sides E** (9" x 41"), right sides together, along on the of the long sides.

Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew 12". After 12", change your stitch length to a long basting stitch and machine baste until the last 12", then switch back to a regular stitch length and sew to the end.

Press seam allowances open.



Center the zipper along the seam, on the wrong side of the fabric, with the zipper pull facing the right side of the fabric.



Using a zipper foot, sew along all four sides of the zipper (reinforcing the short ends by stitching back and forth a few times).

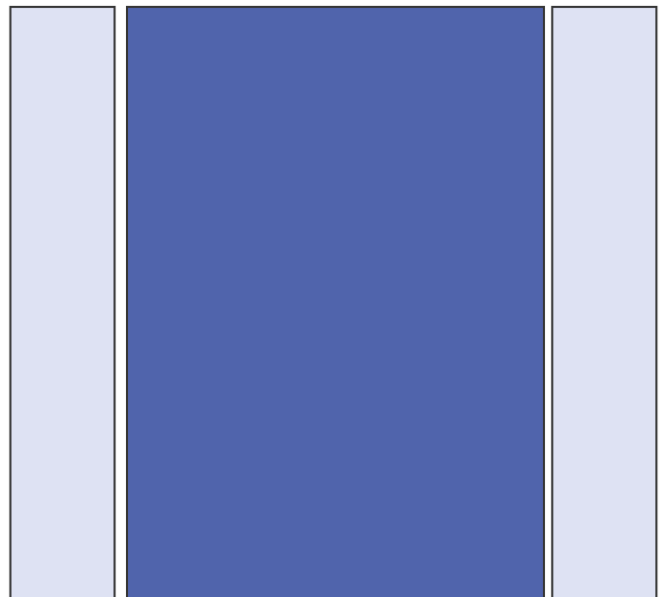
From the right side, use a seam ripper and pick out the basting stitches, thereby accessing the zipper.

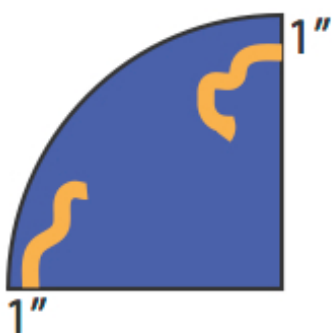
Step 3: Assembling the Mat

Sew the remaining **long side E** to the other side of the **mat bottom**, using a 1/2" seam allowance.

Sew **long B sides** to the long sides of the **A mat bottom** the same way (no zipper, just sew).

Set aside.





Attach two ties to each of the 4 F corner circles.

With raw edges aligned, about 1" from the curved edge, pin the tie so the tie goes into the circle.

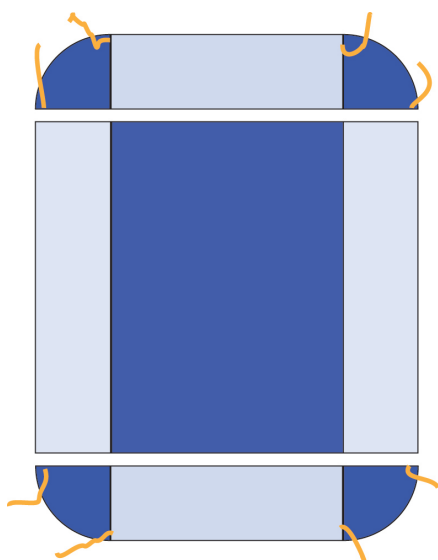
Machine baste the ties to the circle with a 1/4" seam allowance.



Keeping the tie out of the way, sew a side of the **F corner circle** to a short (9") side of an **E short side**.

Repeat to sew all **F corners** to the **E short sides**.

Now, without the ties, sew the **C corner circles** to the **B short sides** the same way.



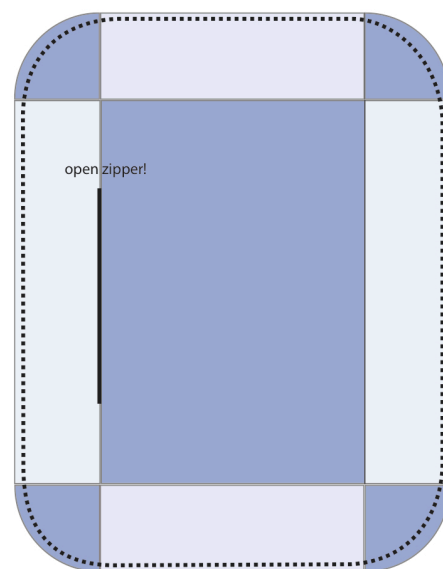
Matching up the seams, and keeping the ties out of the way, sew the end pieces (**FEF**) to the mat bottom piece (**EDE**).

This makes 1 mat side. Repeat to attach the **CBC** pieces to the **BAB** piece.

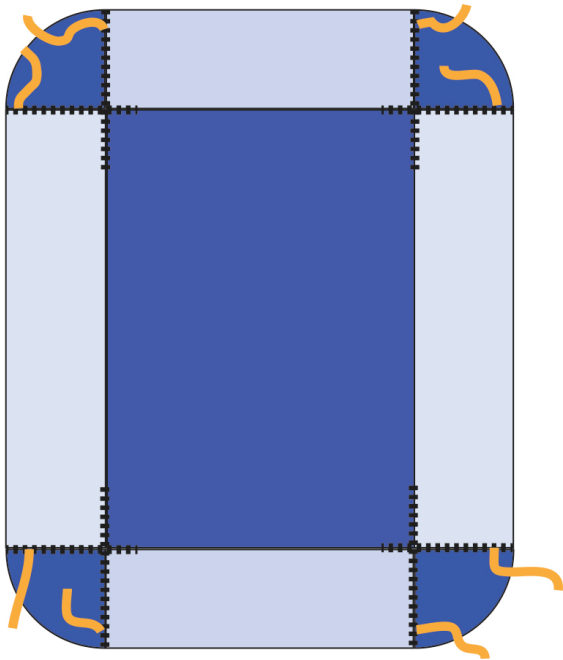
Open the zipper at least halfway. Place the ABC side and the DEF side right sides together. Matching up the seams, pin all the way around the mat exterior.

Use a 1/2" seam allowance to sew all the way around the play mat. Make sure you don't sew the ties!

Clip curves.



Step 4: Insert the Foam



Going through the open zipper, pull the entire mat right side out. Slide your hand in, and smooth out the corners, then line up all the seams again, so the mat can lay flat.

Pin the intersections of the seams, and sew along the seams, “stitching in the ditch” (shown in the illustration on the left). You want to sew the full corner seam, plus a little bit more (about 5” of the side seams). These seams make pockets for the foam. If you sew more than 5” on either side of the side seams, it will be very difficult to insert the foam.

Insert the foam through the zipper opening (short sides first, then long sides, then the bottom).

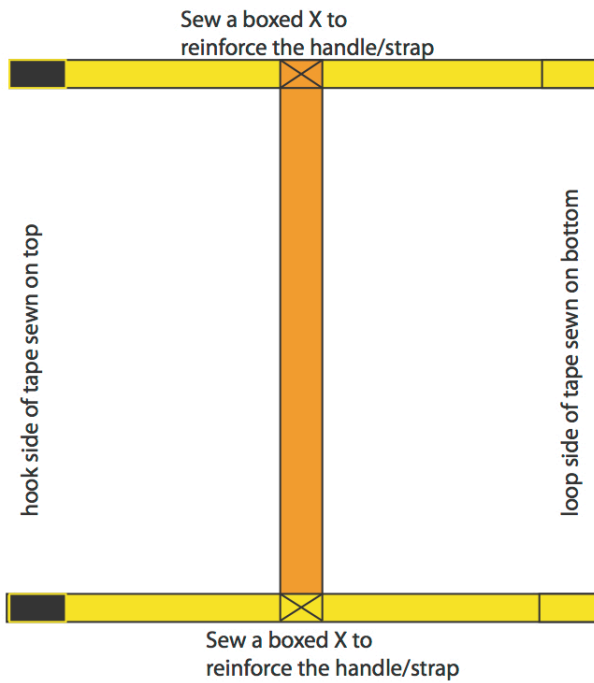
Step 5: Make the Travel Strap



From your scraps, you'll need a strip of fabric about 5" or 6" x 41" to make the handle. Pin a safety pin (marked with an asterisk) in the middle of the right side of the fabric, about 2 inches from a short end.

Fold it in half, right sides together, to make a long tube. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance, starting on the short side with the safety pin, to close up the short side, and then pivot and sew all the way down the long side. Use the safety pin to help turn the tube right side out.

Tuck in the remaining open end, press, and sew it shut.



Using the safety pin trick, make 2 more tubes with fabric scraps measuring 4" x WOF (or piece a strip measuring 4" x 42").

Sew strips of hook and loop tape (like Velcro or Aplix) to opposite end of the straps (the outside of one end, and the inside of the other end, so the straps can wrap and close).

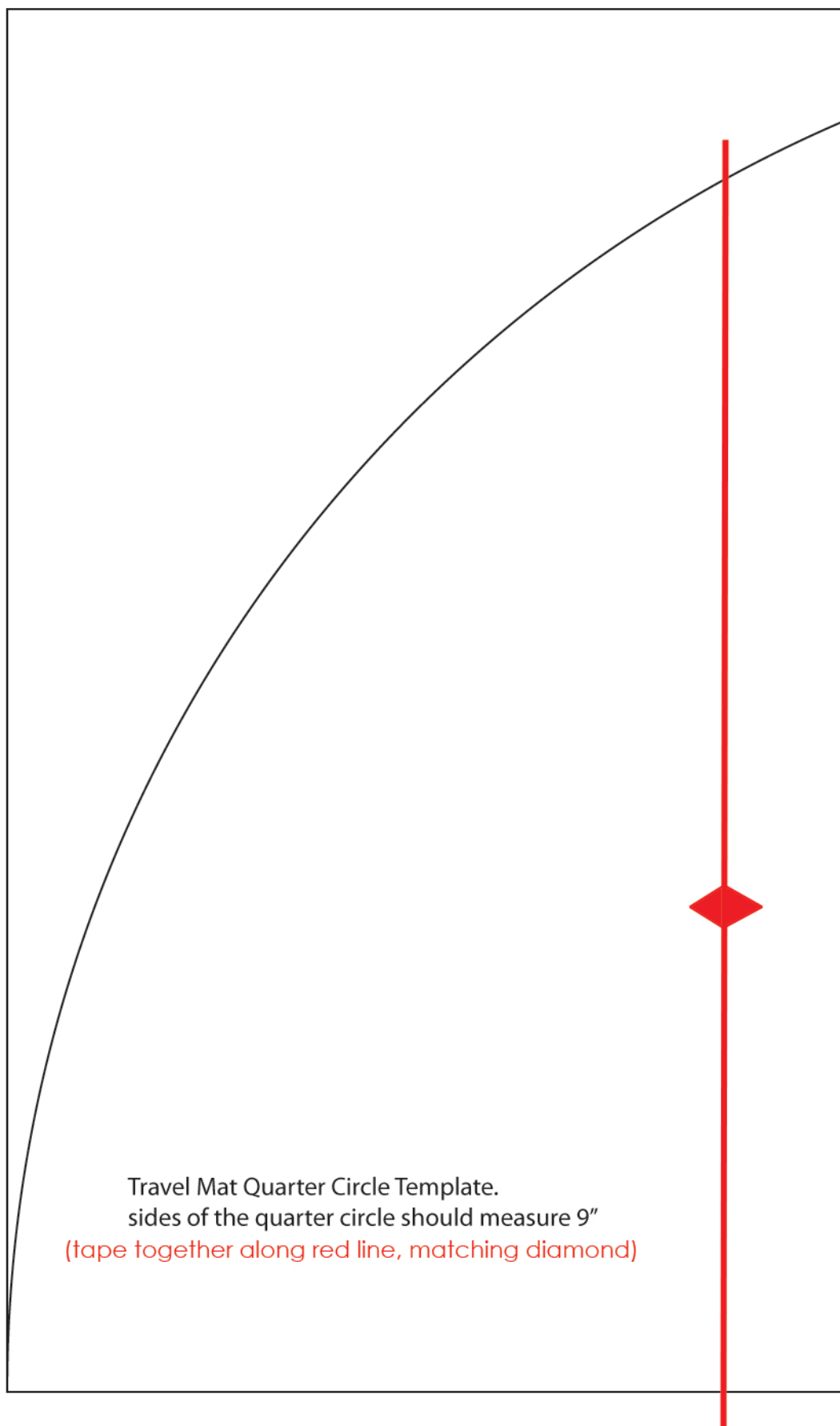
Sew the short ends of the handle piece to the middle of the strap pieces.

Using Your Play Mat

You can tie up the corners to make a secure play area for a baby, or leave it flat as a mat for crawling on and off, or tie the corners to a crib to make a crib liner/bumper.

To Travel: Fold in the long sides of the mat, then starting at a short end, roll it up like a sleeping bag. Wrap the straps around the roll to keep it rolled up, and carry using the handle.

Have fun with your play mat!



Travel Mat Quarter Circle Template.
sides of the quarter circle should measure 9"
(tape together along red line, matching diamond)

