

SINGER® PROJECTS

# Quilt-As-You-Go Placemats



The Holidays are coming up and what better way to set your table with some holiday cheer than new placemats. They are so quick and easy; you will want to make them for every season! Plus, they make great gifts for family and friends.

Join Educator, Vanessa Dyson, on a live zoom class Thursday, Oct. 3rd at Noon CST to learn how to make this project. Vanessa will be featuring the Singer C5950 Sewing machine during this class, however they can be made on any sewing machine.

**PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:** ■■■□□

## Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room or take it with you while you shop for supplies. The fabric yardage below will make 4 placemats.

### PROJECT SUPPLIES:

- Singer sewing machine
- Quilting Cotton – 1 yard of a fun seasonal print
- 9 Fat Quarters or scraps in coordinating prints or solids
- Cotton Batting
- A Tear away or woven type stabilizer (not fusible)
- 80/12 Universal Needle
- ¼" Piecing Foot or ¼" Piecing Foot with Guide
- Parallel Sewing Foot (optional)
- Clear Open Toe Foot (optional)
- Thread
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- Small scissor snips
- Point Turner (optional)

### Cut Materials: Makes 4 placemats

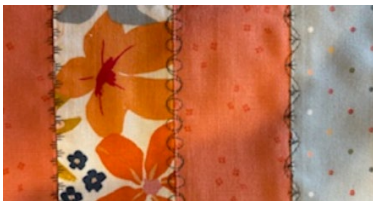
- Cotton Batting (4) 12 ½" x 18 ½"
- Placemat Backing (4) 12 ½" x 18 ½"
- Top and Bottom Strips -(8)18 ½" x 4 ½"
- Center Strip pieces cut from assorted fabrics (36) 4 ½" x 2 ½"

## Project Instructions:

1. Attach your ¼" Piecing Foot. Begin by piecing 9 of your 4 ½" X 2 ½" strips together to make a set. Press seams to one side. You can make it symmetrical or totally random. Make 4 sets – they do not all have to be the same or even use the same fabrics. This is a great way to use up scraps!



2. Now let's have fun with decorative stitches! Place a piece of the tear away or woven stabilizer behind your pieced strip. This is the time to explore the decorative stitches on your machine. Attach your Clear Open Toe foot if you have one, otherwise use the All Purpose foot or B Foot.. Do a decorative stitch over each seam line, using a contrasting thread. You can do all the same stitch or try out all of your decorative stitches! When finished, tear away the stabilizer and press.



3. Lay out your piece of cotton batting. Place a 4 ½" x 18 ½" in strip, right side up across the top.
4. Lay your pieced strip on top, right sides together. Align the raw edges – your pieced strip may be slightly longer than your top and bottom bands. Just center it evenly and you can trim it up later. Attach a ¼" piecing foot. Sew a ¼" seam all the way across, the bottom of the 3 layers, stitching through all layers. When sewing through these many layers, I like to increase my stitch length to 3.0.



4 1/2" solid strip layered with pieced strip on top, right sides together. Cotton batting underneath.

Sew 1/4" seam here.

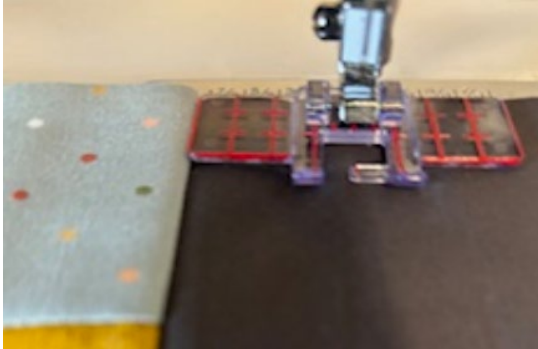


6. Take your second 4 1/2" x 18 1/2" strip and place it right side down over the pieced strip lining up the edges of the strips. Sometimes it helps to pin the strips down when moving over to your sewing machine to hold them in place. Stitch a 1/4" seam all the way across. Press fabric down.



7. Trim any uneven edges.

8. Attach the Parallel Sewing foot. On your top solid strip, line up one edge of the foot with the seam and stitch all the way across. Repeat for another row aligning the edge of your foot with the line you just stitched. This foot makes it much easier to line up rows of stitches that are evenly spaced. If you don't have this foot, you may want to draw lines with an air or water erase pen.



9. Repeat step 8 on your bottom strip. Doing this step is optional – but it adds more quilting to your placemat.



10. Place your 12 ½" x 18 ½" backing piece on top – right sides together.
11. Sew around all 4 sides, leaving a 5" opening on one side. Use your standard foot, aligning the outside edge of your foot with the edge of the fabric.
12. Turn right side out and press. Use a point turner or chopstick to poke out the corners. Press well – turning the seam allowance in on your opening.
13. Topstitch all the way around, close to the edge. This will give you a nice finish and close the opening in one step. You can use your ¼" foot and align the edge of the foot with the edge of your placemat

*Now you are ready to set the table!*



*If you have extra of any of your material, you can make napkins as well! I cut mine a 14" square and serged the edge. At that size you can get 6 out of a yard of fabric. If you don't have a serger, cut your piece a little bigger and you can turn the edges under 1/8" twice and stitch the hem in place.*

*Make a set for every season!*