

# Christmas Placemats

## WITH POCKETS



A TUTORIAL STYLE PATTERN

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## About this pattern:

This is a ***tutorial style pattern***.

That means that there are LOTS of photos with step by step instructions.

While you can print this pattern out, it is intended to be opened on a computer or tablet, to save on printing and paper.

I like to have my tablet on my sewing table next to my machine, and check on the instructions and pictures as I sew.

This pattern uses a stitchery that is [free to download for the month of July 2020](#), after which it will go up for [sale in our shop](#).

If you don't do hand embroidery, you can also use some pretty feature fabric, or even some plain fabric with some simple applique on it.

## Materials Needed:

- 25 scrappy 2 1/2" squares
- One 11" x 6" piece of fabric
- One 1 1/4" x 6" piece of fabric
- One 6" x 7" piece of fabric
- One Christmas ornament embroidery design OR a feature fabric cut to 6" x 7"
- 21" x 16" backing fabric
- 18" x 13" batting
- Fabric for binding

## Steps to make the placemat:

1. Trim your embroidery down to 6" x 7"



2. Choose your 25 scrappy 2 1/2" squares and lay them out five rows of five, and in the order you like best. Sew them together and press till you have something like this:



Sit aside while we make the pockets.

3. To make the pockets, take your 1 1/4" x 6" piece of fabric and 6" x 7" piece of fabric. These will be the binding and backing for the pocket.



Place the embroidery and the pocket backing wrong sides together, and then pin the binding piece to the top of both layers:



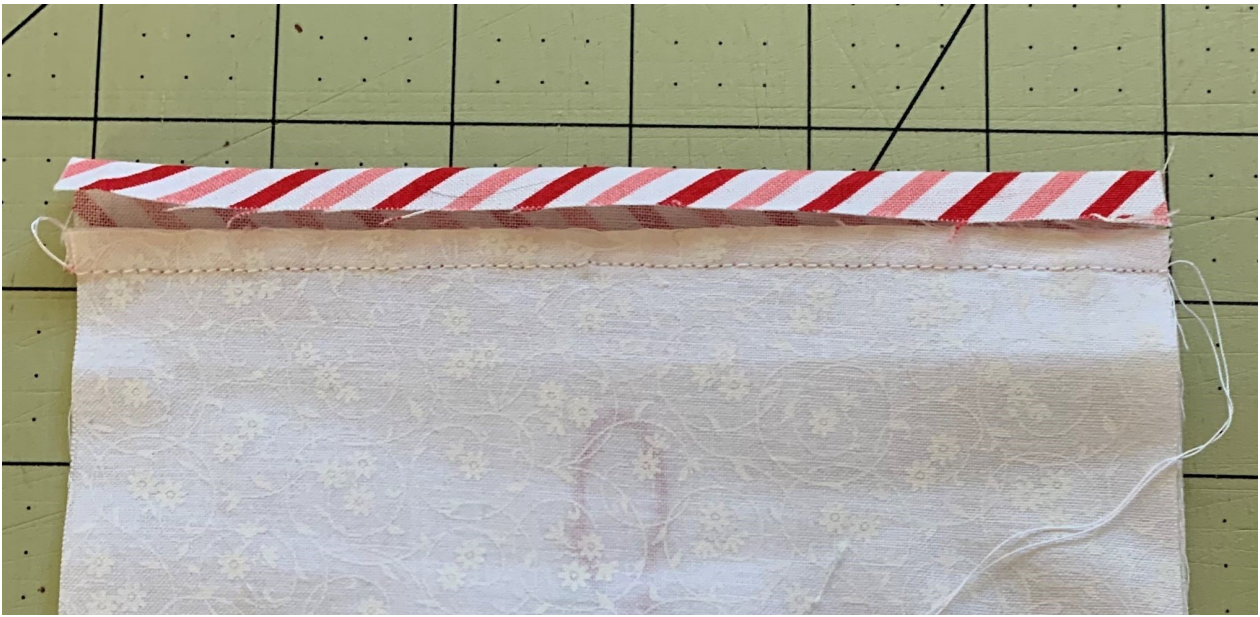
Use some flat pins around the ornament to keep the layers together.

Sew the binding to the pocket layers, using a 1/4" seam allowance.

After stitching, remove the pins and press the binding away from the front of the pocket:



Flip it over, and press the binding towards the edge of the pocket like this:



And then one more time like this:



Turn it around and stitch in the ditch from the front:



4. You will now have these three pieces to work with:

The scrappy 15 patch

The embroidery pocket

And

The piece of fabric 11" x 6"

We're going to take all of these and sew them together, starting with placing the pocket right sides together with the 25 patch like this:



Then take the 11" x 6" piece of fabric and lay that on top of the 25 patch and embroidery pocket, right side down:



Pin and stitch all three layers down the right hand side using a 1/4" seam.



6. Using a long stitch, stitch 1/8" around the whole placemat. This makes it easier to sew on the binding.

Then trim:



And then add the binding:



I sewed the binding on by machine and finished it off by hand, but you can save time by doing it all on the machine.

I have a tutorial on my blog that shows you how:

## [How to Attach Binding to Your Quilt by Machine](#)

And then you're done!

