

Tufted Tweets Placemats

A fun and functional project! These patchwork placemats make a great addition to your dining table and are also wonderful hostess or housewarming gifts. They sew up quickly and in an hour or so you'll have four placemats. Finished size of each placemat is 13" x 19-1/2"



Supplies

- Front fabric:
 - 3/4 yard Avian Therapy
 - 1/4 yard Birdies and Chairs
 - 1/4 yard Itty Bitty Chairs
 - 1/4 yard Birds on a Wire
 - 1 yard white Kona cotton (White)
- Backing fabric: 1 yard Essex linen (Lime)
- 3/4 yard Fusible Fleece

Cutting the fabric for the Placemat Front

- From Avian Therapy cut:
 - 4 pieces - 6" x 20"
 - 4 pieces - 3-1/2" x 20"
- From Itty Bitty Chairs cut:
 - 1 strip 4" wide by the length of the fabric (selvedge to selvedge)
- From Birdies and Chairs cut:
 - 1 strip 4" wide by the length of the fabric (selvedge to selvedge)
- From Birds on a Wire cut:
 - 1 strip 4" wide by the length of the fabric (selvedge to selvedge)
- From Essex Linen
 - 4 pieces - 13-1/2" x 20"
- From Fusible Fleece
 - 4 pieces - 13-1/2" x 20"

Patchwork strip for Placemat Front

- Using the 3 strips of Itty Bitty Chairs, Birdies and Chairs and Birds on a Wire, piece together varied-sized blocks to create a strip 21" long. Sew using a 1/4" seam.
- Sew the pieces together using a 1/4" seam until you have a single strip 21" long.
- Trim your strip to 3" x 20".
- Repeat until you have 4 strips each 3" x 20".

Piecing the white strip

- From the white Kona cotton, cut four (4) strips - 5" x 42".
- Take one of the long white strips and cut into random width strips between 3/4" to 2" wide.
- Randomly select 1 strip at a time and sew together against 5" high edge using a 1/4" seam allowance. Keep adding strips until you have a single strip that is 21" or 22" in length.
- Repeat with the other 3 long white strips.
- You should now have 4 pieced strips each roughly 5" high by 21" or 22" in length.
- Press carefully, turning all seams to a single side.
- Trim your strip to 3-1/2" x 20".
- Repeat until you have 4 strips each 3-1/2" x 20".

Piecing together the Placemat Front

- For each placemat, sew the strips together in the following order:
 - 1) 3" Avian Therapy
 - 2) 3-1/2" white strip
 - 3) 3" patchwork strip
 - 4) 6" Avian Therapy

Finishing the Placemat

- Place fusible fleece fusible side up on ironing board.
- Center your placemat top right side up on the fleece.
- Fuse the 2 layers together.
- Place front and back together (right sides facing).
- Sew using a 1/2" seam allowance leaving a 2" opening on a short side.
- Carefully clip corners.
- Turn right sides out and press.
- Close the open edge by stitching very close to the side.

Top stitching the Placemat

- Starting at 1/4" from the top edge of the placemat, sew a horizontal line along the top edge across the entire width of the placemat
- 1/4 " from each horizontal seam, sew a line across the width
- End with your last line 1/4" from the bottom edge of the placemat.

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