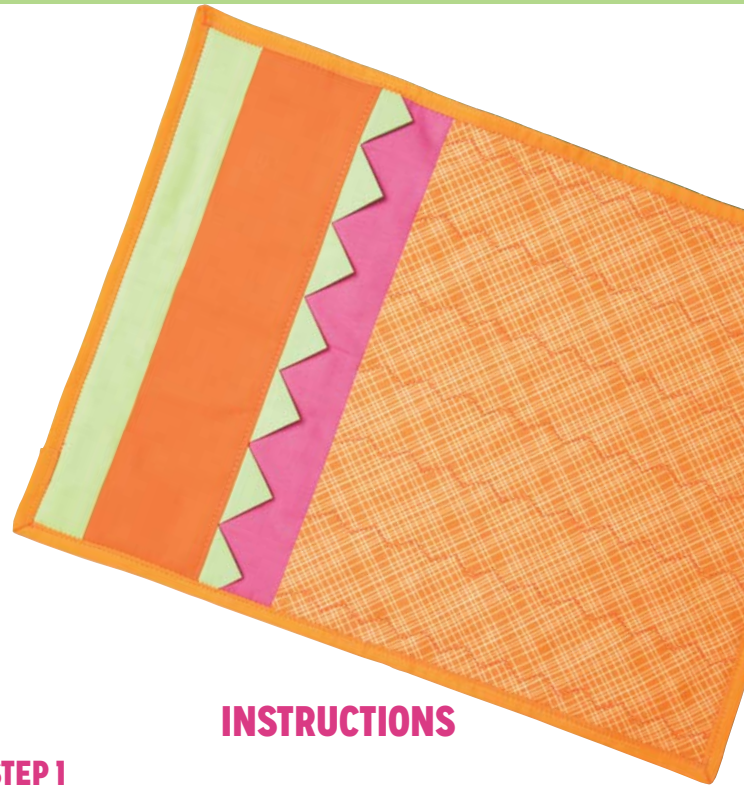


Vibrant Placemat



FEBRUARY PROJECT DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Janome sewing machine
- Janome purple tip needles #14
- Standard zig zag foot (A)
- Border guide foot or satin stitch foot (F)
- ¼ Inch seam foot (O)
- 1 x Janome plastic bobbin
- Scissors or thread snips
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Quilt ruler
- Ironing board & iron

FABRICS & NOTIONS

These fabrics will allow you to create 4 placemats

- Main fabric – 1½ metres
- Plain contrast fabrics: pink – fat ¼, orange – fat ¼ & green – 2 x fat ¼
- Quilt batting – 1 metre
- Grosgrain (ribbed) ribbon – orange, width 22mm – 6½ metres
- Orange sewing thread
- Flower head or quilting pins
- Tape measure
- Pilot frixion pen or chalk pen (frixion pen markings iron out)

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS (PER PLACEMAT)

- Main fabric – 14 inches x 31 inches
- Plain pink fabric – 2½ inch strip x 14 inches
- Plain orange fabric – 3½ inch strip x 14 inches
- Plain green fabric – 2 inch strip x 14 inches
- Plain green fabric – 7 x 2½ inch squares

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Wind bobbin with orange thread; then thread machine and attach ¼ inch seam foot (O).

STEP 2

Fold the 7 x 2½ inch green squares in half diagonally and in half again to create a prairie point or triangle. Press.

STEP 3

Along the raw edge of the prairie point, stay stitch a scant ¼ inch to hold the prairie point fold.

STEP 4

On the plain pink fabric strip mark the centre, it should be at 7 inches as the strip is 14 inches.



STEP 5

Pin the 1st prairie point on the right side of the pink fabric, with the tip of the prairie point lining up with the centre mark on the pink fabric.

STEP 6

Pin 3 prairie points on either side with the tips 2 inches apart.

STEP 7

Using a piecing stitch, sew the prairie points to the pink fabric. TIP: Stitch slower ensuring that the prairie points do not move during seaming, stop and adjust as required.

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STEP 8

Using the same stitch, piece together the plain green and plain orange fabric strips. Press.



STEP 9

Pin the plain orange and plain pink fabrics right sides together, sandwiching the green prairie points, stitch altogether. Press.

STEP 10

Attach zig zag foot (A) and select triple straight stitch (set length to 5mm if your machine has the option).

STEP 11

Top stitch the orange plain fabric parallel to the seam you stitched at Step 9. Tip: Move needle using stitch width button to preferred stitch position.

STEP 12

Pin the main fabric to the pink fabric, piece together. Press.

STEP 13

Place the quilt batting under the fabric.

STEP 14

The main fabric will wrap around the batting on the right end and become the back of the placemat. Pin to hold.

STEP 15

Using the prairie point tips, your quilt ruler and Pilot Frixion Pen or chalk pen mark straight lines on the main fabric from right to left across the placemat.

STEP 16

Attach the border guide foot or satin stitch foot (F).

STEP 17

Select a decorative stitch (we used Heirloom stitch # 75 on MC8900QCP).

STEP 18

Stitch along the marked lines starting from the centre line; stitch out to the right edge of the placemat. Remove pins and press.

STEP 19

Using the rotary cutter and quilt ruler straighten and clean up edges.

STEP 20

Attach ¼ inch seam foot (O), sew a scant ¼ inch around the placemat edge to hold layers.



STEP 21

Wrap and pin grosgrain ribbon around placemat edge, mitre folding around the corners.

STEP 22

Attach zig zag foot (A).

STEP 23

Select zig zag stitch, set stitch width 4.0 & length 1.80.

STEP 24

Stitch ribbon to placemat. Tip: Stitch carefully; check constantly that you are stitching on the ribbon edge front & back. Stop and adjust as required.

STEP 25

Your placemat is complete. Give a final press.

STEP 26

Sew 3 more placemats to complete a set of 4.

