

Modern Winter 2016 Placemats and Table Runner

exclusively for Janome America

14 x 17 1/4" placemats *and* 15 x 36" table runner

Measure the size of your table!!!! The top-to-bottom measurements of the oversized placemats and runner may be too wide for your table! If so, make the placemats and table runner perhaps 13 inches tall. Guess how I learned that one!

For my six placemats and table runner I used the following:

- Focus print A: 1/2 yard
- Companion print B: 1/2 yard
- Companion print C: 1/2 yard

- Light (grey on white) 1/2 yard
- Medium (grey): 1/4 yard
- Dark (dark grey): 1/2 yard
- Solid (red): 1 yard

- Batting
- Backing 1 1/2 yards
- Binding (dark Grey): 1 yard

- Thread
- The usual sewing supplies
- My trusty Janome!
- Rotary cutting mat and rulers

Create strata (strip sets):

Cut strips various widths using the following guidelines:

- Light: cut strips about 1 to 1 1/4 inch wide
- Dark: cut strips 3/4 and 7/8 inch wide
- Red: cut strips 1 1/4 to 2 inches wide
- All other fabrics: cut 1-2 inches wide
- then, cut several strips 3 inches wide and sub-cut on a slight slant (above)



Sew strata for the outside edges of the placemats:

For the short sides, cut strips 18-19" long (on lengthwise grain)

- Sew strips together in random order; alternate value (light/dark/medium) and strip width; refer to photos. Press seams toward the darker fabric.

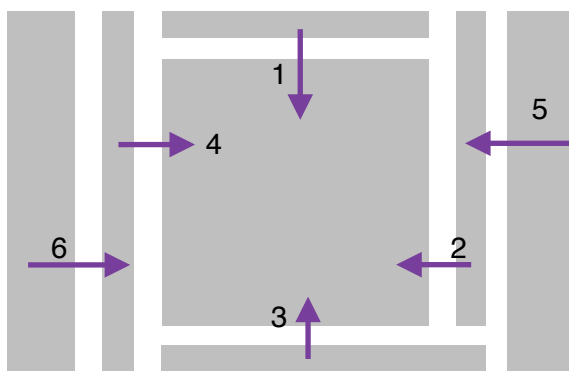
When you have a unit that is 18-19 inches (strip length) by 21 1/2 - 22 inches, cut into

- Six 3" by 21 1/2" segments
- Cut these in half to create twelve pieces that are 3" wide by 10 1/2" long

For the top and bottom long edges, cut strips 18-19 inches long

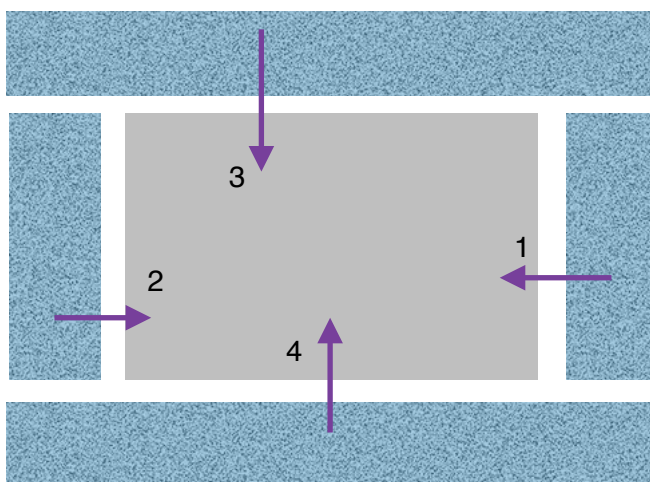
- Sew strata units that each finish at about 18/19 inches (length of strips) by 18-19 inches.
- You will need six cross-cut strips cut to 2 3/4" for the top band and
- Six cross-cut strips cut to 3" for the bottom.

Create a **center unit** using your focus fabric and trim strips that will finish (to raw edges) at 10 1/4" by 12 5/8". See the sewing order below. Because of the size of the repeat on my focus fabric, I cut a square 9 1/4", then edged it log-cabin style with 1" strips of my lightest fabric. This brought the size of my center unit up to 10 1/4" square. I then added strips on the right and left sides to create a rectangle that 10 1/4" tall by 12 5/8".



Your center unit can be slightly smaller or slightly larger (though my placemats are large!).

Add your strata to the outside of the center unit in the order illustrated below:



Quilt your placemats. I trimmed mine to 14 x 7 1/4 inches. Add bindings, set your table and enjoy!