

“SPECIAL OCCASION PLACE MATS”



These place mats are ideal for gift giving or for a quick and easy way to decorate the home for a special day or party. Use for weddings, birthdays, hostess gift, or for the holidays. The place mat and napkin can be personalized for any special occasion.

Skill Level: Beginner



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Supplies:

½ yd fashion fabric for place mat top

½ yd fashion fabric for place mat back and napkin

½ yd thin fleece, use either a fusible or non-fusible

1 yd 1" decorative or satin ribbon

1 yd ½ " satin ribbon – this is optional

2 spools decorative such as Jean Stitch™, Designer 6™ or other decorative threads – this will be used as an edging for the place mat and napkin

3 spools serger cone thread for cover hem OR

2 spools serger cone thread for chain stitch

Fabric marking pen or pencil

Machine:

Elna 945 or 744

Cutting Instructions:

Place Mat: Cut a 13" x 17" rectangle from each fashion fabric and fleece.

Napkin: Cut a 16" x 16" square from backing fabric.

Instructions:

Napkin:

Prior to serging, an option would be to embellish a corner of the napkin with a salutation such as "Happy Birthday", or an appliqué design from the place mat top fabric.

1. Set serger for 3- thread rolled hem with a deco thread in the upper looper.
2. Serge around the napkin edge

Place Mat:

Decorative option: With sewing machine, use decorative stitches or sew a message on the narrow ribbon. Place in the center of the 1" ribbon and stitch both using instructions listed below.

1. With a fabric-marking pen or pencil, draw a line on the top fabric 3" in from the left side and 3" down from the top.
2. Place fleece between front and back of fashion fabric.
3. Set up serger for either chainstitch or cover hem.
4. Cut a 13" piece of ribbon. Place left edge of ribbon to right side of vertical line on place mat. Stitch edges of ribbon to place mat.
5. Cut a 17" piece of ribbon. Place top edge of ribbon to lower edge of horizontal line on place mat. Stitch edges of ribbon to place mat.
6. Cut a 4" piece of ribbon for napkin loop. Stitch down to where the 2 pieces of ribbon intersect.
7. Set up serger for 3-thread wide overlock, using decorative thread in the upper and lower loopers. Stitch around the place mat.

Adjust tension as follows:

Needle: Blue – 4.0

Upper Looper: Yellow – 0.4

Lower Looper: Green – 3.5

Tensions may vary on each model

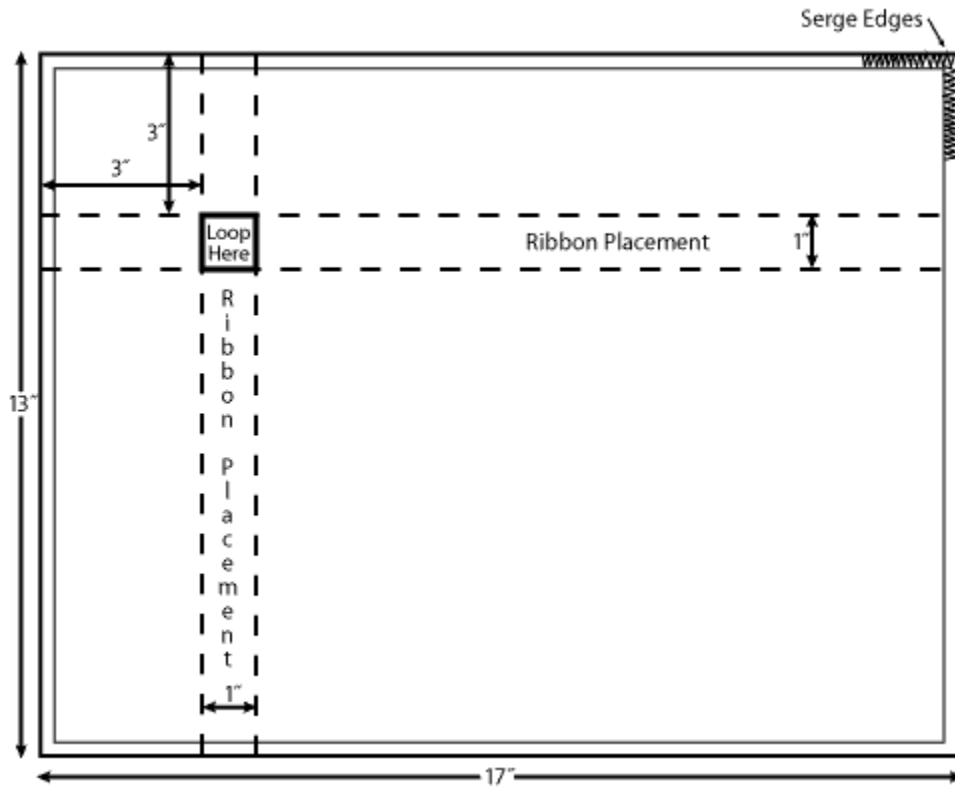


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