

Bargello Placemat

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Finished size: 14"x18" ¼" seams. See example next page

This is not hard but accurate cutting and sewing will aid in making your project.

REQUIREMENTS: 10 - 1½" strips of fabric at least 24" long. Use 10 different light to dark fabrics or 2 strips each of 5, simply repeating the sequence of 5. In addition fabric 2¼" wide for the border is required.

CONSTRUCTION:

1: Cut 10 1½" strips at least 24" long. Arrange the strips in a sequence pleasing to your eye, remembering that you will join the first and last strips in a following step.

2: Accurately stitch your strips in pairs and then the pairs to each other, forming a strip set of 10. This process prevents the strips from forming an arc as you sew.

3: Press one seam up and the next seam down until completed.

4: Join the strip set into a tube by sewing the first and last strips together. Press this seam in the correct direction based on the sequence you previously established. You have now completed all of the HORIZONTAL seams for the bargello portion of the piecing.

5: Square the end of the tube. Crosscut the following dimensions:

1 – 2 ½" loop	These loops of fabric will be opened at different seams to create the up and down jogging effect of the bargello pattern.
1 – 2" loop	
9 – 1" loops	
6 – 1 ½" loops	

6: Decide which fabric is the visually strongest (VS) to your eye and place it according to the following instructions.

VERTICAL Row #1: 1½" loop (VS) is 2nd horizontal row down
#2: 1½" loop (VS) is 3rd horizontal row down
#3: 1" loop (VS) is 4th horizontal row down
#4: 1" loop (VS) is 5th horizontal row down
#5: 1" loop (VS) is 6th horizontal row down
#6: 1½" loop (VS) is 7th horizontal row down
#7: 2½" loop (VS) is 8th horizontal row down
#8: 1½" loop (VS) is 7th horizontal row down
#9: 1 ½" loop (VS) is 6th horizontal row down
#10: 1" loop (VS) is 5th horizontal row down
#11: 1" loop (VS) is 4th horizontal row down
#12: 1" loop (VS) is 5th horizontal row down
#13: 1" loop (VS) is 6th horizontal row down
#14: 1" loop (VS) is 7th horizontal row down
#15: 1" loop (VS) is 8th horizontal row down
#16: 1½" loop (VS) is 9th horizontal row down
#17: 2" loop (VS) is 10th horizontal row down

7: Sew the vertical rows to complete 10 ½' x 14 ½' of bargello piecing.

8: Add 2 ¼' borders to have a placemat that finishes at 14' x 18'.

