

Placemat of the month Curved Piecing/curved log cabin Sandy Allen
finished size 14inches X 18 inches

For this placemat you will need about 4 inches of 4 different fabrics. You will want extra of one of the fabrics for your binding. You will need 2 co-ordinating darks of similar value and 2 co-ordinating lights of similar value.

1. Cut a 3 inch dark square for the center
2. Cut a 3 3/4 inch strip width of fabric of each of your fabrics.
3. Place your 2 darks one over the other, both right sides up.
4. Draw a chalk line down the center of the top fabric.
5. With your rotary cutter cut through both layers varying from 1/4 to 1/2 inch on each side of the chalk line keeping your curves gentle.
6. Take one strip from one side and exchange it with the bottom strip.
7. Sew opposite fabrics back together. Sew slowly using a narrow seam, about 1/8 inch. Overlap enough to see a thread from the bottom fabric. Guide the top fabric with your left hand and the bottom fabric with your right hand being careful not to apply tension to the fabric. With gentle curves you should not need to use pins or apply registration marks to the curves.
8. Finger press and gently press with an iron in order not to stretch
9. Trim each strip to 3 inches and set aside. Trim from each side of the strip.
10. Repeat steps 3-9 with the two light coloured fabrics.
11. Treat these fabric strips as one piece of fabric.
12. Take the 3 inch square and assemble like a log cabin working counterclockwise around the square sewing on 2 darks and then 2 lights.
13. Make 2 complete rounds. (See diagram)
14. Add a 1 1/2 inch strip of the outside fabric to the last strip you added. diagram 8+9
15. Finally add an extra mixed light strip #10 on the light end and an extra mixed dark strip #11 on the dark end to complete the placemat.

