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# Quilted Easter Egg Placemat

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This super quick and adorable quilted Easter placemat is the perfect project to decorate your home for the spring season while learning some quilting basics. You will learn the foundational techniques for quilting so you can later expand and grow your quilting skills to bigger and more intricate designs.

Since it is nearly spring and almost Easter, I chose a festive pastel theme for my placemats but this project could be easily recreated to fit any holiday, season, or interest by simply changing the shape of the placemat and fabric choice. This is a great project to use your scrap fabrics so pull out that bin and start sewing!

**PROJECT SKILL LEVEL:** ■ □ □ □

## Shopping List

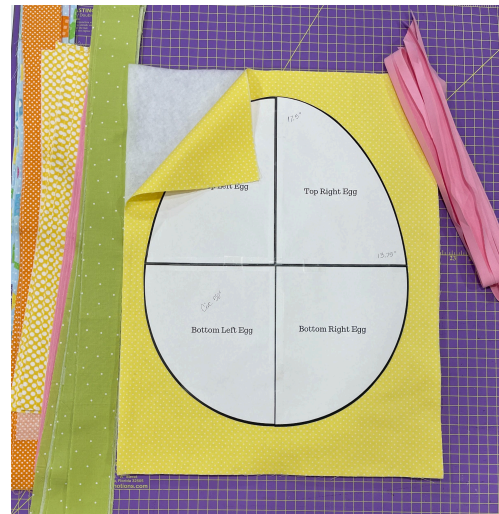
Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies. Instructions are for making 1 placemat. Adjust your supply needs to make as many placemats as you want for your table.

- Cotton Quilting Fabric: Use scrap fabrics you have on hand for this project or you can use some fat quarter bundles.
- Fusible Fleece
- 2 yards extra wide double fold bias tape
- All Purpose Sewing Thread
- 90/14 Universal Sewing Machine Needle
- ¼" Piecing Foot
- Even Feed/ Walking Foot
- Straight Pins or Clips
- Fabric Marking Pen
- Square Ruler
- Rotary Cutter and Mat
- Steam Iron
- Egg Shaped PDF Pattern Included

### Cut:

Type of fabric - cotton is recommended.

- One Back Piece: 20" x 16"
- One Fusible Fleece: 20" x 16"
- 18-20 Strips of Fabric in different prints/patterns ranging in width of 1"-3" and with a length of 20". I like to change the width of my strips for each fabric print I use or you can cut each strip the same width.



## Steps to Prepare Materials:

1. Cut all your fabric strips, back piece and fusible fleece.
2. Print and cut out the Easter Egg pattern template and tape the pieces together to create the full egg shape.
3. Thread your machine with all purpose sewing thread in top and bobbin. This thread can match or contrast your fabric.
4. Set your machine for a center needle straight stitch at a 3mm stitch length with the ¼" piecing foot attached.

## Put it All Together:

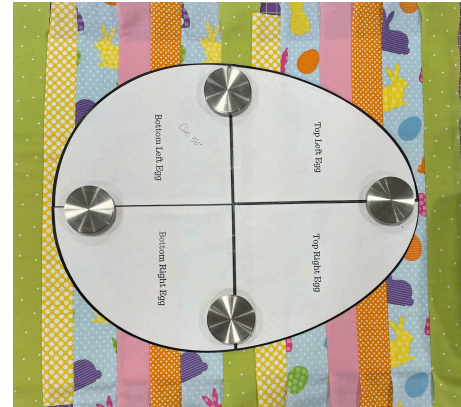
\*Note: All seams are sewn at ¼” unless otherwise indicated.  
Recommend ¼” piecing foot.

1. Place your 20”x16” back piece face down on your table.
2. Place the 20x16” fusible fleece in the center of the back piece and pin in place. Make sure the fusible (bumpy or rough) side is face up.
3. Now we need to decide what order and pattern our strips will go before we start attaching them to the front of the quilt block.
  - a. PRO-TIP lay out your strips on top of the block either diagonally, vertically or horizontally to determine the order and direction you want to attach your strips to your quilt block.
4. Once you have your design planned, begin by laying your first piece on the block. For this example I will be doing a diagonal pattern starting in the top left corner of my block. The first piece will be placed face right side up ensuring it covers the entire corner of the fusible fleece.
5. Take your second strip in your design and place it right side down over the first strip lining up the edges of the strips. Sometimes it helps to pin the strips down when moving over to your sewing machine to hold them in place.
6. Place the block under your ¼” piecing foot starting at the edge of the fusible fleece and following along the right edge of your two strips of fabric as you sew across to the other edge of the fusible fleece.
  - a. PRO-TIP: It is important that you start and stop sewing at the edge of the fusible fleece avoiding the extra back fabric that will be used at the end of the project to finish the edges.
7. Once your first two strips are sewn together, fold the top strip down so it is face up and gently press with your iron. Ironing the strips down to the fusible fleece as you go will secure them in place as the iron heats the adhesive to the back of each strip.
  - a. PRO-TIP: Be sure to avoid touching your iron directly to the fusible fleece as this will leave the adhesive residue on your iron creating a mess on your iron.
  - b. You will have excess hanging off each strip of your block. We will trim these later so just leave them for now.
8. Take your third strip in your design and place it face down over the previous strip lining up the edges.
9. Sew the edges together from one side of the fusible fleece to the other just like you did



before.

10. Back at the iron, press the newly added strip down to the fusible fleece to secure it in place.
11. Continue to repeat steps 5-7 until you reach the opposite corner of your block from where you started and all of the fusible fleece is completely covered with strips.
12. Place your egg shape pattern on top of your quilt block and use pins or pattern weights to hold it in place.
13. Use either fabric scissors or a rotary cutter to trim



around the egg shape. Toss the scraps and you are left with a quilted egg.

14. Place the edge of your bias tape right side down to the front of your quilted egg and pin in place all the way around the egg.

15. Using a straight stitch set to 3mm stitch length, sew down the first fold of the bias tape following that fold crease all the way around the egg until you get back to where you started. Start your stitches an inch from the end of the tape.

16. Trim off any excess bias tape leaving at

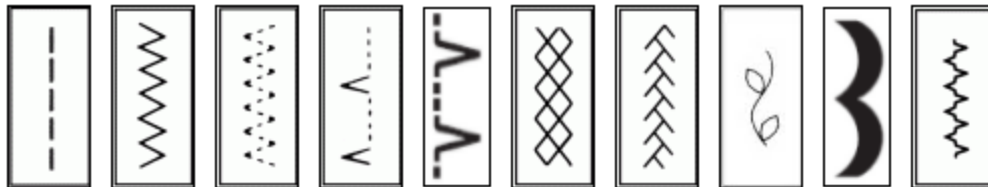


least 1-2" of overlap.

17. Fold the bias tape over the edge of the quilted egg to the front so that the front fold is on top. Clip in place all the way around the egg shape.
18. Using the same straight stitch, sew down the bias tape along the edge of the top fold to your quilted egg.
19. Before you get to the end, fold the end of the bias tape under  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch before finishing to stitch it down.



PRO-TIP: Other popular stitches you can use for this step include: straight stitch, zig-zag stitch, multi-stitch zig-zag stitch, blind hem stitch, picot hem stitch, honeycomb stitch, feather stitch, vine stitch, scallop stitch, and bridging stitch.



**You did it!** You've created a Quilted Easter Egg Placemat! Share your finished quilt block with us by using the hashtag #singersewing and tag us in your photo on Facebook and Instagram!