

Easter Egg Placemat

Instructions are for 2 mats

You will need:

7 fat quarters- 6 different color variations that look like Easter egg colors including some light and some medium and some medium dark prints. 1 fat quarter will be the binding. 1 fat quarter should be a floral print for the applique flowers.

½ yard of a quilted solid will make 3 placemats. You can choose a double faced or a single faced fabric, depending on how much body you want in your placemat. The placemat measure 18" wide X 13" high. Cut your rectangle out of the quilted fabric and then round the edges to make the mat into an egg shape. Use one mat as a pattern for the additional mats you wish to make. Cut all the egg shapes now.

1 yard of Wonder Under for flower applique

1 spool of matching all-purpose thread to sew the placemats.

4 spools of decorative rayon or polyester embroidery thread to decorate the strips

1 package of jumbo rick rack and 1 package of 1/8" ribbon to decorate the strips on the egg.

Open toe applique foot

Walking Foot

Scissors to cut the applique and background fabrics.

Rotary cutter and quilter's ruler

Iron

Permanent marker and wash away marker

Cut a strip of fabric from 4 fat quarters that is 2" wide X 45" long. Using the walking foot, strip piece the Easter egg background to fill the area. (Start in the center and strip piece from the center out). Once the egg is cover with strips as pictured press well. Stitch the outer edge. Trim the egg edge. Use a decorative stitch, rick rack or ribbon between each strip that is pieced to decorate.

Finish the placemat by cutting 3" bias strips from one fat quarter for the binding. Sew the strips end to end to create one long strip. Press the seams flat and then press the trim in half lengthwise and straighten the ends. Turn under ½ inch on one end. From the wrong side of the placemat, start at this folded end and sew the trim to the placemat edge using the width of the walking foot as a guide. Miter the corners and overlap the ends. Press the trim to the right side. Sew the trim with a straight stitch close to the folded edge to finish.



