

Projects > Fancy Patchwork Placemats

What's the next best thing to dining out? Dining in with take-out! Create a patchwork placemat by making blocks featuring our Free Brother design of the month along with decoratively stitched squares. Use your patchwork placemats for special occasions, casual dining with friends, and for everyday family use. Just call for take-out, set the table, and you are ready to dine in style!

Materials and Supplies

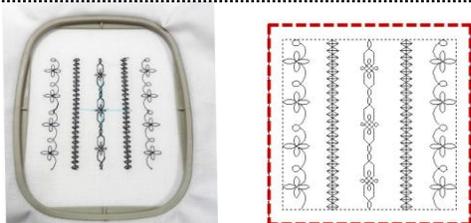
- [Brother](#) Sewing and Embroidery Machine
- [SA5810](#) Tear-Away Stabilizer
- [Brother Embroidery Thread](#), [Bobbin Thread](#), & [Embroidery Needle](#)
- [SA185](#) Brother ¼-inch Piecing Foot with Guide
- [SA191](#) Brother Ditch Quilting foot
- Brother FREE design of the month, Woman on Bridge, sized for the 4-inch hoop.
- Basic sewing notions including sewing thread.
- For patchwork squares: Two white napkins measuring 20" X 20" and two black napkins measuring 20" X 20". *See Note below.
- For placemat backing: Black or white single faced pre-quilted fabric, one piece measuring approximately 14"X 22".



Instructions for Decoratively Stitched Blocks

1. For machine models with decorative stitch capability in Embroidery mode, select stitches from Edit menu.*See **Figure #1**.
2. Divide each napkin into equal sections, *See **Figure #2**. Using the 4-inch hoop, embroider six blocks of white with black thread and seven blocks of black with white thread using rows of decorative stitches. To form the block, center the decorative rows within a 3 ½ to 4-inch square area. When finished with embroidery, cut each embroidered block to equal 4 ½-inches square, with the embroidered rows centered on the blocks.

Finished block measures 4 ½-inches square with a 1/4" seam allowance beyond the decorative stitches.



For other models, simply stitch similar rows within a 4-inch square area, using built-in decorative stitches on the sewing side of your machine. When finished, cut blocks as above.

Figure #1

Select >Embroidery Edit
Select >Utility Embroidery Patterns
Select >Patterns featured on page 1, 2 and 9

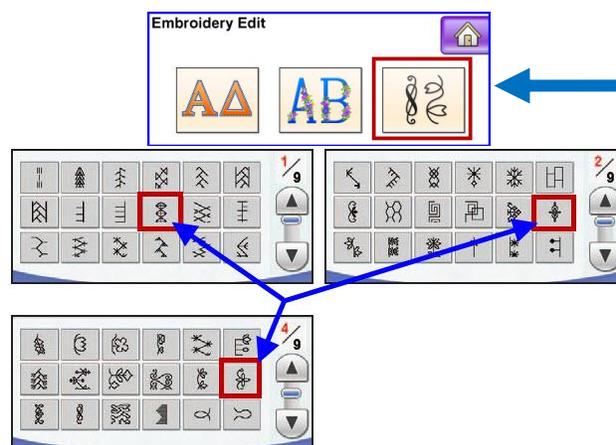
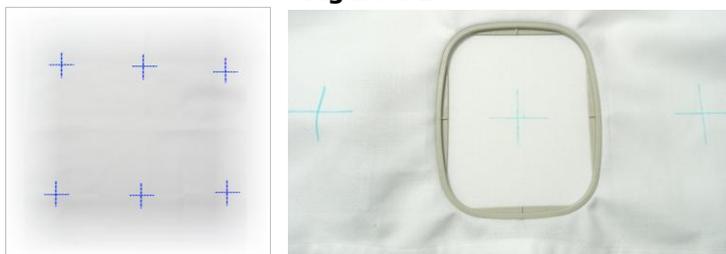


Figure #2

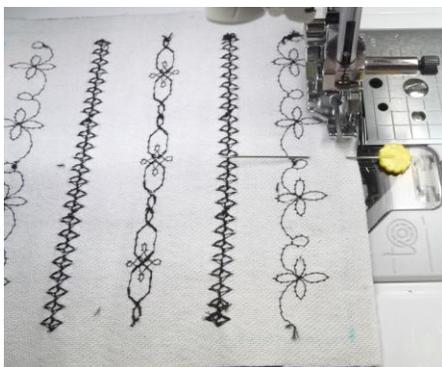


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***NOTE:** We used pre-purchased napkins as the basis for all of our fabric squares. Using napkins as fabric allows you to perfectly match up the placemats with coordinating napkins. Each napkin measuring 20-inches square will yield six embroidered blocks when using the 4 X 4 hoop. You can divide the napkin into six sections. Embroider each section prior to cutting blocks.

Instructions for Embroidered Blocks with Motif

1. Set up the machine for embroidery. Transfer the Free design, Woman on Bridge to the machine. Using the remainder of the white napkin, hoop one area of the napkin with a layer of cut-away. Embroider the design. Mirror image the motif and stitch a second design in the same manner as the first. *See **Figure #3**.
3. Trim each of the embroidered blocks to equal 4 ½-inches square, with the motifs centered on the block.
4. Place the ¼-inch foot on the machine. Sew the blocks together into three rows.



5. Next, sew the three rows together to form a rectangle. *See **Figure #4**.

Note: When sewing the rows, take care to press light colored seams to the darker side. Press finished rectangle and trim as necessary to even the edges.

6. Layer the patchwork on top of the oversized pre-quilted piece with the patchwork piece, having right sides together. Cut pre-quilted fabric to equal the rectangle in size. Layer the fabric together. *See **Figure #5**.

Figure #3

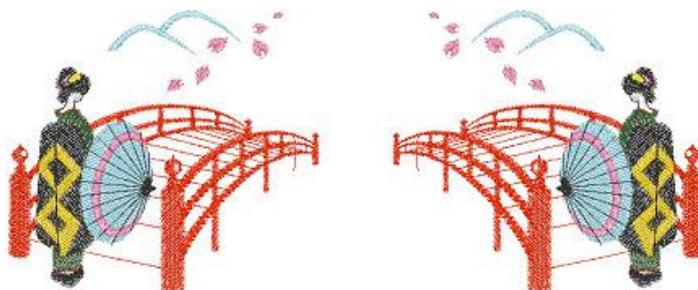


Figure #4

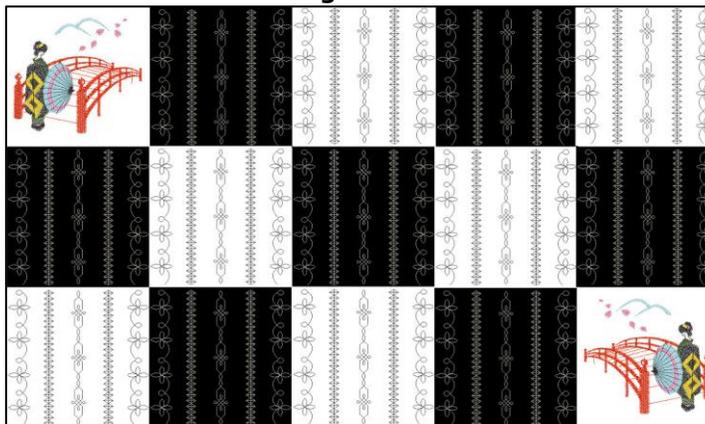


Figure #5



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- Using the standard foot, sew the layers together, leaving an opening along the bottom edge for turning.
- Turn right side out, press, and close opening with small hand stitches.
- Place the ditch quilting foot on the machine. Select a center needle straight stitch. Anchor the patchwork to the backing by stitching in the ditch from top to bottom.

*See **Figure #6**.

You are finished! Set the table and enjoy!

Options and Ideas:

- You can vary the block size to suit your personal taste.
- Embroider all four corner squares plus the center square if desired.
- Use any design that fits within your square. Visit ibroidery.com for a wide variety of choices for the 4-inch block, including red work designs and kitchen themed designs.

Figure 6

