

Placemat Pouches by Lorrie Nunemaker

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Placemat Pouch Version 3 -



Blog Post

<https://lorrienunemaker.com/2018/04/02/placemat-pouch-version-3/>

Link to YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4fNzxYgH30&list=PLxpHolZ5jC7P8xPeGnkYvOrBZYYqoiirh&index=3&t=593s>

Supplies

Placemat 14"x19"

14" zipper or longer

Wonder Tape or fusible ¼" double sided fusible tape

Wonder Clips

Sewing machine, thread and sewing notions (zipper foot, scissors, iron, etc.)

Non-permanent marker

Handle:

1 piece of fabric 4" x16"

1 piece of fusible interfacing 2" x 14"

Optional Heat n Bond Iron-On Vinyl: 12" x 17"

Measurements (corrected from video):

Handle fabric: 4" x 16"

Handle Interfacing: 2" x 14"

Measure up from top of zipper tape 2-1/2" for handle placement

Steps

Optional – To create a water-resistant inside to the pouch iron the Heat N Bond to the wrong side of the placemat, follow instructions from the manufacture.

Prepare handle

1. Iron handle fabric – Fold the short ends of the handle in ¼" and iron.
2. Fold handle fabric in half lengthwise and iron. Fold each side to center fold and iron.
3. Place handle interfacing inside of handle with wrong side of fabric touching the fusible part of the interfacing. Fold handle in half and iron.
4. Top stitch down open edge of handle and then the other side of handle.

Sew in zipper

1. Place zipper teeth facing up and place Wonder Tape on each side of the zipper tape. Do not remove top paper yet.
2. Line up the placemat with the bottom side of the zipper tape. Remove the paper and make sure zipper is lined up and stuck to the tape.
3. Using the zipper foot, sew the zipper on to one side of the placemat.
4. Now fold over the top of the placemat and remove paper from top side of zipper tape. Make sure the top and bottom of place mat are aligned.
5. Open the zipper and stitch the top zipper tape to the placemat.

Sew Handle to placemat

6. Mark the handle with non-permanent marker 3" from the edge.
7. Fold placemat flat and measure 2 ½" from the top edge of the zipper and mark a line with non-permanent marker.
8. Center one end of the handle on this line and clip in place.
9. Lift up the handle and clip the other end to the other side of the placemat centered on the same line.
10. Sew the handle to the single layer of the placemat at the 3" mark and back stitch to secure in place.
11. Then stitch the handle in place at the edge of the placemat – only through one layer. Backstitch to secure handle in place.

Sew Sides

12. Turn the tube you have created inside out.
13. On one edge fold the handle in half and secure with a Wonder Clip.
14. On the other edge fold handle in half and secure with a Wonder Clip. This creates the half way point.
15. Open the zipper ½ way so you can turn project right side out. Clip the open edge of the zipper tape with a Wonder Clip so that it doesn't gap.
16. Continue to clip the open edges of the sides together.
17. Take to sewing machine and sew just inside of the binding edge to secure the sides.
18. Back stitch across both ends of the zipper.
19. Cut off the tails of the zipper – lined up to edge of placemat.

Box Corners

20. Fold the top seam down and center it on top of the handle. Mark 2 ½" from the point on each side of the tip. Mark a line to connect these two marks. Be sure that the seam is open for easier sewing. Sew the triangle with a straight line across the line you created.



21. Unzip the zipper and repeat step 20 for the other side of the placemat.
22. Iron the bottom of the placemat to create a crease line
23. Use the crease line to center across the seam line and mark 2 ½" from the point on each side of the tip. Mark a line to connect these two marks. Be sure that the seam is open for easier sewing. Sew the triangle with a straight line across the line you created.
24. Repeat step 23 again for the other bottom side of the placemat.
25. Trim/Cut the triangles ¼" from the sewn line and zig-zag to finish the raw edges or serge if you have a serger.

Finish

26. Turn pouch right side out.
27. Iron each of the corners to make a sharper edge.
28. Optional – cut a 2" x 12" piece of cardboard or stiff interfacing and put in the top and bottom. You can cover these inserts with matching fabric and tack in place by hand to give more support.

You have completed the Placemat Pouch Version #3.

Placemat Pouch Version 8 - Clear Project Pouch



Blog Post

<https://lorrienunemaker.com/2018/11/22/placemat-pouch-version-8/>

Link to YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt0WSymLb3A&list=PLxpHolZ5jC7P8xPeGnkYvOrBZYYqoiirh&index=2&t=819s>

Supplies

Placemat 14"x19"

14" zipper or longer

2 pieces of fabric 2"x2" for zipper tabs

2 pieces of fabric 2 ½" x 14" for vinyl binding top/bottom

2 pieces of fabric 1 ½" x 8" for vinyl binding sides

1 piece of vinyl 14"x8"

Wonder Tape or fusible ¼" double sided fusible tape

Wonder Clips

Sewing machine, thread and sewing notions (zipper foot, scissors, iron, etc.)

Non-permanent marker

Handle:

1 piece of fabric 4" x12"

1 piece of fusible interfacing 2" x 10"

Steps

Prepare handle

1. Iron handle fabric – Fold the short ends of the handle in ¼" and iron.
2. Fold handle fabric in half lengthwise and iron. Fold each side to center fold and iron.
3. Place handle interfacing inside of handle with wrong side of fabric touching the fusible part of the interfacing. Fold handle in half and iron.
4. Top stitch down open edge of handle and then the other side of handle.

Prepare zipper tabs and binding

5. For zipper tabs – fold to wrong side $\frac{1}{4}$ " on two sides and iron. Fold the other side in half wrong sides together and iron. Open and fold edges to center and iron.
6. For binding - fold to wrong side $\frac{1}{4}$ " on short ends of fabric and iron. Fold wrong sides together in half lengthwise and iron. Open and fold to center crease and then fold on crease and iron.

Prepare the zipper

7. Place zipper on short end of the placemat with zipper feet up. Use non-permanent marker to mark on both sides where the zipper falls at the inside of the placemat binding.
8. On the zipper end, trim the zipper $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the marked line. Be sure that you have room to sew without hitting any metal.
9. On the top end of the zipper trim $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the marked line. Make sure your zipper pull is on the inside when you are cutting to avoid cutting the pull off.
10. Take zipper tab and place zipper inside of tab and clip with a Wonder Clip. Sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the outside of the zipper tab. Repeat on opposite side.
11. Double check that the zipper fits across the placemat with the zipper tabs reaching the inside seam of the binding on each side.
12. Place Wonder Tape on each side of the zipper tape. Do not remove the top paper yet.

Prepare the vinyl

13. Take one of the 8" bindings and place the short side of the vinyl in the center of the binding. This covers the short side of the vinyl. Clip in place.
14. Repeat on this on the other short end.
15. Take to the sewing machine. Sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " of an inch from the vinyl to secure the binding on the vinyl. Do this on both sides.
16. Take the 14" binding and place the long side of the vinyl in the center of the binding. Clip in place.
17. Repeat on this on the other long end.
18. Take to the sewing machine. Sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " of an inch from the vinyl to secure the binding on the vinyl. Do this on both sides. You now have a window frame.

Attach frame

19. Place Wonder Tape on right side of the short end of the placemat. Remove the top paper and put the window frame on top of the tape to hold it in place.
20. Open up placemat and sew down the binding seam to attach the window frame to the placemat.

Attach Zipper

21. Remove the top paper of the Wonder Tape from the bottom zipper tape.
22. Place the zipper under the binding at the top of the window frame binding. Secure the ends with clips.
23. Using a zipper foot attach the zipper to the top of the window frame.
24. Remove the top paper of the Wonder Tape from the top of the zipper tape.
25. Place the zipper under the binding of the remaining short side of the zipper. Secure the ends with clips.
26. Using a zipper foot start at the end of the zipper and sew through only the zipper tape and one layer of the placemat for 1".
27. Open the zipper all the way and continue sewing until you reach 1" away from the top of the zipper.
28. Take the placemat out from under the foot. Turn the top zipper tape end so it fits under the foot and finish sewing the end of the top zipper tape into the placemat.

Determine placement and sew edges together

29. Lay the placemat flat with the window frame on top. Determine where you want the window to be. The original video shows folding the bottom of the placemat up 2 ½".
30. Clip the edges together and sew on the inside seam of the placemat binding all the way from top to bottom. Sew both sides.

Attach the handle

31. At the top of the pouch, place a handle end 1 ½" inches from the edge. Sew in place
32. Measure in 1 ½" from the other side and sew the other end in place.

You have completed the Clear Project Placemat Pouch Version #8.