



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

½ yd (46cm) chalkboard fabric, 45" (114cm)
1 yd (.91m) main fabric
½ yd (46cm) elastic, ⅝" (1.5cm)
Spring clips (optional)
Chalk
Microfiber eraser cloth

 SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: EASY

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Kids can have fun practicing letters and drawing on these portable chalkboard mats. The handy pocket holds a microfiber cloth for erasing, and the sticks of chalk are held in place with elastic to prevent them from getting lost or rolling away.

MEASUREMENTS

14" x 18" (35.5cm x 46cm)

CUTTING

Note: Cutting is for 2 mats

From the chalkboard fabric, cut:
(2) rectangles, 14" x 18" (35.5cm x 46cm)

From the main fabric, cut:

(2) rectangles, 14" x 18" (35.5cm x 46cm)
(4) strips, 2¼" x width of fabric (6cm x WOF), for binding
(2) strips, 6½" x 21" (16.5cm x 53.5cm), for pocket bands

Seam allowances are ¼" (1cm).

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CHALKBOARD FABRIC

1. Chalkboard fabric will retain needle and pin marks permanently, so use clips to hold the layers together, or pin only within the seam allowance.
2. Do not iron chalkboard fabric, as the surface can melt. If you need to remove wrinkles, cover the fabric with a thick press cloth and lightly press from the wrong side only.
3. Use a slightly longer than normal stitch length for seaming.
4. If the fabric sticks to the presser foot, use a non-stick foot.



ASSEMBLING THE MAT

Note: Instructions are for a single mat. Repeat for the second one.

1. With wrong sides together, baste one chalkboard rectangle and one main fabric rectangle together around the edges.
2. To make the pocket bands, mark each edge of the band $4\frac{3}{4}$ " (12cm) and $11\frac{1}{2}$ " (29cm) from the same end. With right side up, fold the band so that the $11\frac{1}{2}$ " (29cm) marks match the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " (12cm) marks, forming the pocket. Press, and baste the side edges together.
3. Position the elastic flat across the trim band 3" (7.5cm) below the lower pocket fold; do not stretch. Baste both ends.
4. Mark on the chalkboard $5\frac{3}{4}$ " (14.5cm) from the right edge. This mark won't show on the finished mat, so pencil or marking chalk is fine to use.

5. Place the left edge of the trim band along the marked line. If you pin, keep them within the seam allowance only. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " (1cm) from the band edge, keeping the band aligned down the mat length.
 6. Flip the band to the mat edge and finger-press the trim band seam. Baste the raw edges of the band and mat together. Trim any excess band width to match the backing.
4. Insert chalk sticks under the elastic and lightly pin to form dividers. Stitch along the divider lines through all thicknesses. The number of segments will depend on the size of the chalk sticks—the featured mat has the stitched lines 1" (2.5cm) apart.
 5. Before use, season the chalkboard fabric by rubbing chalk all over the surface, then wiping off.

FINISHING

1. Sew the binding strips together end to end using diagonal seams. Press the seams open, then fold the binding in half with wrong sides together; press.
2. Bind the edges of each placemat, mitering the corners as you sew.
3. Fold the binding to the underside of the mat and hand-stitch the folded edge to the placemat backing fabric.

FRONT



BACK

