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Coloring Placemat

Method

Cut the following:

2 x 60 cm x 40 cm Plastic Shower Curtain

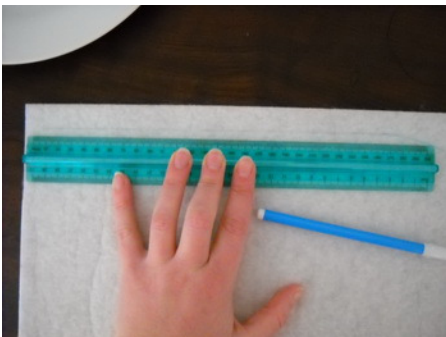
60 cm x 40 cm Clear Plastic Sheet

50 cm 30 cm Heat Proof Batting

1. Place the dinner plate on the edge of the batting and draw a line around the edge of the plate using the fabric pen.



2. Now draw a straight line from the top of the plate to the other edge of the batting. Draw another line from the bottom of the plate to the edge of the batting. Move the plate to the other edge of the batting matching the top and bottom of the plate to the drawn lines. Draw around the edge of the plate.



Materials

**Plastic Shower Curtain
or Table Cloth**

**Clear Plastic Sheet
used for table cloths**

Heat proof batting

Hand towel for ironing

Cutaway stabilizer

Embroidery Thread

**Fabric pen that washes
out**

Dinner Plate

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3. Cut the placemat batting. Prepare the plastic shower curtain. If it is very creased, you can lightly press it using a very low temperature on your iron and press it using the towel. You can do this with the clear plastic sheet if necessary.

*Tip: If you have a teflon sheet which can be found at your local fabric shop, you can use this for pressing the shower curtain and plastic sheet. The plastic goes soft once pressed so let it cool before stitching on it.

Place the batting onto the plastic shower curtain and draw around it using the fabric pen. This gives the size of the placemat and the area you have to place your designs in.



4. Using your embroidery software, print a copy of your chosen design. Cut your design out. I used the Coloring Funny Girls designs for this.



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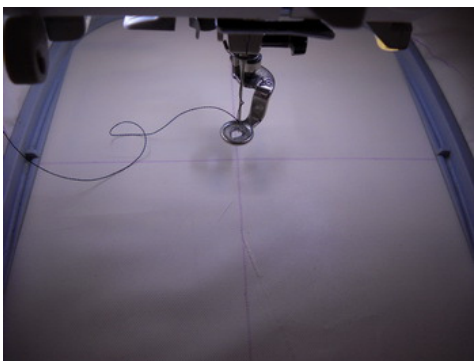
- Place your cut out print outs onto the placemat where you would like them and mark where the designs will be stitched out using the fabric pen.



- Place the clear plastic sheet under the plastic shower curtain. Hoop both layers with the cutaway stabilizer using the markings for the designs as a guide.



- Center your chosen design on the machine with the marking lines and stitch out your design. Use matching bobbin thread when stitching out your designs.



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7. When the design is stitched, un-hoop the design. You may need to press the plastic again. If you have more than one design for your placemat, stitch out the other designs in the same manner as you did the first design. Cut away any excess stabilizer.



8. Now to put your placemat together. You will need your sewing machine for this. Place the batting under the embroidered plastic. Take the second piece of shower curtain and place it under the batting and embroidered plastic. Pin the corners to hold the layers together.



9. Using a straight stitch, stitch along the drawn line of the placemat



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- Using your sewing foot as a guide, stitch a second row of running stitches. Now cut out your placemat and your ready to enjoy it.



Use non-toxic water soluble crayons to color in the designs. To clean the crayon from the design, simply use a bit of dishwash liquid and a cloth and wipe the crayon off. This is sure to give children endless hours of fun.

