

Instructions for making Holiday Placemats for the Irvine Senior Center

The Irvine Senior Center Meals on Wheels program needs Christmas placemats. Our goal is for approx. 200 placemats. We will have kits available at the OQB on August 19th from 10am to 12pm. If you cannot make it to the OQB we are asking for you to make 2 placemats from your stash.

To make a placemat from your stash of Christmas fabric:

1st cut fabric for back and batting 13" x 19". Finished size after trimming and binding should measure 12" x 18" or close to it!

1. **Strip method:** start with a piece of batting on top of the wrong side of backing fabric. Use any size strips or combination of strips to sew with the flip & sew method, starting in center and working outward.
2. **Orphan Block Method:** center on back & batting. Piece and frame with strips in a flip & sew method.
3. **Front/back method:** cut 2 pieces of fabric 13" x 19", sandwich with batting, then machine quilt together.
4. **Binding:** bind by machine or hand. Decorative stitch works well if sewing binding down on front.

If you have any questions or need Christmas fabric or batting – please contact Arlene Somerville: somerva@msn.com

Thank you for help

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