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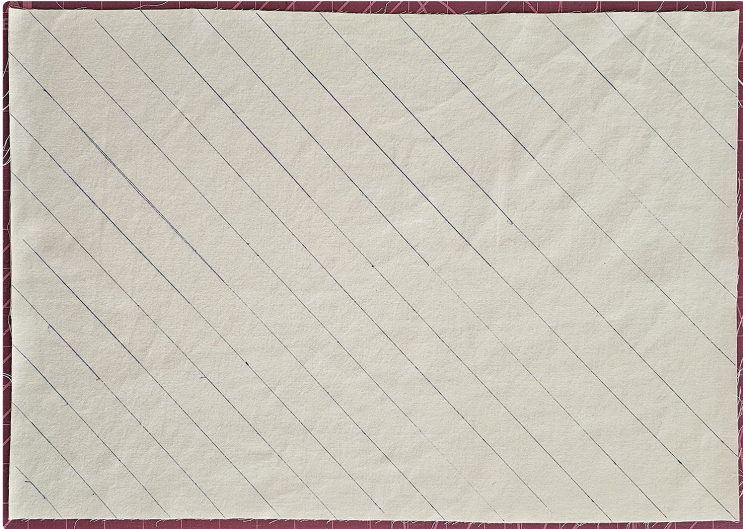
## 1 Hour Placemat Foundation Pieced, Quilt as You Go, Scrap Quilt



Can you make a beautiful, scrappy placemat in less than an hour? Of course you can. Watch me make this on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/oI2ljSO9ht4>

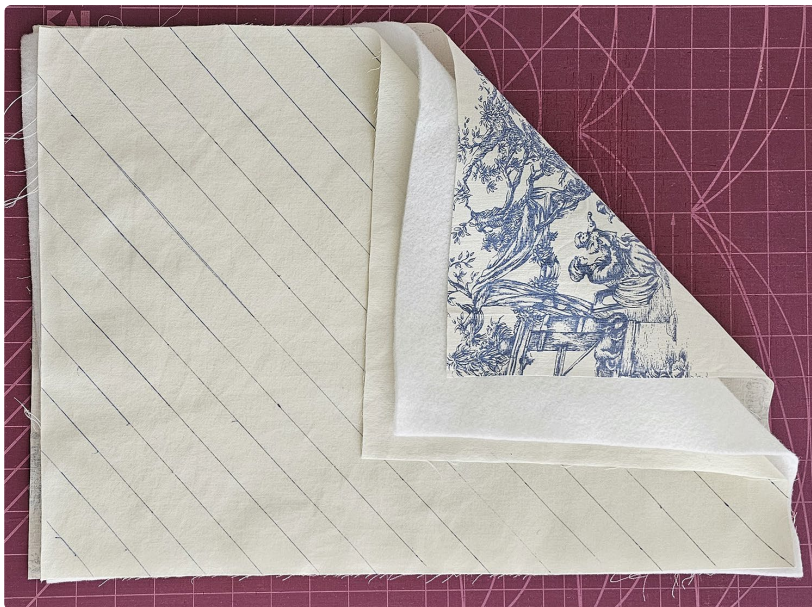
The trick to being able to make this so quickly is the foundation piecing, quilt as you go technique. For those who are new to this technique I will try to make it clear. We are going to take a piece of fabric to use as a "foundation". This can be a piece of quilting cotton, a piece of muslin, or any sort of scrap fabric, like an old sheet. Which is what I did. I had a very old fitted sheet where the elastic was completely shot.

I cut that into 13" X 19" rectangles.



I used my ruler and a frixion pen to make 45 degree diagonal lines on the "foundation" fabric. You could use pencil, or chalk or any other marking device you want. I like the frixion because the lines disappear when it is pressed. I know some people don't like it because it can leave a ghost image after it is pressed, but these marks will be underneath the scraps so it doesn't matter.

Be aware, you don't have to be super careful with the 45 degree lines. These aren't sewing lines like other foundation piecing projects, but instead are just used as guides to keep your scraps strips more or less parallel.



Next you are going to make a "Quilt Sandwich". Cut a piece of backing fabric and a piece of batting 13" tall by 19" wide. Put the backing fabric, right side down, add the batting then put the foundation fabric on top. Marked side up.

Note: you could just draw the lines on the batting, but I like the stability I get by using a foundation fabric.

To hold the three layers in place you can use either a spray basing or use some safety pins.



Place the first strip right side up along one of the diagonal lines.



Place the next strip right side down on that strip lining up the right hand edges. Sew 1/4" from that edge



Fold the top fabric open and add the next strip of fabric in the same manner.



Notice that the fabric only needs to be straight on one side, the side you sew on.



Don't worry about the uneven edge. just line the next fabric strip parallel to the lines that you drew and sew 1/4" from that straight edge. You can trim the extra dark fabric if you like, but it isn't necessary.



Sometimes you will see that the strips aren't parallel to the guide lines any more.



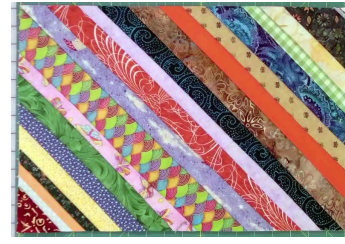
Just line the next strip up so that it will be parallel. I folded the top edge of the blue fabric back so that it was the same distance from the guide lines. I made a finger crease and lined the next fabric up with that crease. Making it parallel to the guide lines.



Once all the strips are sewn, give it a press and take it to your cutting surface.



It is easiest if you start the cutting from the back side. It makes it easier to see where the backing and batting are.



Trim it to 12" X 18" and then add the binding.



Here is what the quilt will look like when it is all sewn together.

You have a bunch of other choices that you could make.



You could arrange the strips to make a color flow

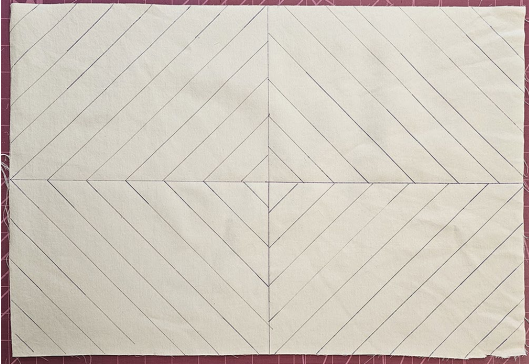


You could make the strips 60 degrees.

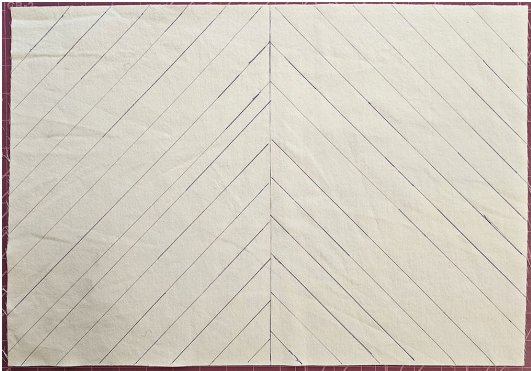


You could make all the strips vertical.

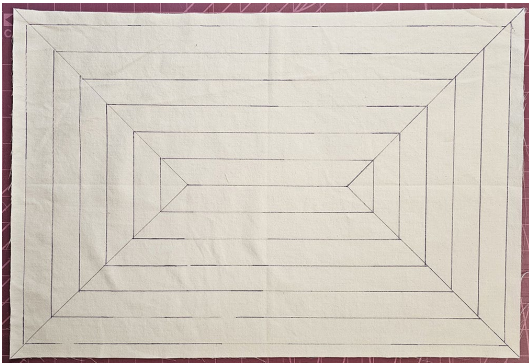
Here are some other designs that you could draw on the foundation fabric.



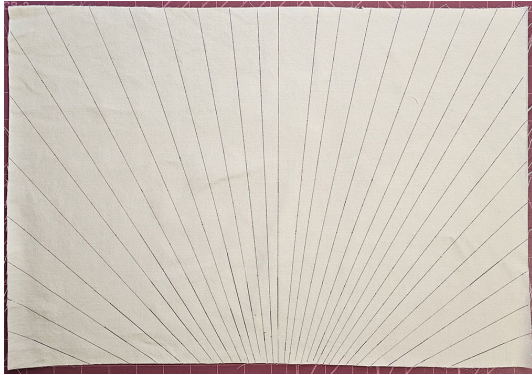
Diamond Log Cabin



Herringbone



Rectangle Log Cabin



Star Burst



If you don't have scraps you can use a Jelly Roll. This is even quicker and easier than using scraps.



This is a crazy log cabin where I didn't draw any lines at all.

I know that this is a switch from my normal disappearing pattern and I hope that you don't mind. We were having a family dinner and I pulled out the old plastic place mats that we have had forever. I knew it was time to make some quilted mats, but I felt like I didn't have the time. That is when it occurred to me to make a super-quick, quilt as you go version. Also, by making them out of scraps, I wouldn't have to go out and buy fabric.

I thought that since I was going to be sewing, I should go ahead and film what I was doing for a YouTube video (You can see it here: <https://youtu.be/ol2ljSO9ht4>). I always wondered if my viewers would want to see what I was working on, even if it wasn't a disappearing block. I got my answer. Only about 20% of the people who watched my last video have watched this this one, over the same time period. LOL.

While I was making the placemats, I filmed my beginner/cheater binding method. It is all still just raw video and is going to take a week or so to turn it into a YouTube video. I don't expect to get a lot

of views, but I am half way through the process, so I might as well finish it up. I won't be making a newsletter of this because I have most of the same information on my website:

<https://questioningquilter.com/tutorials/beginner-binding/>

Next month, I will be back with a new disappearing pattern.

I hope to see you all then.

I have all the disappearing videos on my channel: <https://www.youtube.com/questioningquilter>

Stay Well and Happy Quilting,

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