

Placemats and Coasters

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Project instructions:

<http://blog.brothersews.com/software/beautiful-table-settings-with-patterncad/>

Tips:

- If you don't like to miter corners, choose a design with less pointy corners and round the corners of your placemats slightly (use a 4" – 6" diameter circle). You can just ease in a bit of binding as you work around those curves, and no miters are needed.
- For small projects like the coasters, it's easier to cut a specific length of binding and sew it into a tube before you apply it to the coaster. For the 4 3/4" (cut size) coasters shown, you'll need a 13 7/8" piece of binding, including 1/4" seam allowances. (For simplicity, I would cut it 14" long, and just ease in the extra.)
- You may be able to use straight-cut binding on the placemats, especially if you're mitering the corners. For the coasters, bias-cut binding is best.