

Christmas Chevron/Braided Placemat
Van Wert Sew Creative Neighborhood Group 2023

Supplies needed for one 12 x 16" placemat:

3 Colors of Coordinated Christmas Fabrics

4 each 2 ½ x 6" Strips of 1 of Christmas fabrics

4 each 2 ½ x 6" Strips of the 2nd Christmas fabric

4 each 2 ½ x 6" Strips of the 3rd Christmas fabric

1 each 2 ½ " Square of one of the Christmas fabrics

1 each 8 x 12" piece of one of the Christmas fabrics OR a completely different fabric

2 each 2 ½ x 12 " strips of a contrasting Christmas Fabrics

1 each 12 x 16 piece of batting suitable for placemats

1 each 13 x 17 " piece for backing

60" x 2 ½ " wide strip for binding

Sewing Machine and Sewing Kit

Rotary Ruler and cutter

Decorative Threads Optional for Top Stitching

Note: You don't have to use only 3 colors. This can be a scrappy project using whatever you have on hand. Just look for fun coordinating Christmas Fabrics.

NOTE: You can make your braid using narrower strips – try different sizes !

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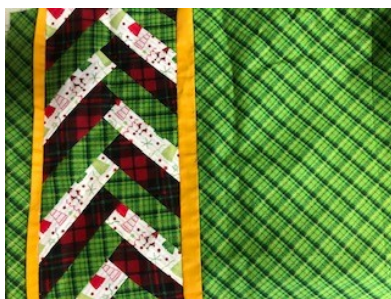
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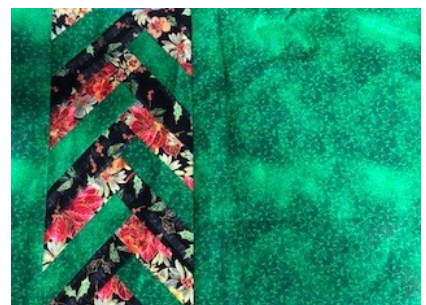
1. Gather strips of coordinated fabrics for the chevron/braid
2. Follow the diagram attached on assembling the braid—make the braid as tall/long as the desired height of your placemat. Cutting instructions are for a 12 x 16" placemat, but you can make it any size you wish.
3. Trim the sides of the chevron/braid as indicated in the diagram.
4. OPTIONAL: Add narrow sashing strips to each side of the chevron.
5. Add 2 1/2 " strip to the left side of the chevron braid
6. Add the 8 x 12" piece to the right side of the chevron braid. Trim to size desired. **See photos**
7. Finishing Option 1: Sandwich batting between top and back layers and quilt . Trim edges if needed and attach 2 1/2" binding folded lengthwise and pressed.
8. Finishing Option 2: Quilt top to batting. Trim edges if needed. Lay backing fabric right side down on top of the chevron sided placemat. Sew 1/4" seam around edges, leaving an opening to turn. Clip corners and turn to right side. Close opening by hand OR Press Placemat and top stitch 1/8" from the edge around all 4 sides.



Using 2.5" Strips for the Chevron
Optional Sashing on either side of
the Chevron.



Using 1.5" Strips for the Chevron
and optional sashing on sides of
chevron.



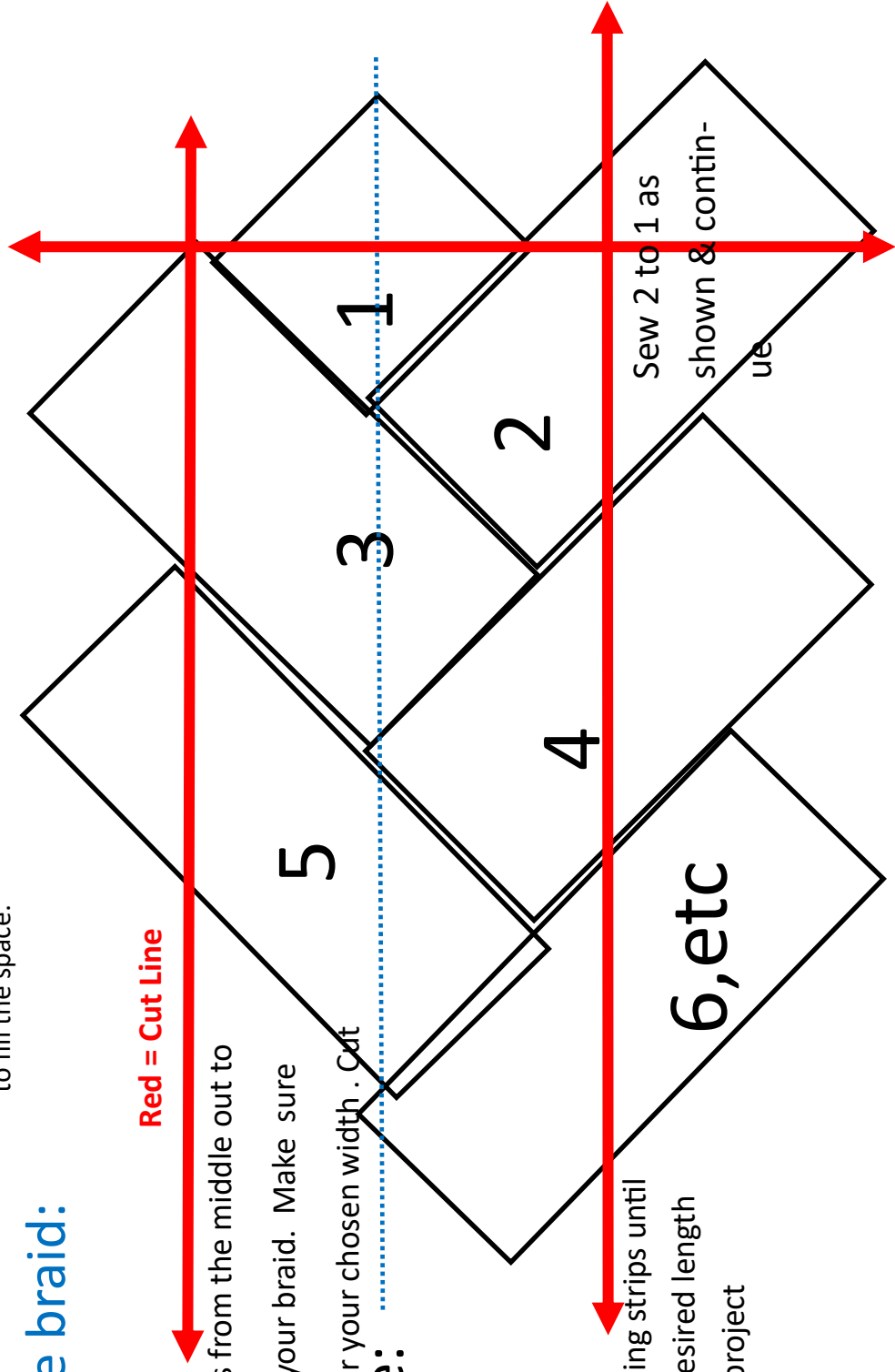
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Making the braid:

Your choice as to the width of your strips. Make your starting square the same width as your strip. (Strips = 2.5" wide > Square = 2.5") (Strips = 1.5" wide > Square = 1.5") etc.

Note: Smaller projects look nice with narrower strips. You'll just make a longer braid to fill the space.



Measure Equal distances from the middle out to determine the width of your braid. Make sure there is enough fabric for your chosen width . Cut

Middle:

Keep adding strips until braid is desired length for your project