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## MATERIALS FOR MINI ROTARY-MAT HOLDER

2—2½×42" precut strips  
assorted light blue batiks

2—2½×42" precut strips  
assorted red batiks

2—2½×42" precut strips  
assorted white batiks

2—2½×42" precut strips  
assorted navy blue batiks

½ yard fusible fleece

Snap or hook-and-loop  
tape (flap closure)

⅝"-diameter button:  
navy blue

**FINISHED MAT  
HOLDER: 8×8½"**

Cutting instructions are  
based on precut 2½×42"  
strips. Measurements  
include ¼" seam  
allowances. Sew with  
right sides together  
unless otherwise stated.



## CUT FABRICS

Cut pieces in the following order.

From assorted light blue batiks, cut:

- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $28\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×16" strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $10\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From assorted red batiks, cut:

- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $28\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×16" strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $10\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From assorted white batiks, cut:

- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $28\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×16" strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $10\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From assorted navy blue batiks, cut:

- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $28\frac{1}{2}$ " strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ×16" strip
- 1— $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $10\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

From fusible fleece, cut:

- 1— $8$ × $14$ " rectangle
- 1— $7\frac{1}{2}$ × $8$ " rectangle
- 1— $5$ × $8$ " rectangle



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—Monique Dillard

- 2) Place large rectangle on a flat surface with wrong side up. Following manufacturer's directions, fuse fusible fleece  $7\frac{1}{2}$ × $8$ " rectangle to one end, about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from short edge and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from top and bottom edges (Diagram 2).

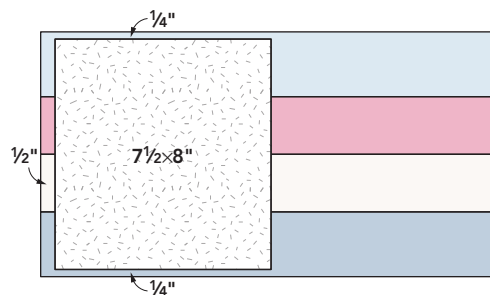


DIAGRAM 2

## ASSEMBLE POCKET UNIT

- 1) Referring to Diagram 1, sew together light blue, red, white, and navy blue batik  $2\frac{1}{2}$ × $16$ " strips along long edges to make a large rectangle. Press seams in one direction. The long rectangle should be  $8\frac{1}{2}$ × $16$ " including seam allowances.

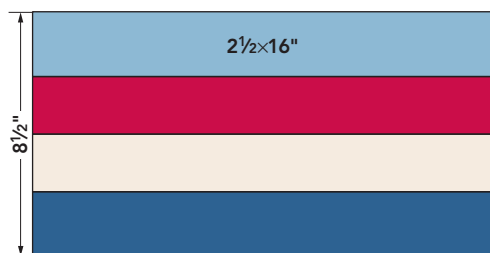


DIAGRAM 1

- 3) Fold large rectangle in half, right side out, enclosing fleece in the middle. Topstitch along folded edge to make a large unit (Diagram 3).

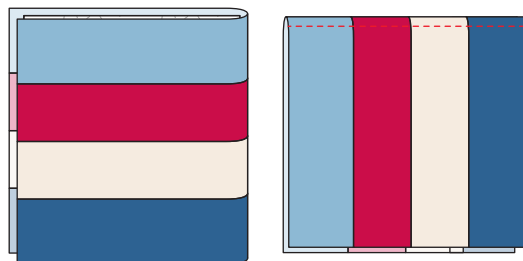


DIAGRAM 3

- 4) Referring to Step 1, sew together light blue, red, white, and navy blue batik  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " strips along long edges to make a small rectangle. Press seams in one direction. The small rectangle should be  $8\frac{1}{2}\times 10\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
- 5) Using small rectangle and fusible fleece  $5\times 8$ " rectangle, repeat steps 2 and 3 to make a small unit.
- 6) Lay small unit atop large unit, aligning side and bottom edges; pin together. Topstitch along seams of the outer rectangles to make a pocket unit with a narrow pocket on each edge and a wide pocket in the center (Diagram 4).
- 2) Referring to Assemble Pocket Unit, Step 2, page 2, fuse fusible fleece  $8\times 14$ " rectangle to one end of pieced rectangle.
- 3) Lay Step 2 fused rectangle right side up on a flat surface. Layer pocket unit atop fused rectangle, aligning bottom and side edges (Diagram 5); pin.
- 4) Referring to Diagram 5, fold Step 2 piece in half with right sides together, matching short edges and enclosing pocket unit in between. Sew around raw edges, leaving a 3" opening on bottom edge for turning.
- 5) Turn right side out through opening to make mat-holder body; press.

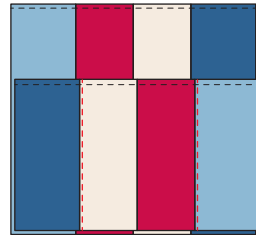


DIAGRAM 4

#### ASSEMBLE MAT HOLDER BODY

- 1) Referring to Diagram 1, page 2, sew together white, red, light blue, and navy blue batik  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 28\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles along long edges to make a pieced rectangle. Press seams in one direction. The pieced rectangle should be  $8\frac{1}{2}\times 28\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.

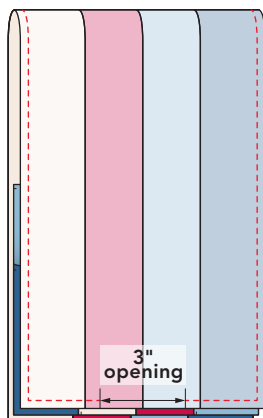
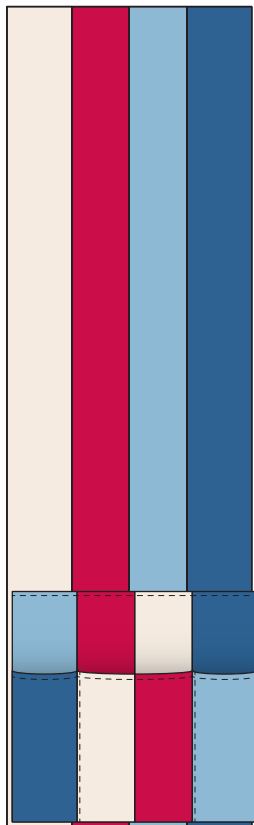


DIAGRAM 5

#### FINISH MAT HOLDER

- 1) Referring to Diagram 6, topstitch around all edges of mat-holder body, catching bottom opening in seam.

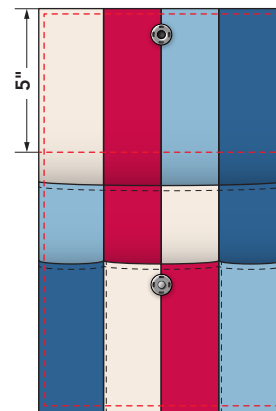


DIAGRAM 6

- 2) Stitch a horizontal line 5" from top to create a fold line for flap (Diagram 6). (The mini mat featured here is  $6\times 8$ "; if your mat is a different size, place it in the pocket, fold down the flap, and mark a line at the fold. Stitch your line at the mark.)
- 3) Referring to Diagram 6 and following manufacturer's directions, attach snap or hook-and-loop tape.
- 4) Hand-sew button to front of flap to complete mat holder.