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The secret to this striking place mat set is the fabric choice—myriad neutrals in a variety of shades.

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### Materials

#### FOR FOUR PLACE MATS

- $\frac{3}{8}$  yard total assorted cream prints (blocks)
- $1\frac{1}{3}$  yards total assorted tan prints (blocks, border)
- $\frac{5}{8}$  yard light cream print (binding)
- 1 yard backing fabric
- 4—17×21" rectangles batting

Finished Place Mat:  $12\frac{1}{2}\times 16\frac{1}{2}$ "

Finished Block:  $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ "

Quantities are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

Measurements include  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

Cut pieces in the following order.

#### From assorted cream prints, cut:

- 8— $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- 20— $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

#### From assorted tan prints, cut:

- 8— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips
- 24— $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles
- 44— $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

#### From light cream print, cut:

- 7— $2\frac{1}{2}\times 42$ " binding strips

#### From backing fabric, cut:

- 4—17×21" rectangles

### Assemble Flying Geese Blocks

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each assorted cream and tan print  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square. (To prevent fabric from stretching as you draw lines, place 220-grit sandpaper under each square.)
2. Referring to Diagram 1, align a marked cream or tan print square with one end of an assorted cream or tan print

$3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle; note placement of marked line. Sew on marked line. Trim excess fabric, leaving a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press open attached triangle.

3. Repeat Step 2, sewing a marked cream or tan print square to opposite end of cream or tan print rectangle, to make a Flying Geese block (Diagram 2). The block should be  $3\frac{1}{2}\times 6\frac{1}{2}$ " including seam allowances.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make 32 Flying Geese blocks total.

### Assemble And Finish Place Mats

1. Referring to photo above, lay out eight Flying Geese blocks in four pairs. Join blocks in each pair; press seams in one direction. Sew together pairs in each row; press seams in opposite directions. Join rows to make a place mat center. Press seam in one direction.
2. Join assorted tan print  $2\frac{1}{2}\times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " border strips to opposite edges of place mat center to make a place mat top. Press seams toward border.
3. Layer place mat top with 17×21" rectangles of batting and backing; baste.
4. Quilt as desired. The place mats are machine-quilted with an allover flame design in each place mat center and a wave pattern in the border.
5. Bind with light cream print binding strips.
6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 to make four place mats total.

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DIAGRAM 1

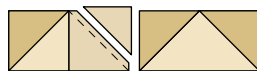


DIAGRAM 2