

Mosaic Tile Placemats

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These beautiful placemats, inspired by antique mosaic tiles, bring an elegant look to your table. Easily create an intricate looking mosaic-like design using metallic threads and the Circular Attachment tool. Stitching perfectly matched decorative elements is simple using the PFAFF® *passport*™ 3.0 sewing machine, featuring the IDT™ System and gorgeous built-in 7mm stitches.



Sewing Supplies:

- PFAFF® *passport*™ 3.0 sewing machine
- PFAFF® ¼" Right Guide Foot with IDT™ 820924096
- PFAFF® Fancy Stitch Foot with IDT™ 820253096
- PFAFF® Narrow Edge Foot with IDT™ 820609096
- PFAFF® Circular Attachment 821026096
- INSPIRA® Double Sided Fusible Placemat Forms 620134701
- INSPIRA® Fuse 'n' Tear Stabilizer 620114896
- INSPIRA® 6" Applique Scissors 620102696
- Fabric A, B, C, D: ⅝ yd each (for 4 placemats)
- Bias: 6½ yards of 2" wide bias (for 4 placemats)
- Rotary cutter
- 12½" square rotary cutting ruler
- 18" rotary cutting ruler
- Rotary cutting mat
- Assortment of metallic sewing or embroidery threads
- Coordinating sewing thread and bobbin
- Chalk pencil or similar marking tool
- Pins

Cut:

From Fabric A, B, C, D cut from each:

2 pieces 20"Lx14"W

1 piece 14" square

From Bias:

4 pieces 55" long

From Fuse 'n' Tear Stabilizer:

4 pieces 14"Lx12"W

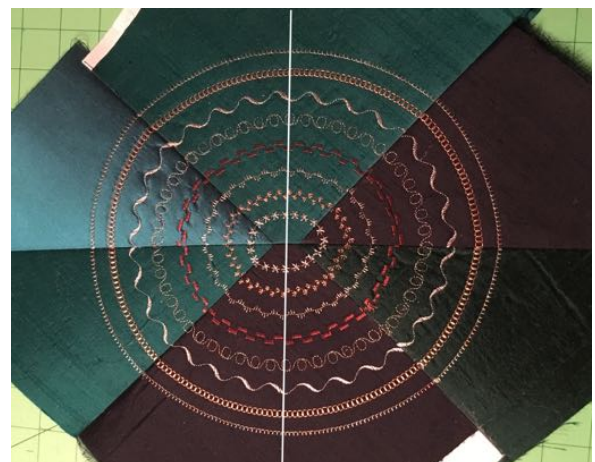
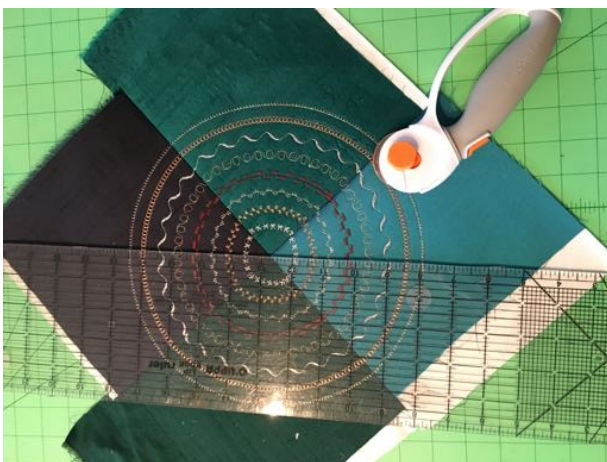
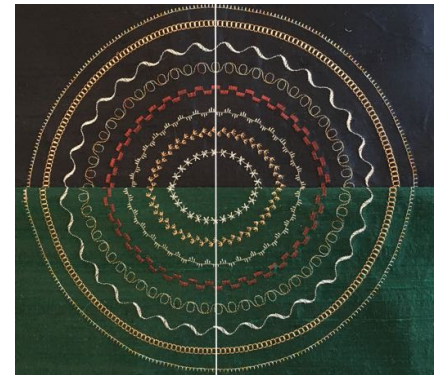
Prepare:

1. Fuse **Fuse 'n' Tear** Stabilizer to back of 14" squares of Fabrics A, B, C, and D following instructions on stabilizer package.
2. Fuse one 20"x14" piece of Fabric A to one side of a **Double Sided Fusible Placemat Form** following instructions on package. Trim around edges of fabric to fit form. Fuse second 20"x14" piece of Fabric A to back side of the same form. Trim fabric edges to fit form. Repeat process with remaining 3 forms and Fabrics B, C, and D.

Sew:

1. Thread machine with metallic thread through the needle and sewing thread on the bobbin. Attach **Circular Attachment**. Snap-on **Fancy Stitch Foot** and engage the **IDT™ system**.
2. Determine center of 14"x14" stabilized square of Fabric A. Insert Circular Attachment pin at center point. Set Circular Attachment to 6cm mark.
3. Slide stabilized square in place under the sewing foot, and insert pin into Circular Attachment. Rotate square so that edges are aligned parallel with machine (not at an angle). You will want to start in this same location for each row of stitching.
4. Choose a decorative stitch. Note: Avoid stitches with backward movement for best results.
5. Stitch a 6cm diameter circle using metallic thread and the decorative stitch chosen, starting and stopping in the same place.
6. Repeat process with squares of Fabric B, C, and D.
7. Change needle thread to a different color, if desired. Set Circular Attachment to 9cm mark.
8. Repeat process from Step 3 - 6, stitching a 9cm diameter circle with metallic thread using a different decorative stitch. Do this with all squares.
9. Continue to stitch circles on all four squares, using a variety of metallic threads (if desired) and decorative stitches, at the following marks on the Circular Attachment: 12cm, 15cm, 18cm, 21cm, and 24cm.

10. Stitch a final circle at 26cm, but use a narrow stitch or one that points outward, such as stitch **27**.
11. Using a 12½" ruler, find and mark the center line on each circle, using the pin hole at center and the stitch starting/ending point as references. Cut each circle in half according to the marks.
12. Pair each half circle with a half circle of a different color. You can mix them up entirely or create two sets, according to your preference. Pin together, aligning matching decorative stitching lines.
13. Rethread machine with sewing thread. Remove Circular Attachment and snap-on ¼" **Guide Foot**.
14. Sew sets of halves together using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seam allowances to one side. Note that the stitches will not be perfectly circular, but oblong instead.
15. Using 12½" square ruler, mark the center line of the newly joined halves, perpendicular to the seam (each side creates a half circle with two pieces of fabric).
16. Cut on the marked line, and mix these sets of halves together to create pairs with four colors. Pin and sew as before, using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams to one side.
17. Use rulers to mark and cut a center line on stitched squares again, this time at a 45 degree angle to previous seam lines. This will create halves with three colors of fabric.
18. Mix halves, and sew pairs together as done previously, using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams to one side.
19. Mark and cut final center line perpendicular to previous cut. This will create halves with 4 different fabrics. Mix halves, and sew pairs together as done previously, using a ¼" seam allowance. Press seams to one side.



20. Rethread with metallic thread. Choose a decorative stitch, such as a double-sided pin stitch, and stitch-in-the-ditch along all seam lines on all four pieced circles, extending at least one inch beyond outer edge of circles.
21. Find and mark the center point on each prepared INSPIRA® Double Sided Fusible Placemat Form. Attach Circular Attachment to PFAFF® passport™ 3.0 sewing machine. Change metallic thread color, if desired. Select stitch **3** (zig-zag), width **2.0**, default length.
22. Set Circular Attachment to **26cm**. Snap-on **Fancy Stitch Foot**.
23. Insert Circular Attachment pin through center of pieced circle, and then through center mark on prepared placemat form. Slide into place under sewing foot, and insert pin into Circular Attachment.
24. Stitch pieced circle into place using the narrow zig-zag stitch. Be careful to manage the bulk of the placemat while turning so that it does not hamper smooth sewing.
25. Repeat steps 23-24 with remaining prepared placemats and pieced circles.
26. Carefully trim away excess fabric from pieced circles close to outer zig-zag stitching using applique scissors.
27. Select stitch **4** (satin stitch), length **1.0**, width **7.0**.
28. Using Circular Attachment set at 26cm, and with pin inserted through previously used hole, stitch over previous zig-zag stitching with satin stitch. For extra dense stitching, go around twice.



29. Remove Circular Attachment, rethread needle with sewing thread, and snap-on **1/4" Right Guide Foot**. Select stitch **1** (straight stitch).
30. Sew ends of each piece of bias together so that each piece forms a loop approximately 54½" long. Press in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Pin folded bias to wrong side of placemat form, aligning raw edges and stretching slightly around corners if necessary.
31. Sew bias in place, using a ¼" seam allowance.
32. Snap-on **Narrow Edge Foot**. Wrap bias around raw edge of placemat. Bias should extend past 1/4" stitching line. If necessary, trim seam allowance slightly to reduce bulk. Pin into place.

33. Sew bias into place on right side of placemat, aligning bias edge with blade on foot, and adjusting needle position to desired location for accurate stitching.

Enjoy dressing your next special occasion table with your beautifully unique placemats!