

# SET THE TABLE PLACE MATS

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing  
fabrics/supplies on materials list  
rotary set: mat, cutter, ruler  
quarter-inch foot (optional)  
walking foot (optional)  
coordinating thread  
iron  
scissors  
curved safety pins  
painter's tape  
fabric marking pen (optional)

## SKILLS TAUGHT

Machine quilting, pin basting,  
hand sewn binding, using batting



## Class Prep

Prepare a small quilt sandwich for students to see what their project will look like after Step 3. Consider having a variety of quilt top marking tools on hand for students to experiment with. Bring in examples of straight line (or mostly straight line) quilting to give students some inspiration for their quilting design. An example with a few lines sewn with the triple stitch can be great inspiration, too.

## Teaching the Class

**Step 3.** Point out that pins should be approximately one fist apart.

**Step 4 & 5.** Demo how to use and install a walking foot, pointing out what sets it apart

from a regular presser foot. Stress the importance of proper installation. Refer students to the Walking Foot info box on page 140. Show how to expose the free arm and attach an extension table. Once they use one, your students will see it as a must have!

**Step 6.** Encourage students to practice and try out stitch lengths on a test quilt sandwich first.

**Step 8.** Remind students to stop every once in a while to be sure lines are still straight. They can start to curve easily. Reapply a new painter's tape guide line, if necessary.

► If your students would like to show off their finished place mats, send a photo to

shea@emptybobbinsewing.com or share on social media sites with the hashtag #schoolofsewing. I would love to feature you and your group! Consider submitting info about your experience at [theschoolofsewing.com/sewtogether](http://theschoolofsewing.com/sewtogether)