

bath mat

Finished size: 20" x 28"

WHAT YOU NEED:

1 bath towel
1/2 yard outside border fabric
1/8 yard contrasting trim fabric

WHAT YOU DO:

All seam allowances are 1/2" unless instructed differently. It is helpful to use a walking foot on this project if you have one for your machine.



1. Wash and dry towel. Fold towel in half. Pin to hold in place and measure 20" x 28". Cut excess towel off and stitch close to edge.
2. Cut 3 outer border strips measuring 5 1/2" wide by the width of material. Cut 3 contrasting trim strips measuring 2" wide by the width of material. Trim selvedge edges off and stitch the outer border strips together along each of the short ends to make one long strip. Do the same with the contrasting trim strips.
3. Press small strip in half lengthwise. Sew to wide strip using 1/2" seam allowance.
4. Now you will sew the border to the mat. Beginning on one short side, place right side of border to back side of mat. Starting about 4" from end of strip, stitch using 1/2" seam allowance and mitering corners, just like you would bind a quilt. When you are approximately 8" away from your beginning stitches, stop stitching. Mark where the ends of the border will overlap and stitch together. Finish stitching border to mat.
5. Fold border to right side of mat, pin in place, mitering corners. Top stitch close to edge of wide border. After stitching around border, sew corners down to secure. Now, top stitch close to edge of inner border to secure.

You now have a completed bath mat -- perfectly coordinated with your shower curtain! Make one or several. Be creative -- add rick rack or other trims, add a monogram to the center of the towel before you fold it together. The possibilities are endless!