

Pro-Stitcher Custom Placemats

Supplies:

1 Fat Quarter for each Placemat Top

1 Fat Quarter binding Blockhead

Craft Size Batting

Pro-Stitcher Designs:

PS Block – Blockhead with redesigned center

PS Block – Wavy Grid with Circle Area

PS Block – Scallop Crosshatch Table Runner with scallop edge

Unless otherwise noted all placemats are 12”x12”

Creating a new center- Blockhead

Load backing, batting and top fabric on frame

1. Click File



Design



Open



a. Click PS Blocks

b. Click Blockhead

2. Click Pro-Stitcher Tab



a. Click New Start End Point



b. In the bottom right corner of design, move needle to the middle of the second diagonal line

c. Double click on auto end

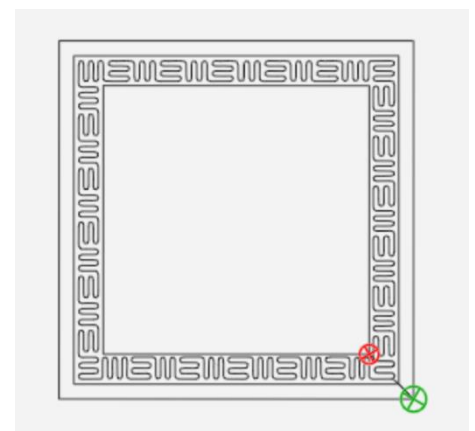
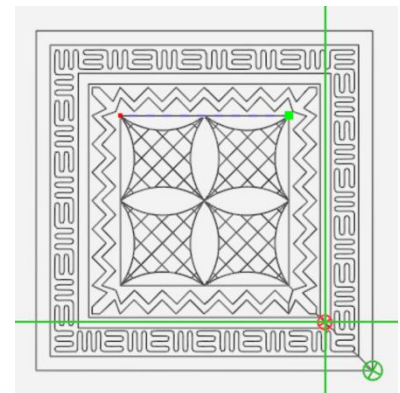
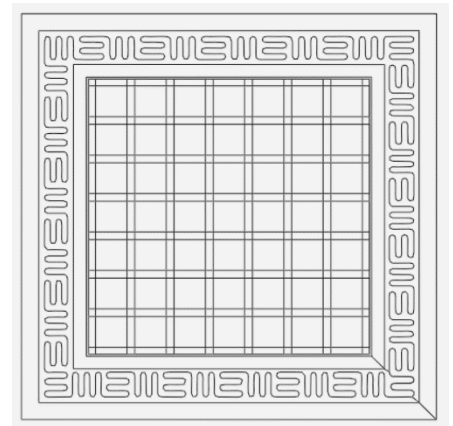


d. Adjust the end point to land on the solid box directly in the corner

3. Click Modify Tab



a. Click Crop



b. Click Start End



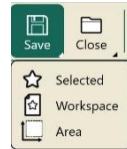
4. Click Baseline



5. Click File



Save Selected



a. Create new folder named "Placemats"



b. Save Frame Design

6. Click File



Design



Open



a. Click PS Blocks

b. Select Grid Square 8 Double

7. Set Area inside frame using 2 corners



8. Click Modify



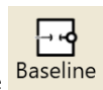
a. Click Skew



b. Click Skew in Sidebar, fitting the design in the center of the frame



9. Click Baseline



10. Clear Area



11. Select All



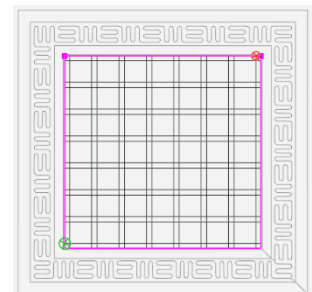
12. Click Baseline



13. Save Design in Placemat folder

14. Stitch out and bind creating a new crosshatch designed placemat. Great square placemats for gifts.

15. Remove from frame and bind placemat.



Being able to extract elements from designs and fill the space with something else is a fabulous technique for custom quilting. Play around with the center to create your own custom placemats.

Creating Placemat Using Circle Area for Finishing Technique

Load muslin or equivalent fabric for backing, low loft batting and top fabric on frame.

1. Baste the 3 pieces together to keep from shifting

2. Click File  Design  Open 

- a. Open PS Block - Wavy Grid

3. Click Area  on ribbon

- a. Click Open 

- b. Click Area

- c. Click Circle Area

- d. On the sidebar change area size to 12"x12" **If the Aspect Ratio is not locked you will need to change each individually.

4. Click Modify 

- a. Click Skew 

1. Click Border Skew  in the Sidebar

5. Click Baseline 

6. Stitch out design

7. Prepare Placemat Backing:

1. Cut a Fat Quarter in half yielding 2 pieces 18" X 11"
 2. With right sides together sew leaving a 3" opening in center of the seam. Backstitch at the center hole.
 3. Press to one side

8. Lay backing on the top of stitched design, right sides together

9. Click Pro-Stitcher



a. Click Quilt



b. On Sidebar click Trace Area  to
stitch Area around the design

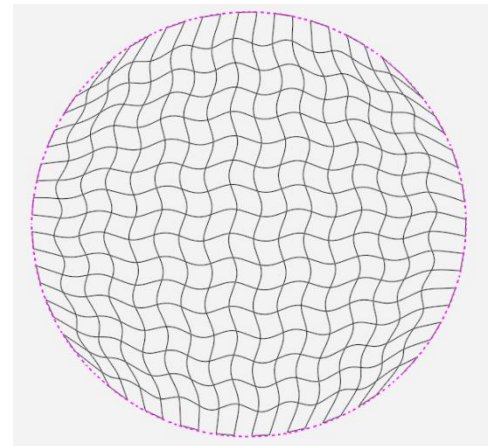


10. Remove from frame

11. Trim leaving ¼" around. If you have pinking shears, these work best and reduce bulk!

12. Turn place mat inside out and press flat

13. Close opening with glue, fusible web or stitching



Note: If you would like to make your placemats oval, change the size of the Area to create an ellipse. Follow the instructions above. Topstitch can be added.

Scallop Edge Placemat

Load muslin or equivalent fabric for backing, low loft batting and top fabric on frame.

1. Click File  Design  and Open 

a. Open Block Designs

b. Select Scallop Crosshatch Table Runner

2. Click Area Tab



a. Click Quilting Space



b. Set Quilting Space of fabric, giving yourself a good visual of your safe zone.

1. Move needle to upper left of fabric, Select 2 Corner  in Sidebar



2. Move needle to lower right of fabric, Select 2 Corner  in Sidebar



3. Using on board drag and drop, use your finger to move design on screen within Quilt Space

4. Stitch design

5. Click Pro-Stitcher Tab



a. Click New Start End Point



1. Using the Jump arrows under end point, jump until the end point is on top of the original start point

6. Click Modify



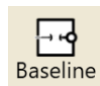
a. Click Crop



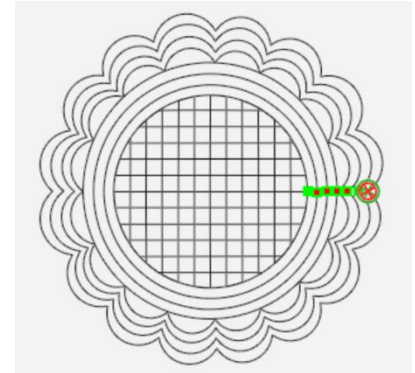
1. Click Start End



7. Click Baseline



8. Prepare pieced backing using the same method as the Circle Area Finished Technique.
9. Place pieced backing right side down on stitched placemat, pinning the center and the 4 corners.
10. Stitch scallop circle
11. Remove from frame
12. Trim around scallop circle. Again, pinking shears are helpful here.
13. Clip corners between the scallops.
14. Turn placemat right side out and press flat.
15. Close opening as desired.
16. Top-stitching is a great addition to this placemat. Try stitching around one or two of the inner circles and a round of scallops. Great finish, but not necessary.



Bonus: So many options...

1. Click File



Design



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a. Click PS Blocks

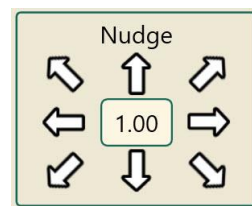
b. Click Scallop Crosshatch Table Runner

2. Center needle in your quilt space

3. Click Modify Tab



- a. Click Reposition 
 1. Click Center  in the Sidebar
4. Click Area Tab 
 - a. Click file  on ribbon
 1. Click circle area
 2. Click select – Area will turn green
5. Click Modify Tab 
 - a. Click Reposition 
 1. Click Center in the Sidebar 
 - b. Click Resize 
 1. Click Lock 
 2. Use the + to size, set the size of area to be between 2nd and 3rd rings
 3. Nudge might need to be used for this design to place the area in the direct center of the rings.
6. Click on Design to select it
7. Click Modify Tab 
 - a. Click Crop 
 1. Click Inside 
 2. Click Edges 
8. Click Baseline 



9. Fill the center space with whatever beautiful design you love. For a Christmas flare, try the following:

- a. Select File Design Open

1. Select Linda V Taylor
2. Select LT 2213 santaplacemat
3. Select Open



- b. Select Pro-Stitcher Tab



1. Select New Start End Point



1. Using the jumps, isolate Santa.
2. This should be 1 Jump forward on the Start Point and 4 jumps backward on the End Point

- c. Select Modify Tab



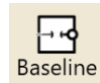
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1. Select Start End

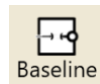


- d. Select Baseline



- e. Using your preferred techniques, place Santa in the center of the scalloped circle.

- f. Select Baseline



- g. Stitch Design.

- h. Finish as in Scallop Edge Placemat above.

