

Herringbone Placemat

Weave strips of paper in a herringbone pattern, and then cover the placemat with clear contact paper so it's easy to clean.

You will need:

- [Pattern](#) printed on copy paper
- 12" X 18" sheet construction paper (color of choice)
- Scrapbook paper (several colors and designs of choice)
- 2 paper clips
- Clear contact paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ruler



Display a photo of a completed [Herringbone Placemat](#) to interest crafters.

Directions:

1. Cut scrapbook paper into 12 strips that are 1 1/4" X 12".
2. Fold the construction paper in half widthwise. Align the long side of the pattern with the fold and the short side of the pattern with one of the short edges of the construction paper. Attach the pattern to the construction paper with paperclips.
3. Cut off the extra construction paper along the side and bottom so it's the same size as the pattern.
4. Starting from the folded edge of the paper, cut slits following the black lines. Be sure to end the cuts where the lines end. Remove the paper clips and then unfold the construction paper.



5. Select 4 strips of scrapbook paper. (They'll be strips A, B, C, and D.) To make a herringbone pattern, first weave scrapbook paper strip A under strips 1 and 2, over strips 3 and 4, under strips 5 and 6, and over strips 7 and 8.



6. Weave strip B under strip 1, over strips 2 and 3, under strips 4 and 5, over strips 6 and 7, and under strip 8.
7. Weave strip C over strips 1 and 2, under strips 3 and 4, over strips 5 and 6, and under strips 7 and 8.

8. Weave strip D over strip 1, under strips 2 and 3, over strips 4 and 5, under strips 6 and 7, and over strip 8.
 9. Repeat steps 5 through 8 two more times with the remaining 8 strips of scrapbook paper.
 10. Glue the ends of the strips to the construction paper and trim off any excess scrapbook paper.
 11. Cover the front and back of the project with clear contact paper. (You could also use a laminator machine.)
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Align this side along fold



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