

Skill level 2
Reversible Bandanna Placemats

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Supplies:

- 3 bandannas, batik and tie-dye, in contrasting but complementary colors
- 1/2 yd. navy braid
- 1 pkg. 1/2" buttons
- 1 pkg. 1 1/4" buttons
- Navy blue embroidery floss
- Navy blue sewing thread

Directions:

1. Place 2 contrasting bandannas on top of each other back-to-back, matching edges as closely as possible.
2. Carefully fold bottom edges of the two bandannas (both layers still together) up to form a 7" deep pocket.
3. Cut 4 pieces of braid, each 4" long, for button loops.
4. To sew button loops in place, tuck each end of braid between the two layers of bandannas (at top edge of pocket) and sew securely with tiny stitches. Each finished loop will form an arch slightly less than 1 3/4" wide at base and 3/4" high at top of arch. Placement is as follows: Each loop at far left and far right of placemat begins 1/4" from outside edge of bandannas. When these loops are sewn in place, allow a 3 1/2" space before beginning next loop. There should be a 7 3/4" space between the two inner loops when finished, to allow for the placement of a plate.
5. Select 4 large buttons for the 1st side of placemat. These may be all one color or a variety. Sew buttons in place through both layers of bandannas using a double strand of embroidery floss, making an X pattern in holes of buttons. Check to see that loops fasten evenly over buttons.
6. Unbutton the four buttons and flip placemat to reverse side, once again forming a 7" pocket at bottom edge of placemat. Sew 4 large buttons of your choice over the back of threads used to sew the first 4 buttons into place on reverse side. Check that loops fit over buttons. The spaces between the pairs of buttons hold utensils and a napkin, which is the third bandanna.
7. Fold down the two upper corners of the placemat to form "dog ears." Each ear will be 2 1/2" deep and 2 1/2" wide. (Unlike previous steps, each bandanna will be handled separately to form its own dog ears on its own side.) Sew down each of the 4 top corners with a small button of your color choice, then secure the two layers together with a few small hidden stitches near the buttons.

Skill Level: Some experience helpful

Approximate Crafting Time: 2 hours

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