Country fushia sewing mat...

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The perfect accessory for anyone who loves to machine sew, this makes a great gift too

These beautiful fabrics are all available at Overdalefabrics.
When given the task to design a sewing mat, I knew all the things it had to have... I didn't want anything hanging over my legs, so I knew my pockets would have to be to one side. Plus, I wanted it to have an extra trim at the front, to give it a smart finish, and to help it stay put... My sewing table was given to me by my 100-year-old nan (my best friend) when she passed away, I love the blue, so I also wanted to use the blue in this gorgeous fabric bundle for the binding...

**Materials**

- Fat Quarter bundle of 6 ‘Cotswold Country’ – in [Fushia by Overdale Fabrics](#)
- Gutermann thread colour 365 and 1223
- Half meter of H640 fusible wadding by Vilieseline

**Haberdashery items**

- Iron-away marker pen
- Quilters ruler, rotary cutter/scissors
- Iron
- Basic sewing supplies
**Let’s begin...**

Start by making the main mat by cutting:

- 2 pieces of fabric measuring 18 ½” x 12.5”
- 4 contrasting pieces of fabric 4” x 12.5” (2 of each print)
- A piece of H640 fusible wadding 26” x 12.5”

With RST sew a short piece to each end of the two main pieces. Baste these pieces together to create a quilt sandwich, trim a 1” curve from each corner. Using your heat erasable marker pen, draw diagonal lines, 2” apart.

Change your stitch length to 4.0 and quilt along these lines, using the red Gutermann thread.
To make the binding, take the fat quarter of Blue with white polka dots, and cut 2” strips along the bias. Join these strips together. Press in half, open out and press each half to the centre. Sew to your main mat, using the Blue Gutermann thread, along three sides (see photo for placement), leaving an extra inch of binding at the beginning and end, un sewn.

To make the trim, cut two pieces of your chosen fabric from your Cotswolds bundle to measure 4.5” x 23” each and a piece of fusible wadding the same. Fold one strip of fabric in half, draw a line 8.5” long and 2” from the top, starting from the fold.

Using a circle template, draw a curve from the end of the line to meet the wider edge. Repeat this on the other piece of fabric and wadding, this time use the first piece as your template.
Baste together, trim the corners and add your binding as before

To make the pocket cut;

Two pieces of fabric and a piece of wadding for each of the three measurements below

12.5” x 8.5”
9.5” x 3.5”
8.5” x 5.5”

Baste each size together.

Take the largest piece and cut a curve by marking a point at 6 ¼” from left bottom corner to top, and 3 ¼” along the bottom edge. (I used a plate to create my curve)
Lay the other pieces on top, flip over and use the curve as a template.

Add binding, in the same way as before, start by adding to the top of the smallest pocket, then along the top and right-hand side of the medium pocket.
Using the red Gutermann thread, sew vertical lines to create the pockets, by placing the two smallest pockets on top of each other. Hand sew using a ladder stitch, the binding on the right hand side of the medium pocket to the main pocket. Add binding along all edges, apart from the top.

Lay the main sewing mat faced down, as lay the pocket faced up, sew together using ¼” seam allowance, repeat this process for the trim.

Add binding along this raw edge, this will allow the trim to hang over the edge of the sewing table and prevent it from moving.
Your sewing mat is complete...

Thanks for reading, happy sewing
Creativeblonde recommends:

Retailer for the ‘Sewing Mat’ fabric, and Gutermann thread
https://www.overdalefabrics.com/

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