FILL IN THE CORNERS (Quilt-as-you-go)

- (1) 9" square
- (12) Assorted 2 ½" strips **2 each** of minimum lengths: 9 ½", 7 ½", 5 ½", 14", 10", 6"

Draw a 12 %" x 18 %" rectangle on a piece of batting. This will be the outline of your placemat top. Mark the centre of the outline in both directions (6 %" from top and bottom, and 9 %" from sides). Place backing fabric wrong side up and layer batting on top with markings visible, spray basting together if desired. Place the 9" square RS up on the batting, aligning its corners with the drawn centre lines. Secure in place. Align a ruler with the upper right side of the square and



draw a line to the side edge of the batting (45 degree angle from the outer line). Repeat for the bottom left edge of the square.

Using the picture as a guide, place one of the 9" strips even with the bottom right edge of the square RST, aligning two raw edges. Start stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the square. Secure your starting stitches and stitch to the edge of the placemat. Flip the newly attached piece open, pressing flat. Add two more pieces in this direction the same way. Then add the top left pieces. Continue the process to fill in the top right and bottom left sections (stitch all the way across – no need to secure stitches). Be sure to cover the edges of the placemat outline drawn on the batting, filling in the corners with scraps as necessary. Trim the placemat to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " using the points of the middle square to identify the centre. Quilt centre square, add label and bind.