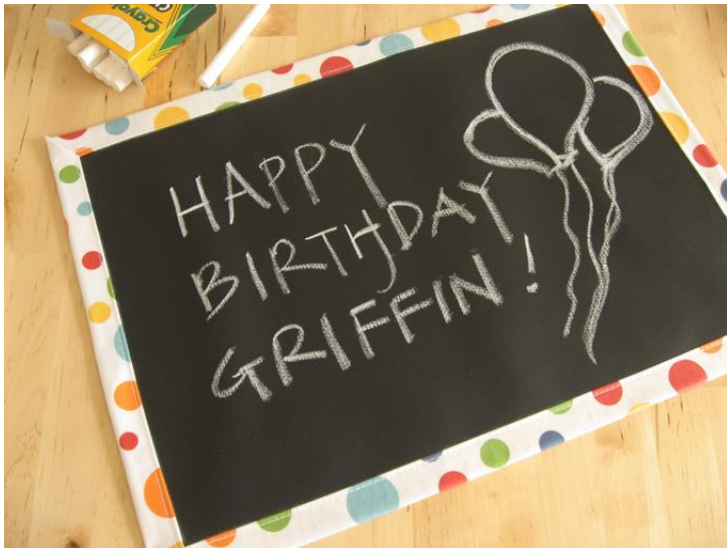


Chalk Mat

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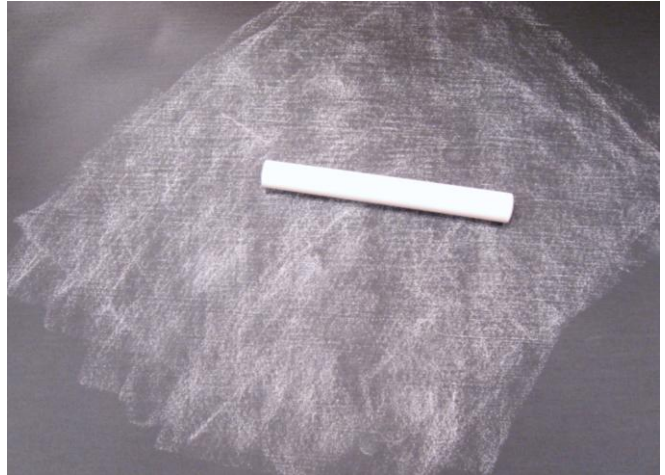
1) Gather your materials:

- Michael Miller laminated cotton fabric 16”L x 20”W
- chalk cloth 12”L x 16”W
- double-sided sewing tape



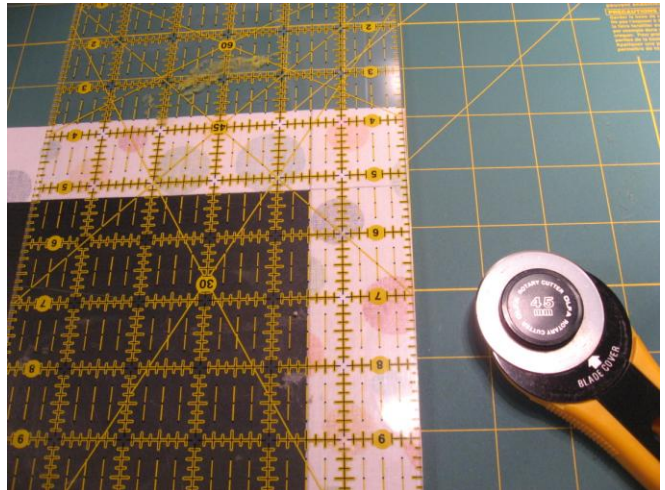
2) Prime the chalk cloth:

Chalk cloth needs to be primed before it can be used. Rub a piece of chalk horizontally on the surface of the chalk cloth. Wipe clean with a damp rag.



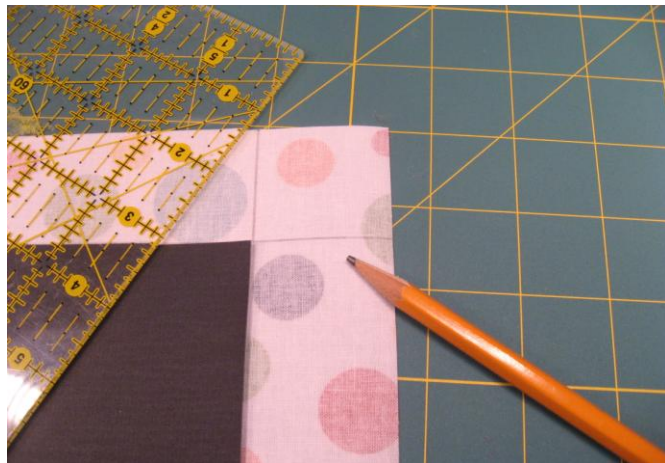
3) Cut the fabric:

Place the laminated cotton right side down and the chalk cloth right side facing up centered on top of it. Trim the laminated cotton so that it is 1-1/2" wider on all sides than the chalk cloth. You may wish to tape the chalk cloth in place so that it doesn't shift around while you work.



4) Create the border:

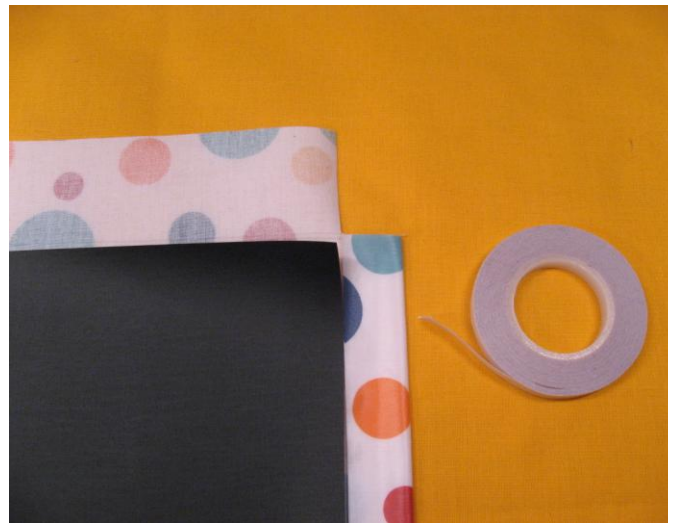
Use a pencil and straightedge to mark the placement of the chalk cloth. Extend your markings all the way to the end of the laminated cotton, as shown.



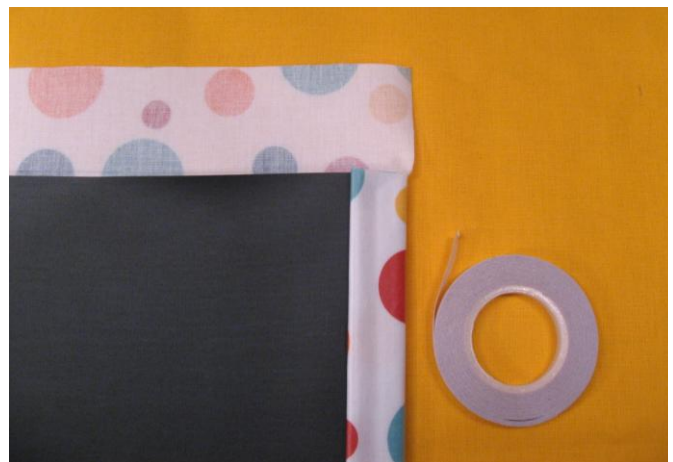
Use scissors to cut out all four corners.



Using pins on laminated cotton and chalk cloth will leave holes, so use double-sided sewing tape. Place tape along the right edge of the laminated cotton and fold the edge in half so that it meets the marked line.



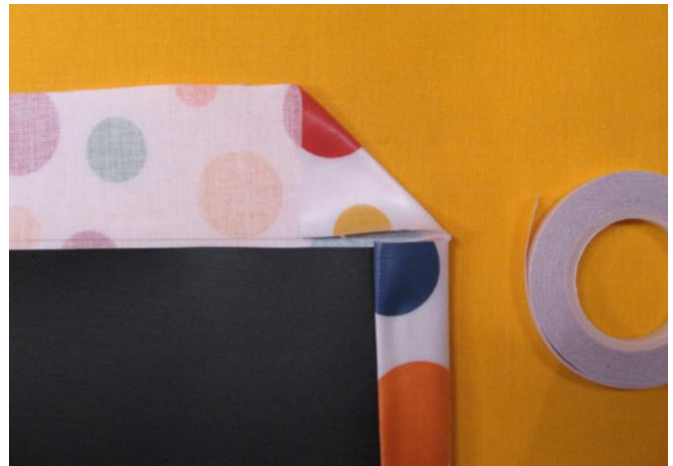
Place tape along the edge again and fold in half once more so that the edge overlaps the chalk cloth.



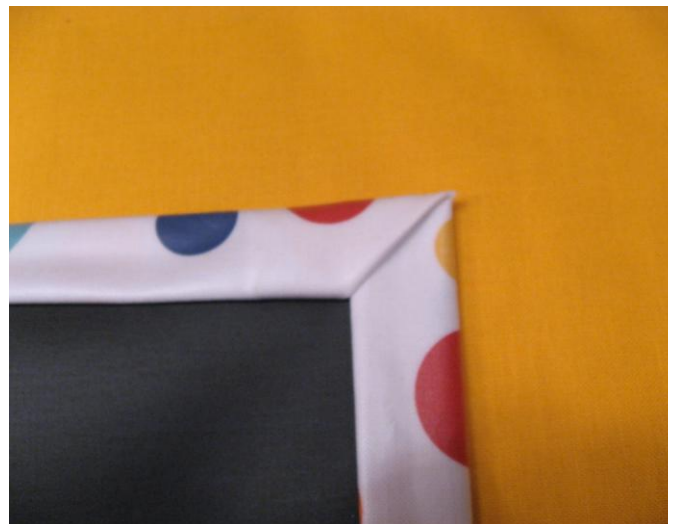
Do the same thing to the left edge.



The top and bottom edges will be done the same way, except that before you fold them down, first tape and fold the corners to make triangles, as pictured.



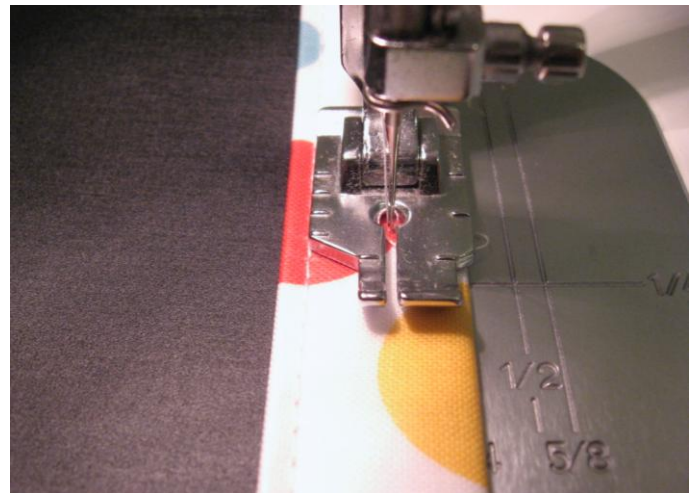
Fold in half once to meet the marked line. When folding over the second time, carefully line up the mitered corners.



Sew along the inner edge of the border using a 1/8" seam allowance. When you get to the corner, leave the needle in down position, lift the presser foot, turn the entire piece, lower the presser foot and continue sewing until you've made your way around.



Using your original sewing line as a guide, sew once again around the perimeter using a 3/8" seam allowance. ♦



Extra ideas:

Attach a grommet on one side and string ribbon through it so that when you roll the mat up, you can tie it.

Attach a small piece of elastic folded in half under one of the side borders as a chalk holder.

Attach magnets on the back of it so that it can be hung up on the refrigerator as a message board.

