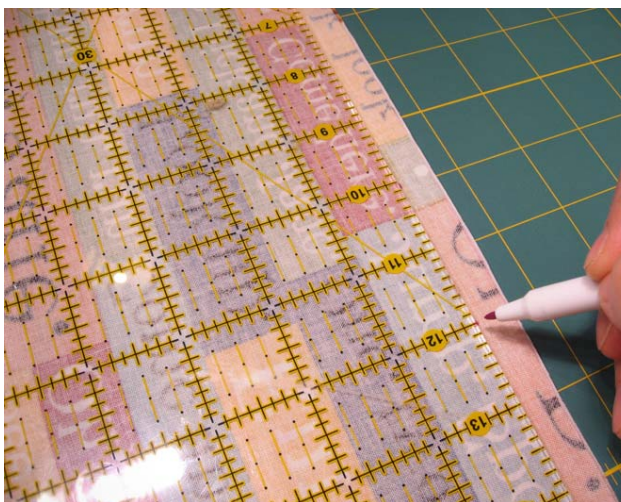




With right sides together, line up your fabric and tape it together along one edge. Sew the entire length using a 1/2" seam allowance and remove the tape with a damp cloth. Tape and sew the next side, remembering to remove the tape before continuing on. You will do three sides like this.



*Note: It's important to sew one side at a time rather than taping and sewing around the entire perimeter of the mat in one shot. This is because any unremoved tape will make your mat a pain to turn right side out later on.*



For the last side, use a fabric marker to mark an 18 inch opening for turning. The opening may seem a bit large, but this will help keep wrinkles to a minimum when the time comes to turn it right side out.

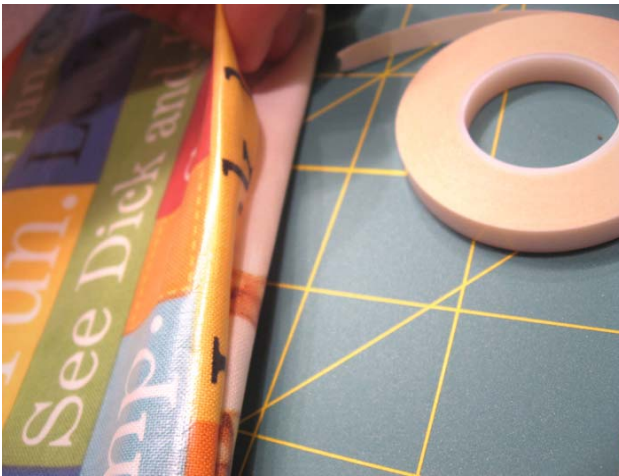
When you sew along this side, reinforce the beginning and end of the opening by backstitching.



Remove bulk from the corners by trimming, taking care not to cut through any of your stitching.

Reach through the opening and turn the splat mat right side out. Use a chopstick to get the corners nice and pointy. With a damp cloth, rub away any tape that may be showing.

Now that it is right side out, reach into the opening again and use your fingers to flatten and even out the edges. No ironing, remember? ☺



Finger press the edges of the splat mat. When you get to the opening, fold under both sides and tape it closed.

Using a 1/4" seam, topstitch around the splat mat. It's going to be heavy, so be prepared to support it as it feeds through your machine. When you get to the corner, stop 1/4" from it, keep the needle down, raise the presser foot, turn the mat, lower the presser foot and keep on sewing. Continue until you've made it all the way around.

And that's it!

Some kid will have a lot of fun creating masterpieces on (and otherwise messing up) your work of art!

