

Festive July 4th Placemat

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These placemats are easy and inexpensive to make and are perfect for that special Fourth of July celebration.

You will need:

plain and simple medium blue or dark blue

woven placemats

1-1/4 yards 7/8"-wide red grosgrain ribbon

for each placemat

1-1/4 yards 7/8"-wide white grosgrain ribbon

for each placemat

gold and silver metallic sequin stars

a glue gun and glue

scissors



Basic directions:

Cut the red ribbon and white ribbon each into 3 equal pieces (they will be 15" long). Starting on the left outside edge, fold over one end of the red ribbon and glue to the back of the placemat. Lay flat and straight; fold over the other end and glue to the bottom back of the placemat. Do the same with a strip of white ribbon along the bottom of the mat. Keep the ribbons free and do not glue them directly to the mat.

Add two more red strips and two more white strips to the mat in the same manner, evenly spaced, weaving the ribbons as they intersect on the lower left side (*see photo*). Arbitrarily glue gold and silver metallic stars on top of the ribbon strips, and more onto the blue background of the placemat if desired. Tuck a cloth or paper napkin under the woven part of the ribbon.