



# Easter Egg Placemats

Technique:	Sewing, Strip Piecing, Quilting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	15" x 12" (38.10cm x 30.48cm)

## Featuring Coats® Cotton Machine Quilting Thread

Piece some pastels to decorate your Easter table with aplomb. Play with the decorative stitches in your machine for quilting and any bunny would be proud to dine with you.

### Supplies (for 2)

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- Coats® Cotton Machine Quilting Thread, several colors
- ¼ yd (11.43cm) assorted pastel FreeSpirit Designer Essentials Solids colors
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) backing fabric
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) pink fabric (or your choice of color) for binding fabric
- ¾ yd (34.29cm) fusible fleece
- Pattern tracing cloth or paper

## Preparation

Trace the egg pattern shapes and tape together to form the entire egg placemat pattern.

## Cutting

### From the assorted solids, cut:

Strips from 1¼" - (2)" (3.18cm-5.08cm) wide x 13" (33.02cm) long

**Note:** Don't cut up all the fabric, just cut a few strips at a time, depending on the number of fabrics you've chosen.

### From the binding fabric, cut:

Enough 2¼" (5.72cm)-wide bias strips to make 100" (254.00cm) of finished binding.

### From the fleece, cut:

(2) egg shapes

**Note:** Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm)

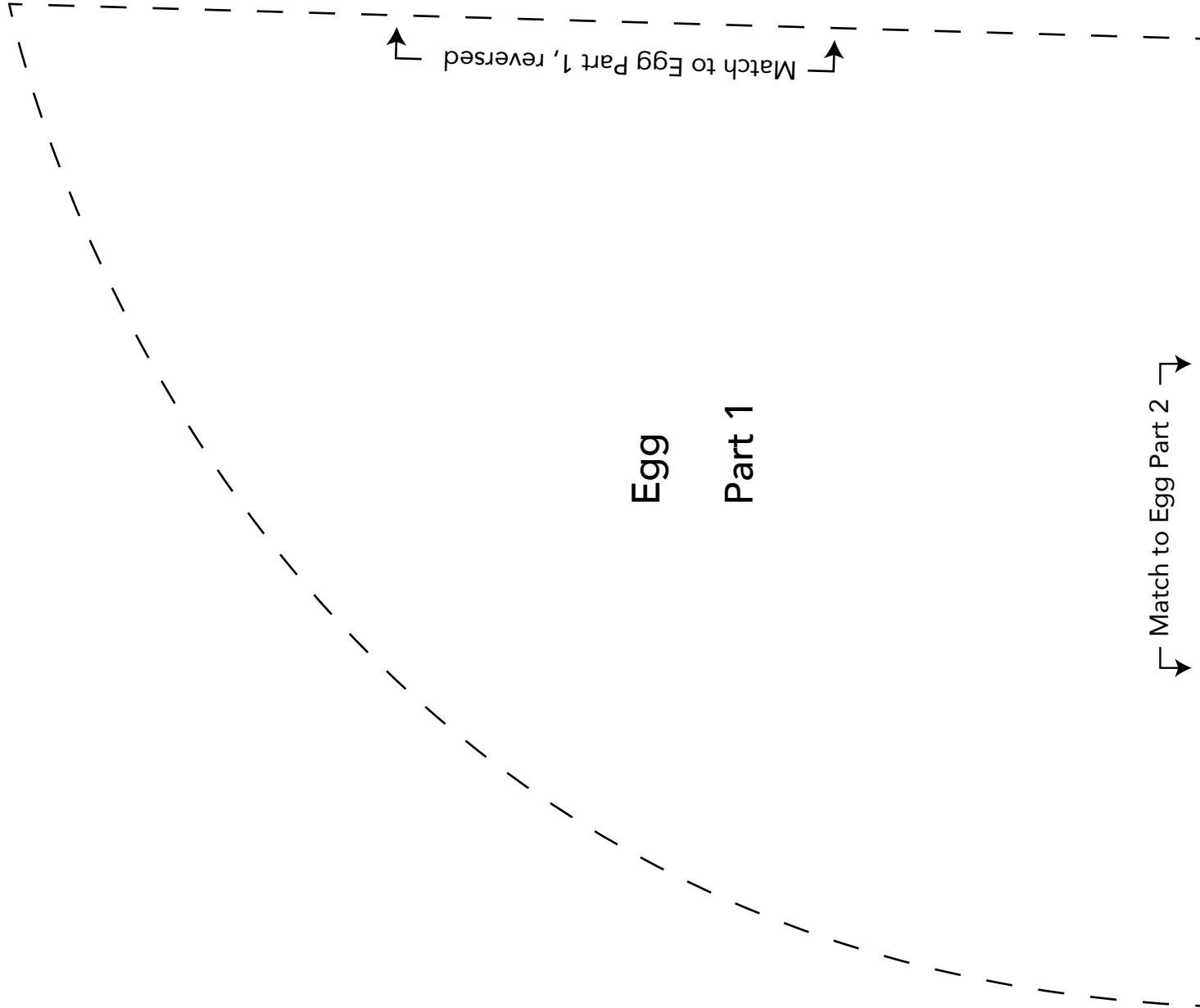
## Piecing the Placemat Fronts

1. On the non-adhesive fleece side, mark the center of each egg shape top and bottom (the longer edges) and draw a line between the markings.
2. Lay down one solid strip along the marked line with right side up. Lay a second strip right side down over the first strip, matching raw edges. Sew in place along one long edge.
3. Finger-press the second strip open, being sure there are no tucks in the seamline. Lay a third strip right side down over the second strip, matching raw edges. Stitch and flip as before.
4. Continue strip piecing the entire surface of both egg mats. Baste close to the edges and trim off the excess strip length.

## Assembling the Placemats

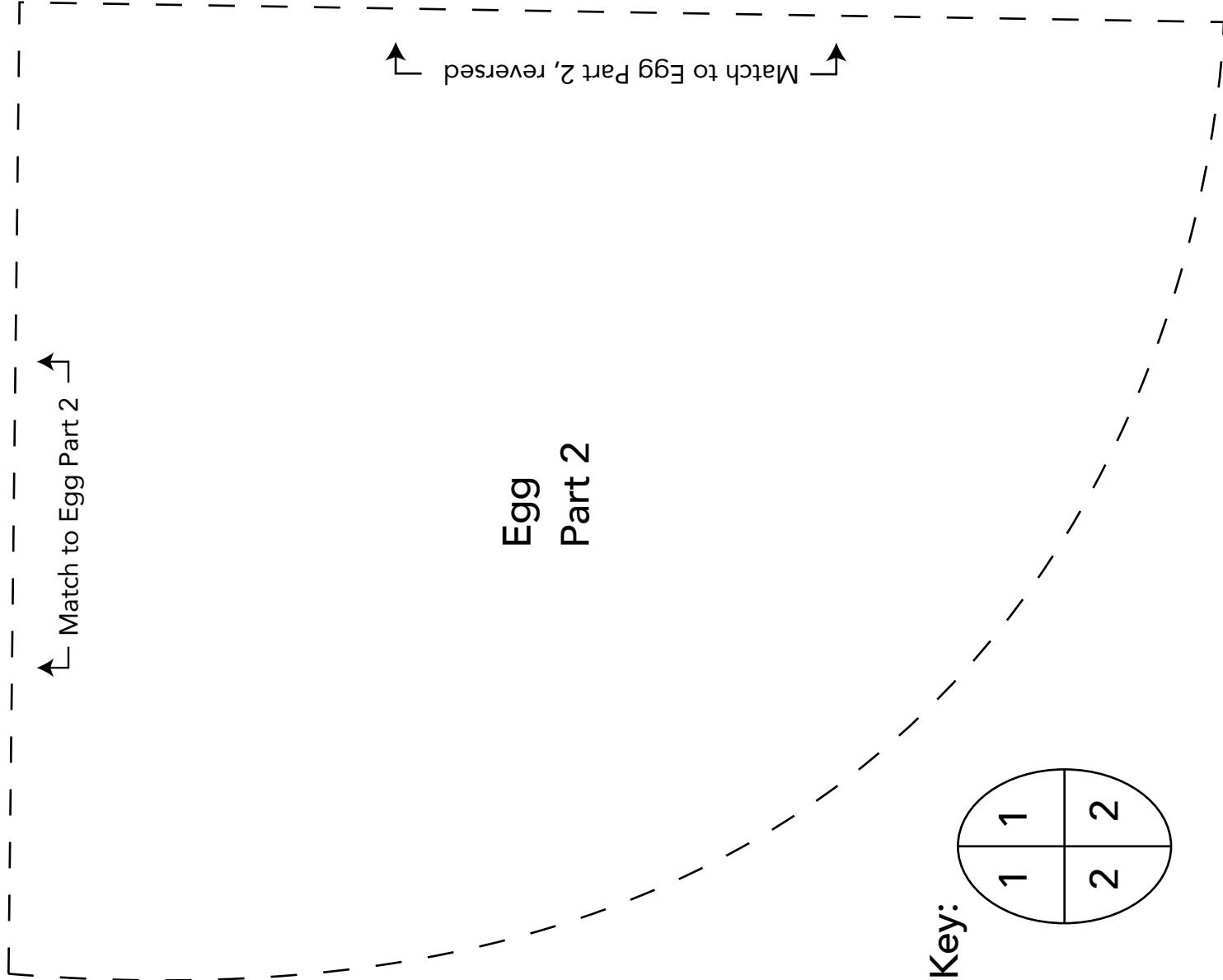
1. Lay the pieced mat fronts onto the backing fabric and following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse in place. Trim the backing to match the fleece edges.
2. Using the Coats Cotton Machine Quilting Thread and decorative stitches on the machine, embellish some or all of the pieced egg bands as desired. This is a great place to play with stitches and various thread colors.
3. Piece together the binding strips using diagonal seams. Trim the seam allowances to ¼" (.64cm) and press open. Fold the binding wrong sides together and press.
4. Bind the placemat edges, easing the binding around the curves. Turn the binding to the placemat wrong side and hand-stitch the folded edge in place.



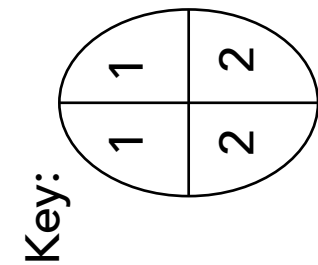


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