



## DIY Placemat with Table Setting

Fall is in the air and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! We all look forward to sitting around the table with family and friends to give thanks for all our blessings. You can almost smell the turkey roasting in the oven and warm pumpkin pies! Thanksgiving is a great time to join your little ones in on the preparation and teach them some good ol' table etiquette!

We have put together this crafting activity to help children develop the skill of setting the table. They will create their very own placemats complete with a table setting template to help them learn where to place their silverware, cup, plate and napkin. Because it's covered in contact paper, you simply wipe off those crumbs and reuse time and time again!



### **Materials to make a single Placemat:**

Contact Paper (two pieces cut to be about 12.25 x 18.25 inch)

Cardstock, construction, and/or scrapbooking paper

If wanting a colored background, you need one piece of construction paper  
12x18in

Printed stencil (see PLACEMATSTENCIL pdf.)

Scissors

Glue

Permanent marker

Pencil

Optional embellishments- stickers, small photos, etc.

## **Directions:**

1. Copy the stencil onto cardstock if needed for easier handling. Cut out the stencils.
2. Using a pencil, trace around the outline of a plate, spoon, fork, knife, napkin, and cup onto a piece of paper of your choice. Be creative! Use patterns and different colors to make your design original!
3. Cut out each piece. For extra handwriting and spelling practice, have your child label each piece with a permanent marker ("spoon", "fork", "plate", etc.).
4. Lay your first piece of contact paper with the sticky side up. Place your pieces in the correct position face down (refer to the picture above- fork and napkin on the left; cup, knife, and spoon on the right).
5. Embellish as needed. Add your name and year if you like. If you would like a solid background color, place another sheet of large paper 12x18in behind your cutout pieces.
6. Place the second piece of contact paper on the top. Take your time and begin with a corner and slowly press down using a ruler or your hands to avoid creases. Trim any excess.
7. Use your placemat to practice setting the table!



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