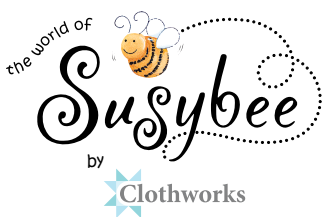


# Easy Chenille Play Mat

Featuring Paul's Pond  
by  
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Approximately 36" x 46"



SUPER-SIMPLE  
WAY TO USE  
SUSYBEE PANELS

# Easy Play Mat or Wall Hanging

## Supplies:

- 4 Susybee 36" panels of the same design/ colorway
- 1 yard of a coordinating backing fabric
- Approx ½ yd coordinating binding fabric, for standard machine binding
- Sewing machine; a walking foot is recommended
- A cotton thread that compliments the front and back fabric
- A 24"-36" ruler to mark your initial bias lines across the fabric
- Blue tape
- Pins or spray basting supplies
- Olfa Chenille cutter

## Steps:

1. Cut 3 panels all around to be slightly smaller than your backing fabric; approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " will do. Leave 1 panel and the backing fabric the original size.
2. Layer your backing fabric face down.
3. Layer the 1 Susybee panel you didn't trim face side up on top of the backing fabric.
4. Add the next 3 Susybee panels face side up. Be sure your panels are positioned one on top of the other with the design or character aligned one layer to the next; no need to be exact, but they should be close.
5. Pin or lightly spray baste all layers.
6. With the ruler and blue tape, mark a diagonal line across the center of all these panels.
7. Sew through all layers along the tape edge, from one side to the other, using a default stitch length; you can then remove the tape.
8. Continue to stitch row after row through all layers. Use your walking foot as a guide for distance between the stitch lines, approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ " apart. Use this same width apart for the entire play mat.
9. Continue to stitch back and forth with consistent spacing; this part is time consuming but so worth it!
10. Once the entire play mat is stitched, prepare your Olfa cutting tool, choosing the correct width foot to fit between your stitch lines; you'll want the widest foot that fits comfortably so your cutting will fall exactly between your stitch lines and not wander side to side. Then turn the dial on the Olfa cutting tool so the blade is positioned for the foot you've selected.
11. Now comes the fun part! Place the Olfa chenille cutter foot at the center stitch lines of the first 2 rows you stitched. You will want to cut just the top 3 panels, leaving the bottom panel and backing untouched. That is why we suggested cutting the top 3 panels slightly smaller: so you can grip the bottom panel and the backing as you slide the cutter from edge to edge through the top 2 layers.
12. Repeat this step, cutting down the center of each row through the top 2 layers until the entire play mat is done.  
*Tip: if you're having a little trouble getting each row started with the cutting tool, use a small pair of sharp scissors to snip into each row  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " and it will be easier for the blade of the tool to slide through those layers.*
13. Square-up the play mat top as you would any quilt.
14. Prepare and attach a binding as desired.
15. Throw the finished play mat in the washing machine and dryer for it to "bloom" and achieve the chenilled effect. The more you wash and dry the play mat, the fluffier it gets!

## Alternate Quilted Version (not pictured)

### Supplies:

- 1 Susybee 36" panel
- 1 yard of a coordinating backing fabric
- Approx ½ yd coordinating binding fabric, for standard machine binding
- Quilt batting
- Sewing machine
- A cotton thread that complements the front and back fabric

### Steps:

1. Trim and square up panel.
2. Make a "quilt sandwich" with panel, batting, and backing.
3. Quilt using your favorite method. Keep it simple or make it fancy!
4. Prepare and attach the binding.

