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YOU'LL NEED (for four place mats):

- 1 yard duck cloth or other heavy-duty fabric
- ½ yard cotton fabric for binding
- 1 ball jute twine or similar
- Fabric glue
- Thread

1. From duck cloth, cut four 12 x 18-inch rectangles.
2. From binding fabric, cut eight 2-inch strips. Join two strips together for each place mat.
3. Fold over ½-inch of binding fabric and pin in place at the center of one long side of the lace mat, right sides together. Bind by sewing a ¼-inch seam allowance, stopping ¼-inch from edge.
4. On one corner, flip binding fabric up, forming a 45-degree angle (photo 1). Fold binding fabric back down, being careful not to disturb the angle below. Pin in place (photo 2).
5. Again, using a ¼-inch seam allowance, sew down the corner and the length, stopping ¼-inch from edge. Repeat for three remaining corners.
6. Finish by overlapping two inches over the folded portion of binding on the place mat. Turn binding to the back, press along seam allowance and turn under ½-inch, mitering corners (photo 3). Topstitch along the very edge of binding using a thread that matches the duck cloth (photo 4).
7. With jute twine, stitch a loop at one corner of place mat. Keeping twine somewhat taut, make a small loop at each corner, stitching the loops with the sewing machine (photo 5).
8. At the corner where the twine begins and ends, place a dot of fabric glue and trim twine to fit neatly into the corner. This forms your base twine (photo 6).
9. Cut a length of twine three times the length of the circumference of the place mat. Beginning at the lower right-hand corner, make picots around by creating knots as shown in photo 7.

