

# BABY PLAYMAT / BLANKET

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size 75 cm x 90 cm



## MATERIALS

- 80 cm natural-color linen fabric with a smooth surface and 80 cm dark-color linen fabric with a crinkled surface (LI), width 135-145 cm, weight 170 g/m<sup>2</sup>\*
- 95 cm cotton batting (CO), width 150 cm, weight 80 g/m<sup>2</sup>, Vlieseline® 277 Cotton
- 2 or 3 skeins of natural linen-color embroidery floss, DMC

\*The playmat can also be made from some other soft woven fabric or stable knit fabric, e.g. flannel, cotton velour knit or cotton fleece.

## CUTTING

Preshrink the fabrics by washing and steaming them thoroughly before cutting the playmat pieces out. Cut 77 cm x 92 cm piece once from both natural-color and dark-color linen fabric, as well as from a double layer of batting (measurements include 10 mm seam allowances).

## SEWING

**Construction techniques:** Stitch seams with straight stitch. No seam finish is necessary as all seam allowances will be concealed within playmat.

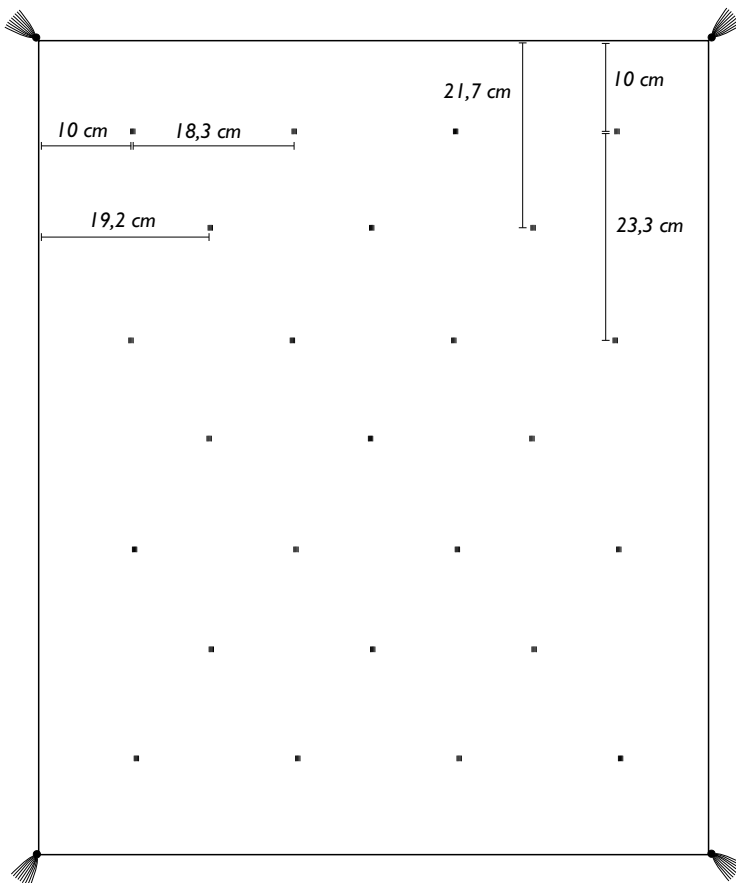
**Joining:** Pin one batting piece to wrong side of each linen piece and machine-baste pieces together along seam allowances. Pin natural-color and dark-color playmat halves right sides together and stitch long edges, leaving approx. 15 cm opening for turning in the middle of one long edge. Steam seams open. Fold seam allowances of each long edge to either side of seam at playmat corners and stitch short edges of playmat together. Steam seams along short edges open. Turn playmat right side out. Close opening for turning with inconspicuous hand stitches. Press playmat thoroughly.

**Quilting:** The layers of the playmat are stitched together with small square-shaped decorative stitches that are arranged in a regular lattice pattern. Mark the placement of the stitches on the playmat as shown in the design sketch either with small safety pins or with tailor's tacks. Use all six strands of embroidery floss for sewing the stitches. Sew five satin stitches side by side through all layers of the playmat, forming a small, approx. 6 mm x 6 mm square on both sides of the playmat. Start and end sewing the stitch so that the thread ends are left on the natural-color side of the playmat. Pass the thread ends under the satin stitches to the center of the satin-stitch square and tie them in an overhand knot. Trim the thread ends to 20 mm. Separate the strands of the thread ends to form a small tassel.

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**Tassels:** Cut a 9 cm x 9 cm piece of firm cardboard and fold it in half. Wind approx. 20 rounds of embroidery floss tightly around the folded cardboard to form a bundle. Pass a length of thread under the bundle at the folded edge of the cardboard and tie it tightly around the bundle. Cut through the threads at the opposite end of the bundle, placing one of the scissor blades between the layers of cardboard.

Squeeze the bundle between your fingers and bind its folded end: Cut a 15 cm piece of embroidery floss and wind it around the bundle several times, close to the folded end, to form the neck of the tassel. Using a needle, pass the ends of the binding thread through the neck inside the tassel, pull them tight and tie them in a knot. Trim the ends of the tassel.

Make a total of four tassels. Sew the tassels to the corners of the playmat firmly, so that the baby cannot pull them out.

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