



Circular Christmas Table Mat



Approx. finished size: 23" diameter
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Fabrics requirements:

3 Fat $\frac{1}{4}$'s for the top – red, green and gold
1m fabric for backing

Workshop Notes

First decide on the colour sequence –
number them:

#1 for the outside

#2 for the next

#3 will be the middle row

and then #4 and #5 will be a repeat of 2 & 1

CUTTING:

Then cut strips at 2.5" from your Fat $\frac{1}{4}$'s – you will need to cut two strips of colours #1 and #2 and just one of colour #3 (which is your middle strip) per set

(NB: you will need to create 3 sets in total if you want to do all the cutting at once)

SEWING:

Lay them out so that there are 5 strips in the following sequence colours 1/2/3/2/1

Sew them together with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance

Press seams all in one direction

Make two more sets like this.

MORE CUTTING:

Lay template/ruler on top and cut wedges first from one side and then from the other of the strip sets.
You will need a total 16 wedges for the tablemat

MORE SEWING:

Sew 2 wedges together – now you can check the back to see which way the seam allowances go; you will be able to select so that the seams go in opposite directions and nest nicely to produce a good look on the front of your mat.

Sew 2 pairs together – this is a quarter of your tablemat.

Repeat so you have 4 quarters

Add 2 quarters so you have half a circle

Press

Join the two halves together

You will have the centre of the mat open, you can use a piece of card cut as a circle as your template for pressing the fabric neatly over to cover the gap.

NOTE: I found it best to sew the circle in place last, after I had layered the mat onto the backing and wadding and done the quilting.

Layer and quilt:

I added simple straight quilting using the walking foot through all the layers following the design of the fabric – and sewing just off the ditch, I was then able to blanket stitch around the centre through all the layers to make it nice and flat

Adding Binding:

There are small angles at the outside edge which helped avoid having to cut the binding on the bias and there is enough fabric left to do this from colour#3.

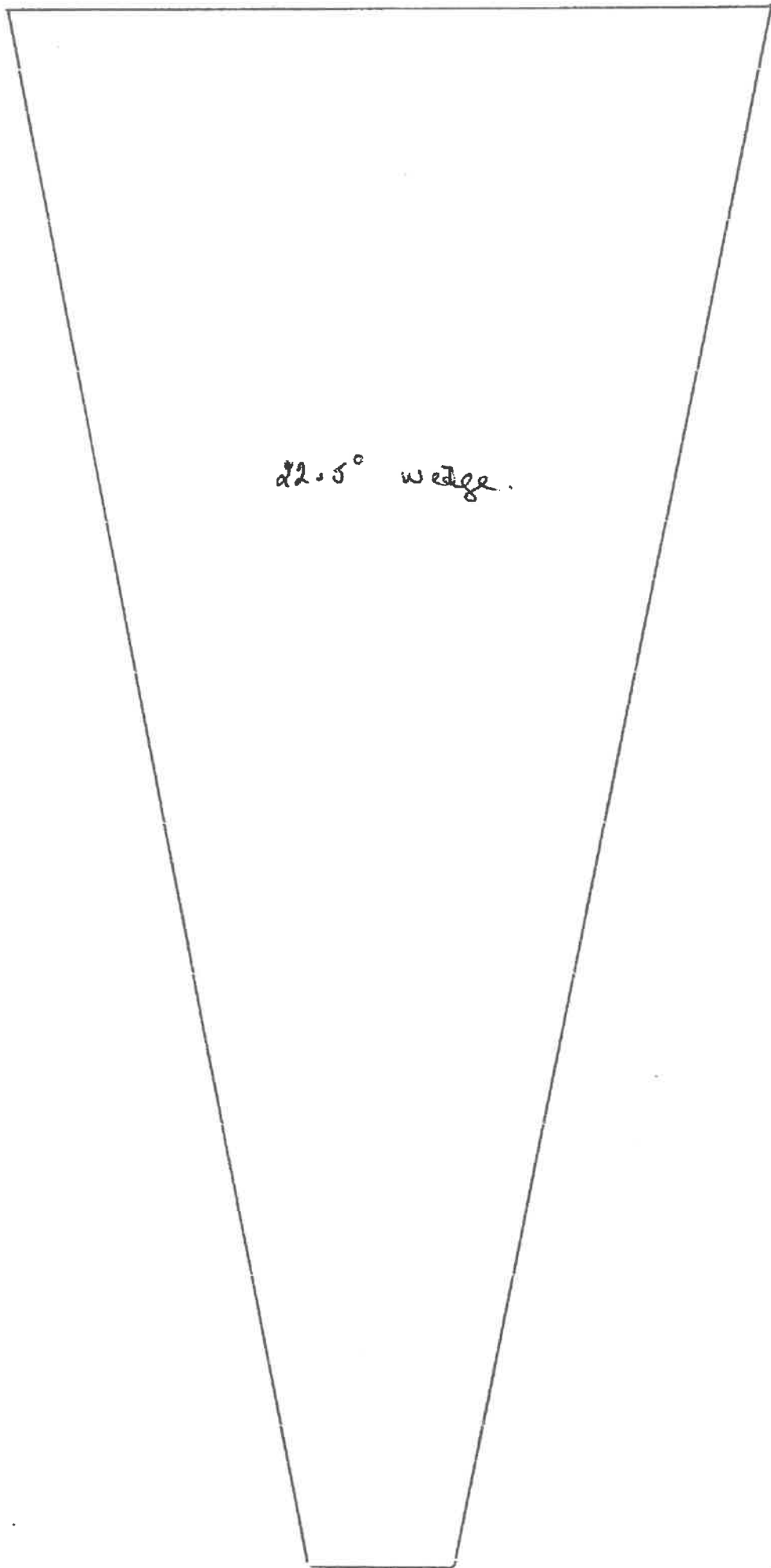
If you wanted to cut on the bias, you would have lots of joins from #3 or select another fabric. – maybe the same as your backing.

NOTE: This mat was created using strips cut at 2.5” but the pattern works just the same with strips cut less wide – the mat just ends up being smaller

Enjoy

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WEDGE TEMPLATE FOR CIRCULAR TABLE MAT DESIGNED BY VALERIE NESBITT



22.5° wedge.

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