

Boys' Car Mat



In the above example I used scrap material that was cut into 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles, sewn into a 3 x 4 rectangular configuration, for a mat size of 16" x 18. It does not have to be exactly this size but should be small enough to use on a lap for children in hospital beds or in wheelchairs.

You can use one piece of material or as many as you want (eg. 5" squares in a 4 x 5 grid = 18" x 22.5" or 2 1/2" squares in an 8 x 9 grid = 16" x 18".)

Sew the top together and sandwich the top with batting and backing (I like flannel backs for children's articles) then quilt the sandwich.

Apply the "road" after you have quilted the piece. I used bias tape as my road. You can use material, bias tape, grosgrain ribbon, webbing, etc., anything you would like that will contrast with your top and can be easily arranged.

Once the "road" has been sewn on, bind the mini quilt.

Note: The boys are given a "Match Box" vehicle with the mat, however, an optional idea is to place a marble into the channel which is the "road", making sure to sew both beginning and end of the channel closed. Then, if the vehicle is lost, the child could direct the marble through the maze.

