Lines In the Sand Placemats

These simple sleek place mats work for any modern home. I used linen as the background fabric, but any number of fabrics could work. These are quick and easy to sew up, so go ahead and make a set for a friend!
**Fabric Requirements:**

**Finished placemat size:** 17" x 13"

**Four placemat tops:**
- Background Fabric: 3/4 of a yard
- Fabric A: 10” x 16” piece of fabric
- Fabric B: 17.5” x 10” piece of fabric
- Fabric C: 12”x 14” piece of fabric

**Six placemat tops:**
- Background Fabric: 1 yard
- Fabric A: 15” x 16” piece of fabric
- Fabric B: 17.5” x 15” piece of fabric
- Fabric C: 18” x 14” piece of fabric

Additionally, to finish each place mat you’ll need:
- One 19” x 15” piece of batting
- One 19” x 15” piece of backing fabric
- 65” of binding

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**Cut List:**

For each place mat cut out:

**Background Fabric:**

One 16” x 12” rectangle

**Fabric A:**

One 2.5” x 12” strip

**Fabric B:**

One 17.5” x 2.5” strip

**Fabric C:**

Two 1.5” x 14” strips
Piecing the placemat top:

1. Cut the background fabric into one 11” x 12” piece and one 5” x 12” piece.

2. Sew the background fabric to either side of the Fabric A strip.

3. Cut 2.5” off of the bottom of your piecing.

4. Sew either side of your piecing to the Fabric B strip. Take care to keep your Fabric A strip lined up as you reassemble it.

5. Cut two 1.5” strips off of the right-hand side of your piecing.

6. Sew the Fabric C strips as pictured, making sure that all of your Fabric B portions line up as you reassemble.

Press thoroughly, trim to 17” x 13” and you have a place mat top. Quick and easy!
To finish, quilt and bind as desired.

I quilted with straight vertical lines along the entire placemat and then I added a few horizontal lines across them, sewing on the light blue fabric strip. I think that this dense straight-line quilting really lends itself well to placemats. It makes them lie nice and flat and adds to the sleek simplicity.

Enjoy your placemats!