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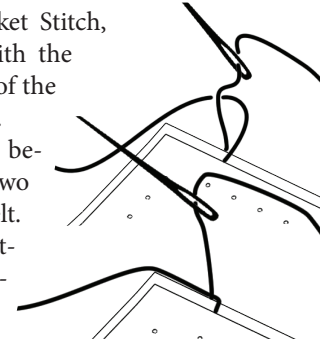
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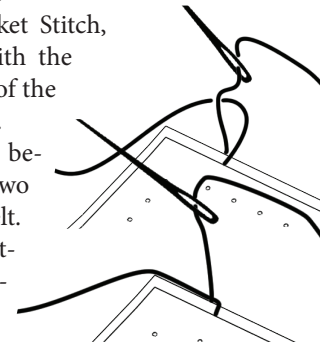
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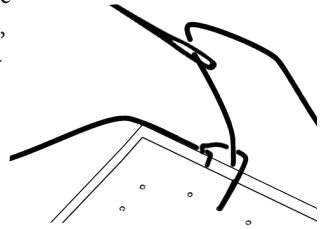
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Pull the thread tight which will set the knot between the layers.

Insert the needle down into the fabric, through both layers, and up inside the loop. Then, pull tight.

Repeat this along the edge of the fabric until you have completed the edging.

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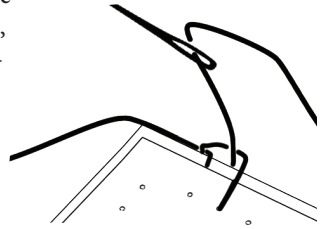
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## Assembly

Pin a second mat base to the back of this assembly. This hides the stitching that you just completed. Blanket stitch the edge of the mats together making sure to keep your stitching evenly spaced and the floss aligned with the outer rim, making a decorative and functional boarder..

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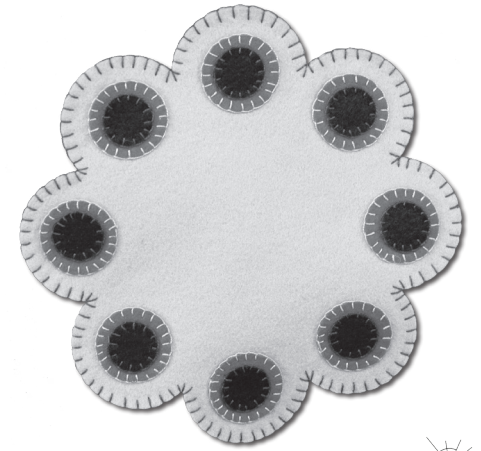
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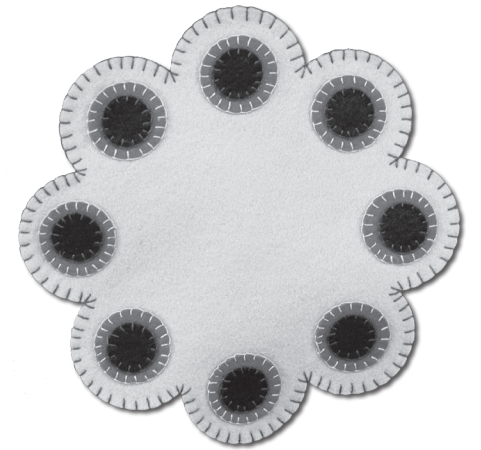
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