

Christmas Table Mats

Equally good for any time of year: ideal for using all those scraps of fabric!



Instructions

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REQUIRED:

Materials:

- Assorted Christmas fabrics
- Plain fabric for backing, 18.5 x 13.5" (47 x 35 cms) per table mat
- Pack of Bosal Fusible Table Mats
- 2 spools Baby lock Wolly Lock Extra thread
- Madeira Aerolock

Equipment:

- Overlocker with a flatlock facility.
- Iron



Cutting Instructions

Gather together all your leftover scraps of Christmas fabrics. Depending on the size of the scraps, cut them into either 4" (10 cm) squares, or 13.5" x 1.5" (35 x 4 cms) strips. Each table mat requires 16 squares and 3 strips.

Retain all the teeny tiny scraps, buy yourself one of those polystyrene wreaths, and use up the remainder!





Set your overlocker for a 2 thread flatlock. I was using the Gloria, with the following settings:

Stitch Width **7**

Stitch Length **2**

Right needle

Stitch Selector A (Because the thread is thick and stretchy)

Differential Feed N

Stitch together strips of 4 squares, just skimming the edge of the fabric. Gently pull them flat.



Using the same settings, stitch a strip along the side of the squares. If you place the strip underneath whilst stitching, this helps to avoid any hesitation from the machine when it arrives at a seam.

When you reach the end of the four square strip, trim the narrow strip to match



Cut a pattern in paper from the fusible mat. Take your backing fabric and the patchwork piece, and cut them both to size.



Lay the backing fabric right side down, fusible mat in the middle, and patchwork on the top face up.

Because the fusible placemat is very firm, I found it easier to hold the layers together with clips.

With the iron set for cotton, press both sides from the middle out until all layers are fused.

Trim if necessary.





Set your overlocker for a 3 thread wide overlock.

Stitch Length 2

Stitch Selector A

Left needle

Stitch Width 7.5

Stitch all the way around the mat, just skimming the edge. When you get back to the beginning stitches, lock the blade and overlap the stitches for 1 cm. Turn the mat sideways and stitch off.

I used a dab of Fray Check at the end of each tail, and trimmed it when dry.



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