

Dinner Napkins And Table Cloth

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Super-ultra-beginner project!

Materials-

Dinner Napkins {4, 18" squares when finished}:

- 1 1/3rd yard 42" wide 100% cotton fabric

Table Cloth: Varies based on your table measurements.

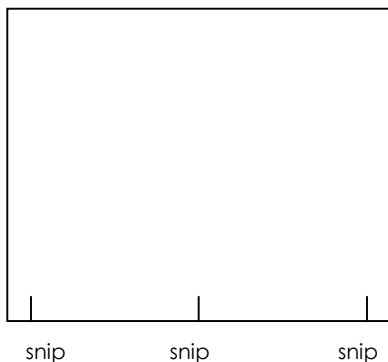
- Coordinating thread
- Sewing Machine
- Scissors to snip threads
- Iron + Ironing board

Wash the fabric in regular detergent with a regular drying cycle. You may need to iron your fabric after the drying cycle.

Dinner Napkins:

Step 1: Cut the squares-

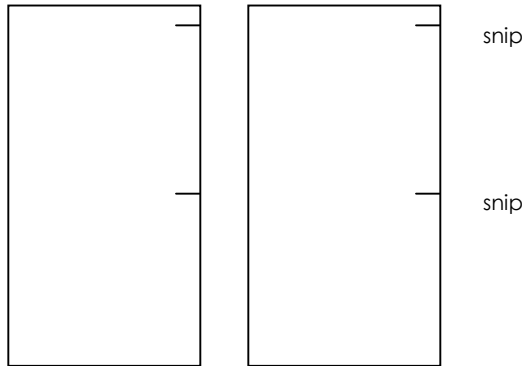
To make sure the dinner napkins are square, I recommend tearing the fabric into its shapes. Tearing happens along the woven thread grid of the fabric, so the tear is straight.
Here's how:



Take the large rectangle (48" x 42") of fabric and lay it flat in front of you. Make a snip with your scissors about 2" in from the cut edge. Firmly grab each side of the snip and pull. This will rip a straight line down the (previously) cut edge of fabric.

Along the factory edge, or selvage edge, measure 20" from your first tear and make another snip. Tear again. Measure 20" additional inches on the remaining piece of fabric, along the selvage edge, snip and tear again.

Now you have two stringy scrap pieces which you may choose to save or trash, and two large rectangles 20" x 42". Use the measure-snip-tear method to cut each of these pieces into 4 squares measuring 20" each. There might be a tiny bit of fabric left over from this process.



Step 2: Pressing

Pressing is a VERY important step in making any project look professionally finished. Do NOT skip this step.

With each of your 4 squares, press a 1/2" fold around the entire perimeter. (Towards the back.) Now, fold the perimeter again, about 1/2" and press. This will completely conceal the torn edges of your fabric.

Step 3: Sewing

You may want to practice on some scrap pieces of fabric, to make sure your stitches look tidy. If they do not look tidy, you may need to re-thread your sewing machine or adjust your tensions. If your needle pushes your fabric down into that hole on the sewing machine, you need to change your needle- it's dull.

Place the fabric on your sewing machine with the WRONG (un-printed) side facing you. Line the pressed fold up with your needle. Sew around the entire dinner napkin square, roughly 1/8th from the inner fold of the napkin's perimeter.

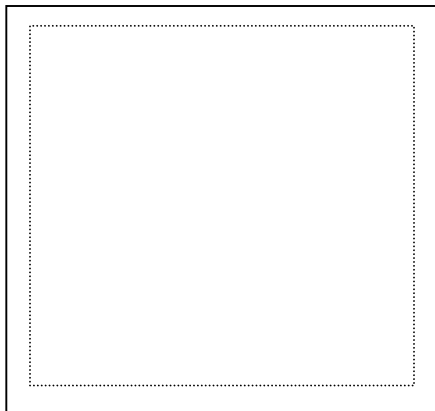


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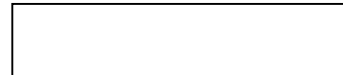
The tablecloth directions are identical to the dinner napkins... only bigger. In fact- here's what you do:

Measure your square/rectangular table and add 14" to each direction. By doing this, you will have a 6" drop all around. If either the length or width is wider than 42" you will need to make a seam in the middle of your tablecloth, to build a piece of fabric the size you need. For example:

Say you need a piece of fabric measuring 60" x 90". Most cotton fabrics are sold in 42" widths. This means you'll need to buy TWO lengths of 90", this amount (180") happens to be 5 yards of fabric.



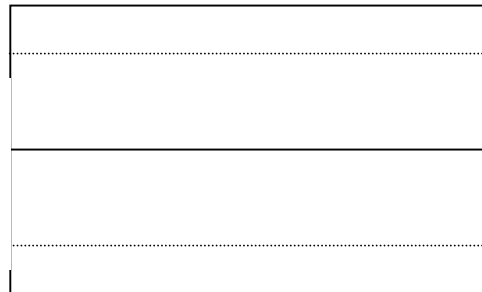
42" x 90"



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Now you will need to sew the two pieces together making A 90" seam line in the middle of your tablecloth. Press this seam. Once you have the giant piece of fabric, 82" x 90", you can measure your tablecloth sizes and finish the construction steps. {The dotted lines are your cutting lines.}

60" x 90"
w. the
seam
centered



← Seam line

For the pressing step: Fold 1/2" around the perimeter and press. Then fold 1/2" again and press all the way around. (Same as the napkins)

The sewing step is the same as the napkins, also.