

Holiday-braid Table Runner

For each table runner:

One 2 ½” strip each of 6 different Christmas or fall/Thanksgiving fabric - sub cut each strip into two 6” strips and two 8” strips

One 6” square of one of the above fabrics

Three 1 ½” strips accent fabric for the first border

Four 3” strips of one of your 6 fabrics above for the 2nd border

A 20” by 60” piece of fabric for your back with a bobbin of matching thread since this is quilt as you go

Four 2 ¼” or 2 ½” strips for binding

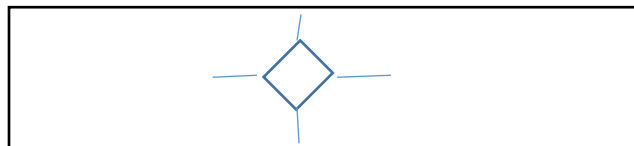
A 20” by 60” piece of batting – I have quite a few of these already, so don’t bring it if you don’t already have pieces close to this size hanging around.

Directions:

1. Place backing fabric wrong side down on top of batting and iron both layers to keep them together.
2. With batting facing up, use a pencil to draw 2 perpendicular lines about 8” long marking the center, one horizontal and one vertical.



3. Place 6” square, right side up, on point so that corners touch the pencil lines.



4. Place (2) 2 ½ “ X 6” strips from one of your fabrics on opposite sides of the center square, right sides down, stitch, flip and press.

5. Place the remaining (2) 2 ½" X 8" strips along the other 2 sides of the center square so that the short ends are even with the long sides of the 6" strips, making sure that one end is at the center of the runner, stitch, flip and press. NOTE: The 8" strip will appear too short to reach the outer edge. Don't worry, as you add strips you will be creating a zig-zag edge.
6. Continue adding strips as in steps 4 & 5 until you have added 6 sets of strips. The outer edge will look like a series of triangles. DO NOT TRIM THESE!
7. Cut 2 pieces of your 1 ½" strips the length of the long sides of the runner (about 34"). With right sides together, position one edge of the strip along the "valleys" of the triangles, stitch, flip and press. Repeat for the other side.
8. Cut 2 more pieces of the 1 ½" strips so that they will fit from the long edge of the last piece of braid you added and overlap the pieces you just sewed on (about 8"). Line it up with the long edge of the other braid piece, stitch, flip and press. You will do one piece at each end.
9. Cut your final 2 pieces of the 1 ½" strips so that they fit from the long edge of the piece you just sewed (about 9"), along the last braid piece, to overlap the other side border piece.
10. Sew on your 3" border on in the same manner as the inner border, only this time you only need to line up your strips with the edges of the inner border. Make sure you leave enough for overlap. The sides should be about 35" long, the first end pieces about 11 ¼" long and the final 2 end pieces about 14" long.
11. Now you can trim your runner as needed, add the binding and you're done! The end points will give you the regular mitered corners. The 4 other corners will produce a slightly different angle, but you will do them the same way.