

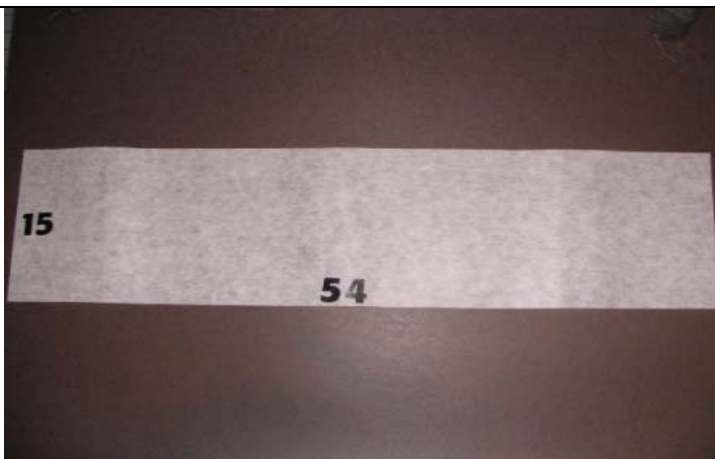


CHRISTMAS TABLE RUNNER



What you need to make your 53" x 14" table runner.

- 1) ½ yard of 54" wide Christmas fabric for top (decorative side) of runner.
- 2) 1 5/8 yard of 45" wide co-ordinating fabric for back of runner. Just a plain cotton fabric will do.
- 3) 60" of beading
- 4) Thread to match project
- 5) Sewing machine with regular foot and zipper foot.
- 6) 1 5/8 yard of heavy interfacing for pattern making.
- 7) Fabric marker and fabric glue



From your interfacing make a rectangular pattern measuring 15" x 54". If you find that you want a shorter runner, adjust the length at this point.

Place the pattern piece **width wise** on your top (Christmas) fabric, pin and cut. (Cut 1)

Next, place the pattern piece **length wise** on the backing fabric, pin and cut. (Cut 1)



Cut (2) 15" long strips of beading.

Take your top fabric and place it right side up on the table.

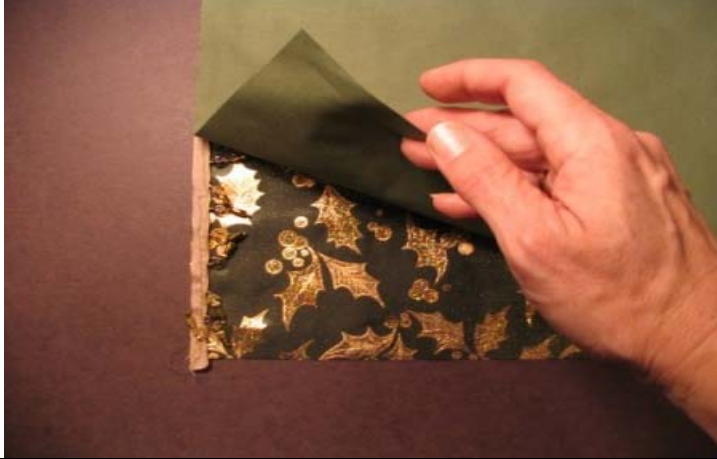
Pin or glue your beading down along each end on the right side (print side) of your fabric.

Align the edge of the beading tape with the edge of the fabric. (Note that the beads are facing the center of the fabric rather than hanging off of the edge). Remove any beads from tape that are within ½" of each edge. Please refer to picture.

*Please note for visual purposes I am using white fabric for this picture. It was too difficult to see what I was doing with the beading on my print fabric.



Using a **Zipper** foot baste your beading down to the edge of the top fabric.



Place top fabric right side up on the table. Place backing on top of the top fabric matching edges and pinning down all the way around.



In the center of one of the sides leave a 6" opening, so that the runner can be turned right side out. Please mark the opening with a fabric pen or tailors chalk, so that you remember to leave an opening.



The ends of the runner will be sewn with a **3/8"** seam allowance. If your beading tape is wider than 1/2" you will want to take a wider seam allowance. Use your zipper foot so that you can sew close to the beading.

The sides of the runner will be sewn with a **1/2"** seam allowance using a regular machine foot. You cannot get close to the beading with a regular foot. Note that I have started to sew 2-3" down the side seam with the zipper foot, turned and then continued sewing across the beaded end, and then turned once more with the zipper foot and continued up the other side for about 2-3". Do this on both ends.



Next sew down each side of the runner with ½" seam allowance (use a regular machine foot on the side seams).

Clip corners.



Turn fabric right side out and press edges. Pin edges, and top stitch around the top ½" from the edge.

Hand stitch the 6" opening closed.

You are done with your beautiful Christmas table runner!

Another idea would be to make your runners out of decorator fabrics for Christmas gifts.



You're all finished!

I hope you had fun with your project!