



Ornament Table Runner
(and Place Mat, too!)

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MATERIALS LIST

For EACH Ornament you will need

- One 15" square of backing fabric
- One 15" square of flannel
- Two 2½" x 6" rectangles for ornament top
- Assorted 15"-long strips of varying widths
- Thread

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Starting in the center of the flannel square, position two strips right sides together with raw edges even. Using a ¼" seam allowance, stitch through all layers. Open the strips so that the right sides are showing and press. (figure 1)

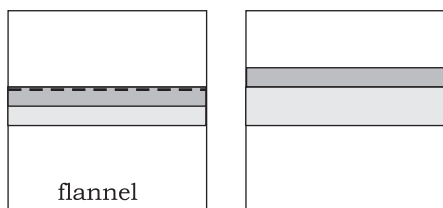


fig. 1

2. Continue stitching and "flipping" fabric strips until the entire piece of flannel is covered. Press. This will be the front of your ornament. (figure 2)



fig. 2

3. Place the backing fabric and the strip-pieced ornament front right sides together. Align your ruler with the stitching lines on the flannel and cut a 14" square from both pieces. (figure 3)

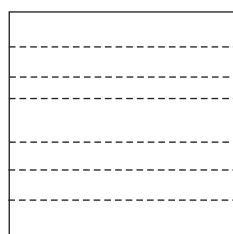


fig. 3

4. Keep the strip-pieced front and the ornament back lined up and right sides together. Measure 4¼" from each corner and mark. Trim the corner triangles as shown. (figure 4)

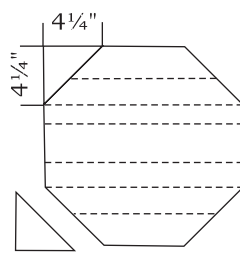


fig. 4

5. Stitch one of the ornament-top rectangles to the top edge (one straight of grain side) of the ornament front and one to the ornament back. Press these seams in opposite directions. (figure 5)

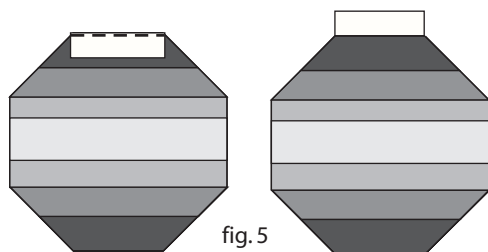


fig. 5

6. Place the ornament front and back right sides together and stitch around the outside edge, leaving an opening for turning. (figure 6) Clip corners, turn right side out and press.

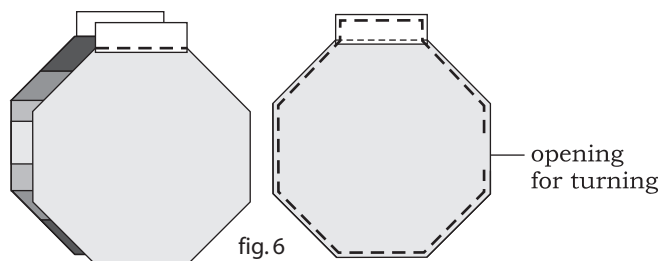


fig. 6

7. Slip stitch the opening used for turning closed. Top stitch around the outside edge.

8. Make three or more ornaments for your table runner. Arrange the completed ornaments next to one another with the edges touching. Twist and turn the ornaments to arrange in a pleasing manner. To join the ornaments, whip stitch the adjoining edges together by hand. (fig. 7) Use individual ornaments as place mats.

ENJOY!

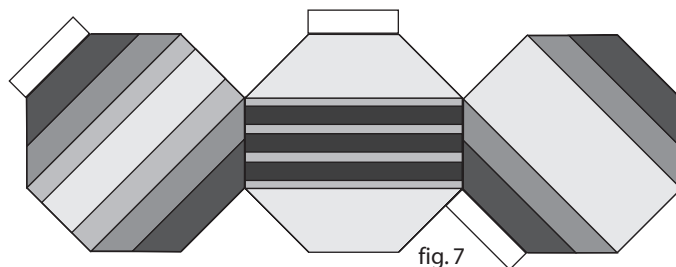


fig. 7

TIPS

1. Use flannel for the foundation or inner lining. It is lightweight and, unlike some polyester battings, it will easily take the direct heat of the iron.

2. Although any width will work for the strips, keep the very narrow strips toward the center of the piece and the wider strips toward the top and bottom.

3. If the strips start to become crooked, use a ruler to measure from the previous stitching line and mark a new straight stitching line in pencil or permanent marker on the last strip sewn.

4. When pressing the seams of the ornament tops, press the one added to the pieced section toward the ornament top, and the one added to the backing toward the body of the ornament.

5. Leave the opening for turning on one of the straight-of-grain sides. This will limit the distortion of the fabric as you turn it right side out. Creating a slightly larger seam allowance on this edge will allow you to stitch it closed as you top stitch the right side.

6. Just for fun, fold a 4" loop of metallic or satin ribbon in half and add it to the ornament top before stitching. It will look like the hanging loop on the top of an ornament.