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**“Set the Table” Spring Dining Ensemble**

I always want to update the look of my home, to coordinate with the onset of each new season. I’ve found that a quick change of a table setting can instantly transform my house. This place setting – a patchwork placemat with pocket for cutlery, and matching napkin with a fun floral napkin ring – makes it so easy to create your own customized décor and “set the table” for this spring season’s arrival!

## Supply List:

Fiskars: 12-8371 7097 18x24 Cutting Mat

Fiskars: 12-9793 7097 45mm Comfort Grip Rotary Cutter

Fiskars: 12-8762 7097 6x24 Ruler

Fiskars: 12-75807097 Razor Edged No 8 Bent Scissors

Fiskars: 12-5977 7097 12-in-1 Sewing Multi Tool

Fiskars: 48507097 Circles Template

Fiskars: 9445 7097 Pinking Shears

Other: various patterned fabric, straight pins, needle, sewing machine, thread, 100% cotton low-loft batting, gross grain ribbon, Velcro dot, button



Start by gathering your supplies. I always pull a variety of fabrics and trims (this time in a mainly pink and green spring palette), as well as my trusty Fiskars sewing tools. As I'm working I like to decide what patterns work best and go with it. While I might not use everything I pull from my stash, there is no need to make final decisions before I even start my project.





### Constructing Placemat:

1. Cut fabric panels for placemat according to numbered sections below:

Panel 1 – cut 14x14

Panel 2 – cut 7x14

Panel 3 – cut 4x20

Pocket – cut 7x10

Batting and Backside – cut 15x20



2. Start by constructing pocket. Fold 7x10 piece of fabric in half, so that fold is 7 inch side, and right side of fabric faces out on each visible side. Topstitch straight stitch with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam along top (folded edge) and long sides.

3. Lay pocket – fold side up at bottom of panel 2 (on right side of panel 2 fabric). Pin sides and machine stitch with straight stitch along sides of pocket – in same place (1/4 inch inseam) as already stitched – in order to secure pocket to panel 2. DO NOT STITCH top of pocket – this will create the pocket space for your cutlery.



4. Adhere grosgrain ribbon trim to top of pocket over stitched fold, using fabric glue.



5. Machine stitch panel 1 to panel 2 using a 1/2 inch inseam. Then machine stitch panels 1 & 2 to panel 3 using a 1/4 inch inseam. Press seams in one direction in the back as you work, as needed. Finished front of placemat:



6. Placemat is now ready to assemble with backing and batting. Assemble in this order: backing piece lay with right side up. Finished front side of placemat lay on top of backing right side down. Then lay batting down. Pin edges.



7. Machine stitch around edge of placemat, using a ¼ inch inseam, and leaving about 3 inches unstitched on one side in order to turn placemat right side out.



8. After turned right side out, press flat. Use fabric glue to secure spot left unstitched, closed.



9. Pin placemat to secure and topstitch around edge of placemat with ¼ inch inseam, and along all side of patchwork seams, to create quilted look.



Constructing Napkin:

1. Cut one 20x20 piece of fabric as backside of napkin (I used pink dot fabric). Then cut 2 more pieces of that same fabric for main portion of front side of napkin – one 12x20 and one 3x20. Cut one piece of contrasting fabric (I used green swirl) 6x20.



2. Machine stitch parts together as shown in above photo. Press seams in back.

3. Place both sides of napkin, right sides together and pin edges.

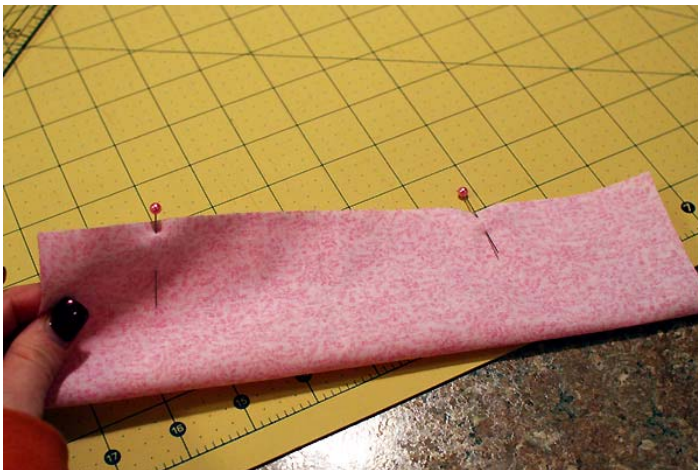
4. Machine stitch around edge with straight stitch and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam, leaving about a 3 inch section open, to flip rightside out. After flipped, press, and use fabric glue to secure opening shut.

5. Topstitch around edge of napkin and also along each side of middle (green) panel seams.



#### Constructing Napkin Ring:

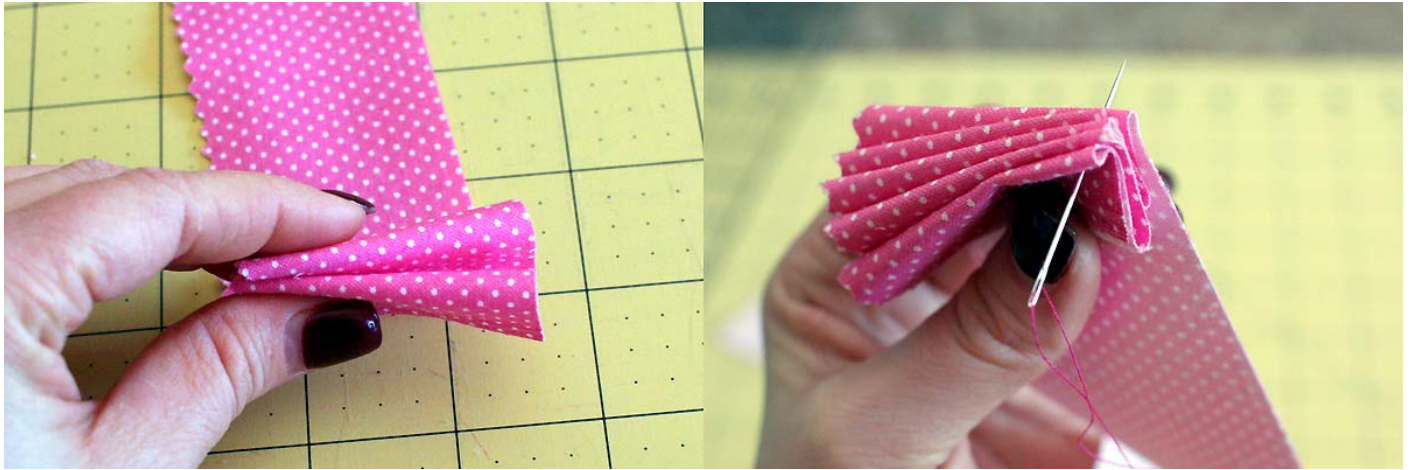
1. Cut 5x10 strip of fabric. Fold in half (longways) with WRONG sides facing out.



2. Pin long edge and machine stitch using straight stitch and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch inseam. Flip right side out.

3. Fold rough ends in about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and topstitch to secure. Topstitch along long edges of strip. Place Velcro dot at ends to be able to secure around rolled napkin. This is the base wrap part of your napkin ring.

4. Create the accent flower on your napkin ring in the following way: Trim 2x30 inch long strip of fabric. Use pinking shears along one side for decorative edge to “flower”. Start to accordion fold strip, and baste a needle through non-pinking side of folds as shown below:



5. Continue accordion folding and stitching until you reach the end of the strip. Then bring needle with thread around to start of strip and stitch ends together, this may be easier to do from the backside of the “flower”.



6. Use fabric glue to adhere flower to center of napkin ring base. Use Fiskars circle template to trace and trim (using Pinking shears again!) circle from contrasting fabric. Sew button to center of circle, then adhere circle to middle of flower using fabric glue.





Your place setting is finished, and now you can set the table for one, or keep making as many of these settings as you like!