

The 15 Minutes
Table Runner
to Sew

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Two-3/4 yard cuts will make Two Table Runners Add another 3/4 yard cut to create a third table runner, etc.



Step #1:

Cut 10" wide and then a 17" wide piece will remain. Make sure cuts are perpendicular (straight with the selvage). This might mean that you will have trimmed down each piece a bit in the width.



Step #2: Sew the 10" wide strip and the 17" wide strip together with the right sides together along the right side length of the fabrics.



**Step #3:** 

Pulling the left sides together with the right sides together.
This will be reaching the 10" piece to the other side of the 17" piece. Sew together, creating a tube. This will look unbalanced but it is correct.



Step #4:

Turn the tube right side out.



Step #5

Spread the tube out on an ironing board, distributing the border evenly on both sides of the tube.



**Step #6:** 

Press the "borders" measuring to maintain an even width on each side of the center piece (striped fabric in the photo). The "borders" will be approximately 1-3/4" on each the left and right side of the center.



Step #7:

Trim selvages off both ends of the tube. Be sure the cut is perpendicular to the sides.

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Step #8:

Fold the tube in half lengthwise, matching the border pieces.



Step #9:

Sew the ends of the folded segment, back-stitch at the beginning and end. (Option: this could be sewn as a french seam: sewing the wrong side first with a 1/8" seam and then turning to encase the seam by sewing right sides together with a 1/4" seam.)



Step #10:

Turn points on each end of the table runner right side out and press out the points. You may have to do some trimming at the point to get crisp points.



Step #11

Back of the runners will have a band of the border. Press well.



At the points of the table runner, add buttonholes and attach tassles.



Options: Cutting the strip in half after Step #7 and finishing each end, you can make two placemats of the strip width. You can use a cutaway stabilizer, Dura-bondTM or batting to add more body to the table runner. Try decorator fabrics for more stability. I prefer a cutaway stabilizer such as OESD Fusible Polymesh.