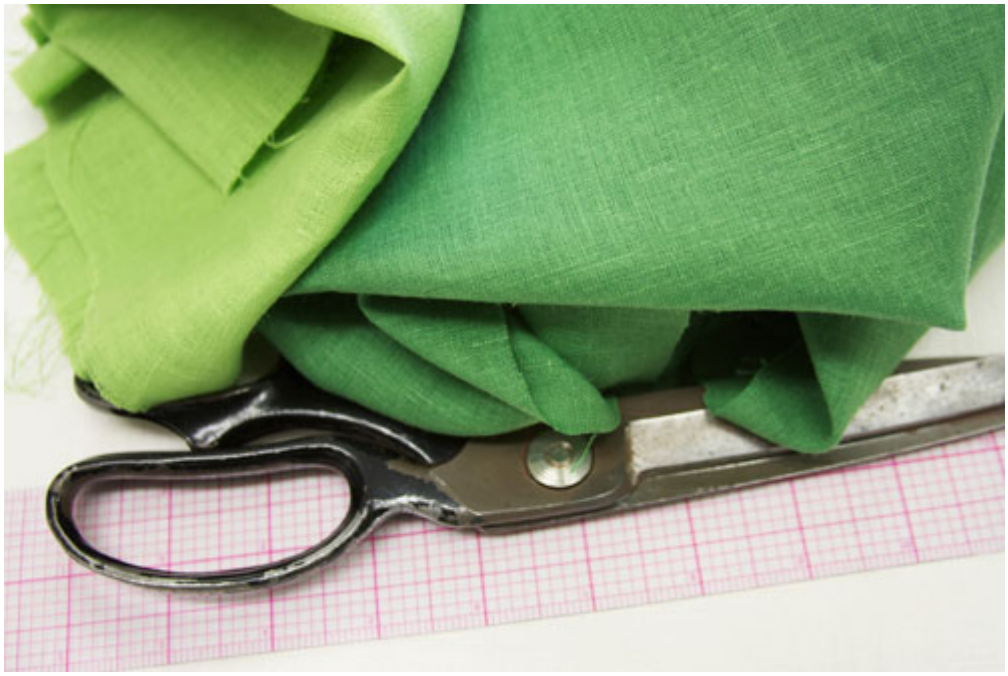


DIY: Bordered Table Linen

Description

Creating a bordered tablecloth with linen is a wonderful idea if you are searching for your next home sewing project. This style table linen is the perfect way to play around with different color combinations. Match your tablecloth to the current season, holiday, or your home decor. Itâ??s a great way to get sewing and make your table look even more beautiful!
The border on this tablecloth is a simple detail that will transform your table into something special. You can make your table linen vibrant and colorful, or go for more classic and neutral shades. With this easy-to-follow tutorial you can turn your next meal into a true dining experience. Try out this fun and simple home decor project!



Materials:

- Two different shades of linen.
- Measuring tape and/or ruler.
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

You can select whatever shades of linen you like for your own tablecloth. In order to get ready for Spring, I picked out a couple fresh, green shades. This will be perfect when St. Patrickâ??s Day comes around too! I choose to make mine with lightweight IL020 linen in Flourite Green and Vibrant Green.

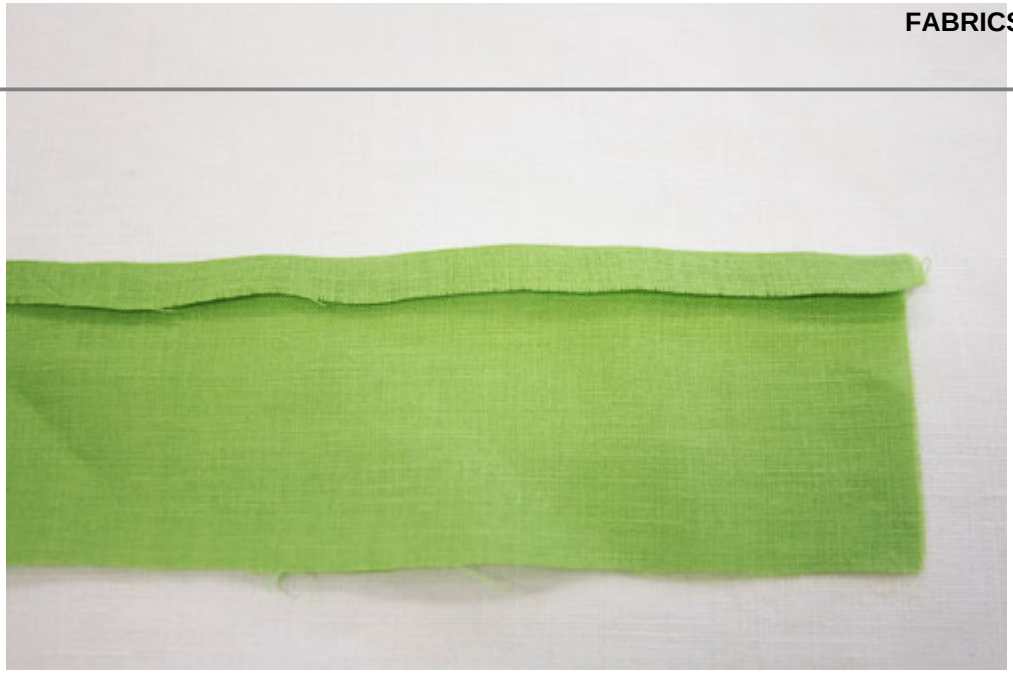
Take a look at all the color options for IL020 here >> Colors.



So how much fabric do you need to cut exactly to make a tablecloth? Well, I found this really handy tablecloth calculator online that makes figuring out measurements for your table a piece of cake. You just need to measure you table and plug it into their calculator. It couldnâ??t be easier!

Once you get the measurements for your tablecloth you can start considering your border. I wanted a 3 inch border for my tablecloth, so I cut a 4 inch wide border.

I made a rectangular tablecloth, so I cut four pieces of linen for the border. Two of these pieces correspond to the length of my tablecloth and two go with the width.



Fold the one edge down a 1/4- 1/2 on all of your pieces for the border.



To make the corners, start with one of the length and one of the width border pieces. Place these on top of each other so that the edge lines up perfectly. Have them stacked so that both of the folded edges are facing outwards.

Measure the width of your folded border to get an exact measurement. I will explain the next step so that it relates to the image above. What I did next was measure this same distance from the top left corner going inwards (to the right) along the folded edge.

Now make a mark with some chalk or a pencil. Draw a line from the point you marked to the bottom left corner.

The image above shows the seam you make over the line you marked. Sew carefully! This will be the corner and your tablecloth, so you wonâ??t want any crooked lines showing.



Repeat this step with the remaining four corners. Make sure you sew the right pieces together and have them facing the right direction. I had to redo my stitches a few times because I wasnâ??t paying attention. Itâ??s a pain but at least itâ??s still fixable at this point. After the next step, you wonâ??t be able to simply remove stitches if you make a mistake. Itâ??s time to grab the scissors!



Trim off those edges and leave a 1/4 inch of linen.



When you finish trimming the extra fabric from the corners and iron everything flat.



This is what your corner should look like from the other side. Place this corner so that it lays on top of the larger piece of linen you cut for the tablecloth. The corners should align exactly.



Make a seam along the entire edge to attach the border to the rest of the tablecloth.



This is what the seam and attached border looks like from the other side. We are finished yet though! There is still one more seam to make.



Before we get started with the last seam, the tablecloth needs to be flipped right-side out. The way the seam along the edge is hidden and the border lays on top of the tablecloth. Then iron the edge to make it flat and easy to sew.



Now just fold the other edge of the border in a 1/4 -1/2 inch in and make a seam around the entire border.



A good thing to keep in mind before you start sewing this step, is to make the under-stitch match your table linen color and not the border. Just switch out the thread color for the under-stitch on your sewing machine. Leave the

same color thread as the border for the part of the stitch that will be visible from above.

See how the darker green stitch is barely visible because I changed the thread for the underside?



This completes the border and the tablecloth!



Just iron your beautiful table linen and place it on your table. You are all set for the next meal around your table.

I choose to do sew my bordered tablecloth with two different shades of green. A good choice for the Spring and even St. Patrickâ??s Day! There are an endless amount of color combinations you can pick for your table linen. Select your favorite combination here >>> Shop colors.

Remember, I used IL020 for my tablecloth, but IL019 and 4c22 work perfectly too. It just depends how thick/heavy you want the linen to be. Il020 is really light and sheer, IL019 is right in the middle, and 4C22 is heavier.

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