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Blue Bliss Napkins Tutorial

Description

Today's post is all about having fun with different shades of blue linen in order to make a useful and beautiful additions to your dining table. Blue is the perfect color to use to decorate your table no matter what the season is. It is the ideal year-round color!

I've chosen an array of blue linen shades to use for these simple linen napkins. This easy idea shows you simple sewing techniques that will be useful for future projects. I will break down how to create a mitered corner, so you can apply this technique to your future linen crafts!

All you need is some colorful blue hues to get started!

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Materials:

- Different colors of linen. I chose 4 different shades of blue in <u>IL020</u> for my napkins.
- White linen. I used II020 for this as well.
- A sewing machine
- Scissors
- Pins

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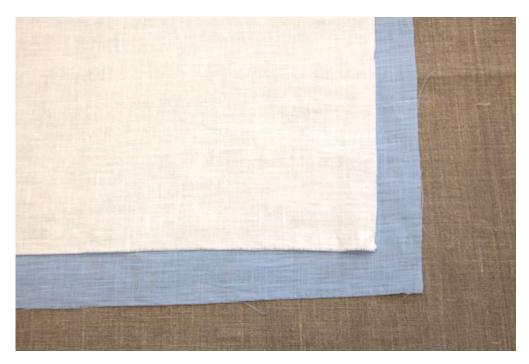


Cut 18" squares from each of your prepped pieces of blue linen (or whatever colors you chose). "Prep" your linen by washing it beforehand hand so it is preshrunk.

Measure and cut all your blue squares and set them aside.

For the white linen, measure and cut these each into 16" squares. You will need one white piece for each blue piece you cut. In my case, that was four piece of white for each of the four pieces of blue I had ready.

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Lay one white piece of linen over one of the blue squares so there is a one in border.



Fold the blue inwards a 1/2 inch around the entire square.

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Now for the mitered edge. It really is super easy to do and so don't get intimidated!

Just snip of a little of each corner with your scissors. Cut a a 45 degree angle at the point where the two fold creases meet. Repeat this step for all the corners (just on the blue linen!).

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Now pin down your previous 1/2 fold on all sides.

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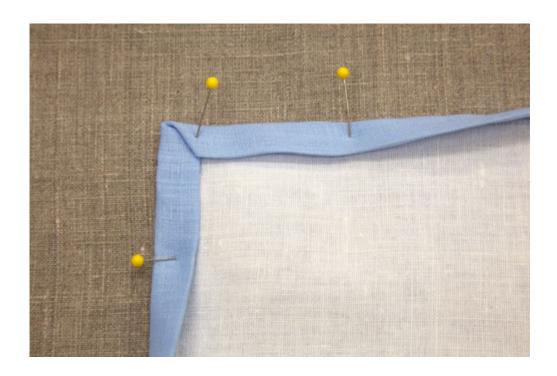


Back to the mitered corner. All you need to do fold the corner in so a 45 degree angle is formed on the outside. Pin this down and repeat for the

remaining corners.



Fold one of the outside edge in a 1/2 so it looks like the image above.



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Do the same for the other side of the corner, folding it down a 1.2 inch as well. Do you see your perfect corner? It will look so professional when you are through (but you will know how easy it was to make!).



Just follow these same steps for the rest of your napkins so you have everything ready to go for sewing.



Using your sewing machine, create a seam along all the edges. There you have it! A new set of beautiful blue linen napkins!

Let me know how your napkins turned out and if you chose a different selection of colors. This would look beautiful with Spring or Fall colors I think. Maybe some pastels for a baby shower or some bright shades for a birthday. There are tons of variations.

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