



## The Most Lovely Last Minute Linen Gift

### Description









Handmade gifts for the holiday are both thoughtful and beautiful. I have a last minute gift idea you can make out of your half yard or smaller scraps of linen or cotton.

If you have a little fabric stash and need gifts that you're sure people will enjoy and use, consider making beautifully constructed kitchen towels or tea towels with the most lovely mitered corner. It's easy and I will show you how. If you want another color and don't have it on hand, you probably have time to order it quickly. One yard can make up to four tea towels.

First, find those scraps of linen or cotton and cut them to perfect rectangles or squares. The size of kitchen towels is apparently up for debate as I measured several I have purchased in stores and none of them are the same size! For the sake of this project, let's say they are 15" x 24". Once you cut out your fabric into the correct size, bring it to the ironing board and press 1/4 inch around all of the edges. Start again pressing those same edges another 1/2 inch all the way around.





When you unfold the corners, you should see a little square has formed. Follow the pictures closely for more help. Fold the corners in like a triangle making the square shape lineup as shown with the lines you have created to either side.





Flip, pin and sew on that diagonal line created by the ironed triangle that I have marked with a pencil. Trim the excess edge beyond your seam as shown and then flip it right side out to reveal your beautifully mitered corner. Repeat this process on all four corners.



Use a chopstick or pencil to push the little corners out evenly. Bring the project to your iron again, press neatly and then so all four sides down.





The final stitch can be done with a straight stitch or a decorative stitch if your machine has options. I used a scallop stitch here which turned out so pretty. On my Janome machine the scallop stitch is set on 5 and 0.5. The clean lines of a straight stitch is also a no fuss method and would definitely be better if you add a little hand stitched embroidery detail. These little embroidered details could be a sprig of flowers or lavender or the gift



recipient's initials.





To wrap this neatly as a gift you can tie it with scrap linen bows or package with other little gifts. Add-on suggestions include but are not limited to a lovely wooden spoon, homemade baked goods (the dry ingredients can be added with a recipe card) or a lovely jar of jam or honey!





As you will see that this project does not take much time but provides something practical we all need in our kitchen and reminds the recipient that you care enough to make them something.

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