

Christmas Towel Toppers by Emileigh Designs

For this project you will need

- Christmas Towel Topper Designs from Emileigh Designs
- 1 tea towel - (Robyn used a terry toweling Tea Towel with a Christmas theme) - Alternatively you can use a linen tea towel with Christmas theme, or a plain tea towel and embroider it with a Christmas design. If you want to use the matching design as per your towel topper, just embroidery the design on the towel, and not stitch the last couple of colors stitching the topper in place.
- Bias Binding
- Material (Robyn used Homespun) for the construction of the topper.
- 1 button for each topper.
- Embroidery Threads

Making the Towel Toppers.

Step 1

Cut your tea-towel in half as shown below.



Step 2

Cut 2 pieces of your chosen material each measuring 9" x 12" Imperial or 23cm x 30cm metric. Hoop the first piece of fabric and stitch the design as per the color chart.



Step 3

Cut a piece of bias binding 60cm or 24". Fold in half. Join the bias together by sewing down each side to make finished 30cm or 12" strip. Fold the strip in half to make the loop as shown below in the image in green.

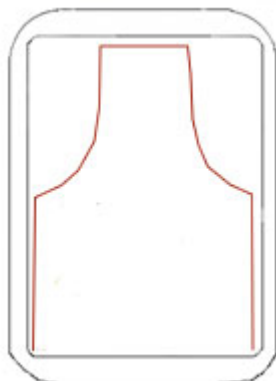
Step 4

Place the loop at the top of the hoop as shown below and stitch into place with the 2nd last color in your embroidery design as shown in blue. You would use the same color as your material.



Step 5

Place your second piece of fabric, right side down, overtop of your embroidery design. Stitch the last color, as shown in red below and this holds the fabric in place. You will not be able to see the embroidered design, or loop through your fabric.



Step 6

Remove design from hoop and trim the excess fabric away carefully, leaving approx 1cm of fabric from around the outline, and 2cm at the bottom of the topper. Cut the corners at the top of the topper carefully, close to the stitched outline. Then turn up the excess fabric at the bottom of the topper and press with your iron.



Step 7

You can now turn the topper right side out.

Step 8

Pleat your towel so that it is approx 5" or 13cm wide. Sew the pleats into place with 2 rows of straight sewing, placing them 1½" or 4cm apart.

Place your tea towel inside your topper and sew in place across the bottom making sure both sides have been stitched. Then top stitch around the rest of the topper to finish off.

Step 9

Sew a button onto the topper just above the design. Pull the button through the loop and slip stitch the loop together just above the button to create a buttonhole effect. This should help the button stay in place and not slip out of the loop.

Here are the finished towel toppers



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