

Love tea towels

This fun-to-make tea towel project is a great way to celebrate National Embroidery Month! Using just a few supplies and your Brother Sewing & Embroidery Machine, you'll have these pretty towels stitched up in no time!

Skill Level: Beginner Embroiderer/Sewer

Time Required: 1 hour

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Brother Sewing & Embroidery Machine
- Store-bought tea towels
- 1/8 yard of assorted decorative fabrics
- Tear-away stabilizer
- Embroidery file (download included)
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat
- Embroidery thread in desired colours



Tip:

- Pre-wash and iron tea towels and fabric. It's also helpful to use spray starch on your tea towels and fabric after washing.
- ¼" seam used throughout.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure width of washed tea towel to determine width of trim fabric (some shrinkage may have occurred during washing).
2. Cut strip of decorative fabric $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of tea towel plus 1".
3. Cut strip of decorative trim fabric $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x width of tea towel + 1".
4. Fold trim fabric in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
5. Fold decorative fabric in half, lengthwise, right sides together.
6. Slip folded trim fabric between the long sides of the decorative fabric with raw edges even and pin.
7. Stitch long edges of fabric together.



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INSTRUCTIONS (CONT'D)

8. Turn fabric tube right side out.
9. Place long edge of fabric tube even with the wrong side of the bottom edge of the tea towel.
Pin in place.
10. Stitch the long edge. Backstitch at each end of the seam.
11. Fold the fabric strip over the bottom edge and align with the edges on the left and right front side of the towel.
12. Fold in each of the two side edges even with the tea towel and press, pin in place, keeping edges smooth and flat.
13. Using coordinating thread, sew the fabric tube along the top edge and side edges of the front side of the tea towel.
14. Determine desired placement of embroidery design.
15. Hoop stabilized tea towel.
16. Use your embroidery machine's built-in fonts to create the words or use the included PE Design file.
17. Embroider design.
18. Carefully remove tear-away stabilizer



And that's it! Make these one-of-a-kind tea towels for yourself and some for gifts to bring style and function to any kitchen.



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