

In the Spotlight: Brother Cording Foot

Project: Napkins with Tassel Trim

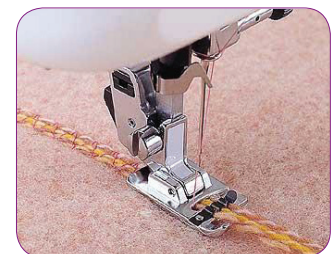
The popular Brother Cording Foot is great for creating a wide variety of cording effects. For this fun and easy project, you'll learn how to use the Brother Cording Foot to trim ready-made napkins with cute tassel-trimmed corners.



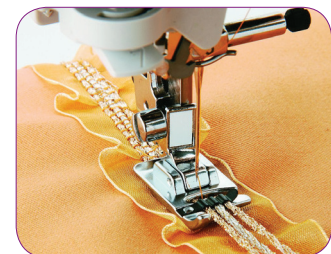
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Materials and Supplies

- **SA110 Brother Cording Foot for 7mm Horizontal Machine or SA148 Brother Cording Foot for 5mm Machine.**
- **Brother Sewing Machine.**
- Basic sewing notions including sewing thread to match fabrics.
- Sharp sewing needle size 11-14.
- Cording to contrast with napkin. Suggestions include pearl cotton or thin yarn. You may find it necessary to press the strands to remove wrinkles. (We used three strands of acrylic pearl cotton.)
- Ready-made napkins in the amount desired for your table setting. (We used napkins measuring 20 inches X 20 inches.)



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Instructions for Trimming Napkins with Cording

Before you start, please read our section titled, **About the Brother Cording Foot**, at the end of these instructions.

1. Cut 12 lengths of cording measuring 28 inches long. Carefully feed 3 cords into the foot, leaving 4 inches of excess cording behind it. Place the napkin edge under the foot, lining up the edge of the foot with the edge of the napkin hem. Select a suitable stitch for couching the cording in place. (**Figure #1.**) Stitch along the napkin edge, leaving the excess cording loose at each end. (**Figure #2.**) Repeat for each edge.
2. To form tassels, grasp the loose cords and tie a double knot, just as you would if you were tying shoelaces. (**Figure #3A.**) Next, wrap the cords around your finger and slip the ends through to form a slipknot. Pull tightly on the knot to secure the cords together. (**Figure #3B.**)
3. Trim ends so they are even. (**Figure #4.**)
4. Repeat all four steps for each napkin.

You're done!

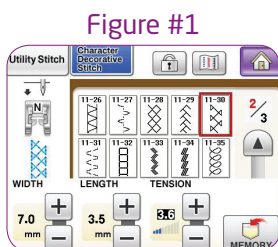


Figure #1



Figure #2



Figure #3A



Figure #3B



Figure #4

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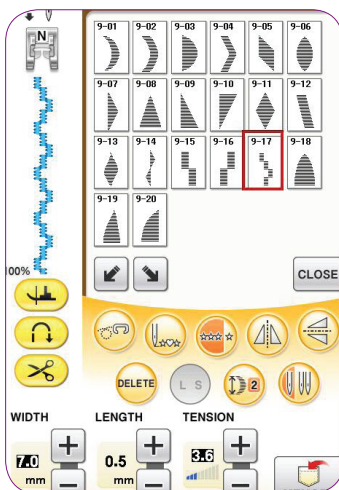
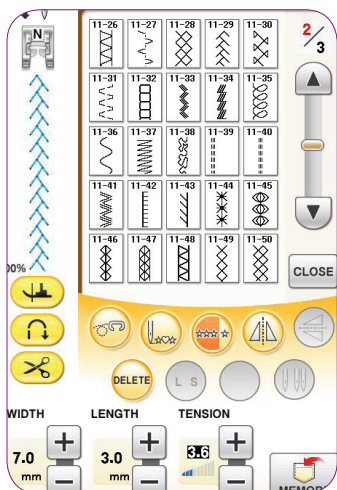
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Make these elegant napkins easily with the Brother Cording Foot. Your table will have never looked so good!

About the Brother Cording Foot

This 3-way cording foot (SA110/SA148) has a clip attached to the top for holding up to 3 cords at a time. Many cords and embellishment yarns can be used with this foot. Simply test for suitability by inserting the cord and making sure it slides properly in the channel. If the cord is too thin, it won't be properly held in place during stitching. And if the cord is too thick, it won't easily pass through during the stitching process. Use one, two, or all three slots at a time. When stitching, be sure to gently guide the cords in front of the foot, keeping them smooth. Take care that you do not pull on the cords, or your fabric will pucker.



A variety of decorative stitches can be used to hold your cord in place. Experiment with changing the stitch width, making sure the stitches catch the cords sufficiently. Generally, it's a good idea to lengthen the stitch slightly. We recommend testing your stitch and cording prior to using the foot for your project. See images for some recommended stitches that can be used with this foot.

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