

Dress Your Table with Holiday Charm

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A grapevine embroidery worked on natural linen gives your Thanksgiving table a touch of homespun warmth while a vein of metallic thread reminds diners that a glittering Christmas season is just around the corner.

PROJECT: Machine Embroidered Table Linens

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MATERIALS

Pattern

- No pattern required, cutting dimensions are provided

Fabric

- 1-yd natural linen blend

Machine Embroidery

- Zundt Designs Vol. 7 from Martha Pullen Company
 - #206003
 - #206004
 - #206008
 - #206011

Thread

- Robison Anton 40 wt Embroidery Thread
 - #2229 Palmetto
 - #2317 Olive Drab
 - #2225 Wine
 - #1003 Gold
 - #2593 Cottage Beige

Supplies

- Floriani® Wet N Gone Tacky™ water-soluble stabilizer
- Floriani® Template Tearaway™ stabilizer
- Size 100 twin wing needle
- Blue water-soluble marking pen

CUTTING

- 16-1/2- x 41-inch rectangle for table runner
- 14- x 18-inch rectangles for each placemat
- Two 3- x 7-inch rectangles for each napkin ring (one piece is lining)

MARKING

- Mark center vertical and horizontal lines for embroidery placement on all pieces. Mark a line 1-1/2-inches from raw edges around all four sides of table runner for fringe.
- Mark a line 1-inch in from raw edges around all four sides of placemat for fringe. Also mark vertical lines 1-1/2-inches and 3-inches from line drawn on right side for embroidery placement.

EMBROIDERY

Print designs onto Floriani® Template Tearaway™ stabilizer for placement templates. Peel backing from tearaway and press printed template in place on linen



using marked lines as a guide. Hoop Floriani® Wet N Gone Tacky™ water-soluble stabilizer with paper side up and peel away paper on inside of hoop to expose tacky surface. Place fabric and template on top of sticky stabilizer and align inside hoop. Remove tearaway template before you stitch embroidery. *NOTE: Templates are reusable up to 50 times! Just place them on the backing for storage.* Select basting option to secure linen to stabilizer.

1. Using your design software, combine four sets of Grapes & Vines Corners to form a square for center of table runner. Rotate square to form a diamond. Center a Grapes & Vines Large Spray inside this diamond. Mirror image the Grapes & Vines Border design to form a small square motif. Rotate square to form a diamond. Place three of these diamonds on horizontal centerline on each side of center design for a total of six diamonds.

2. For placemats, align four Grapes & Vines Spray designs centered on 1-1/2-inch drawn line at right side of each placemat.

3. Center a single Grapes & Vines Large Spray design on each 3- x 7-inch piece of fabric for napkin rings.

FRINGE AND FINISHING

1. To complete runner, use twin hem-stitch needle with gold in left needle and cottage beige in right needle; stitch along outside marked line. Remove linen fabric threads up to stitching to form fringe.

2. Repeat for placemats with a 1-inch fringe.

3. To construct napkin rings, press long edges under 1/4-inch on each side of embroidered strip and lining strip. Open folds to sew together ends of embroidered strip and ends of lining piece to form rings. Fold edge back inside ring and place lining ring inside embroidered ring and align folded edges on each side. Topstitch along folded edges with a reinforced straight stitch using gold thread. *NOTE: The reinforced straight stitch lays a thicker stitch than a regular straight stitch; you may also substitute a decorative stitch.* -SB



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