

PATCHWORK BORDERED DISHTOWEL TUTORIAL



Be sure to wash and dry and press all fabrics before cutting - this is an item that gets washed often, so you don't want fabrics shrinking at different rates

Materials (per dishtowel):

- 1- 19" hx 21"h panel for main body of dishtowel. *Note: linen makes a nice choice because of its absorbent and lint-free properties.*
- 1- 1.5 " x 4" piece for hanger.
- 6-3.5" squares of fabric for border body. Note: this is a great project for scraps!
- 1- 18w " x 4" piece for back facing.

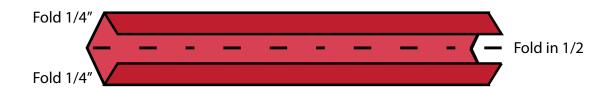
Other items: pins, scissors or rotary cutter, ruler, iron.

All seams allowances are 1/4"

*PLEASE NOTE: NAPKINS SHOWN IN PHOTO WILL SHOW SEWING DETAILS THAT ARE DIFFERENT THAN THIS PATTERN EXPLAINS.



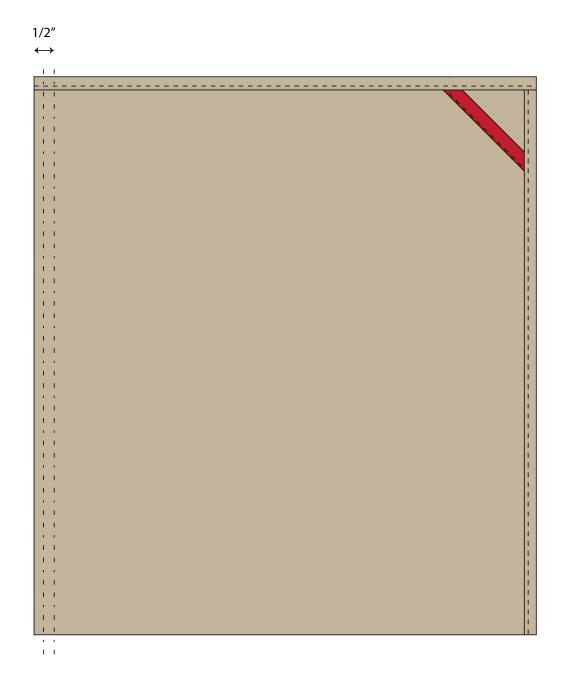
1a. To create the hanger, fold and press 1/4" along the top and bottom edge. Then fold and press in half (should be about 3/8" w strap)



1b. Topstitch 1/8" along the open edge to join. Press.



2. Hem the body of the dishtowel along the sides and top only. To make the double fold hem, first fold and press 1/2" on each of the 3 sides. *Note: the body should be 18"w, so be sure to measure well.* Open and then fold the raw edge in to meet the pressed line and press. Then fold it again on the original 1/2" line which will tuck the raw edge into center. Pin. Before you start stitching, insert the hanger at a 45° angle under the hem in the top right corner. Topstitch a scant 1/8" from the folded edges.



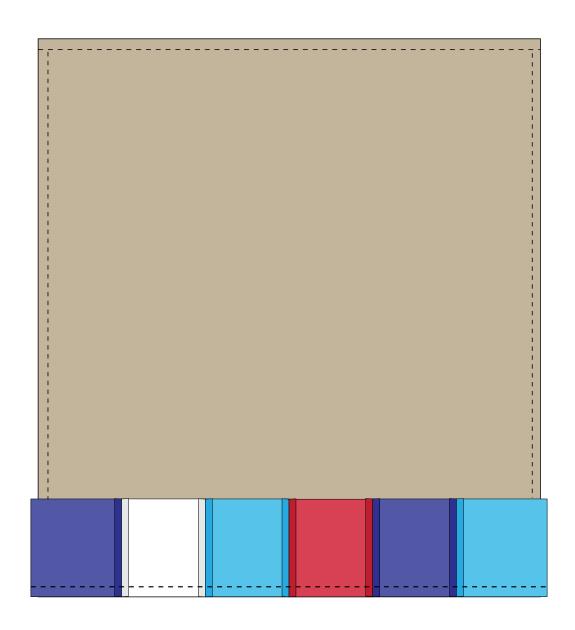
3. Create the patchwork bordered edge by joining the pieces together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open.



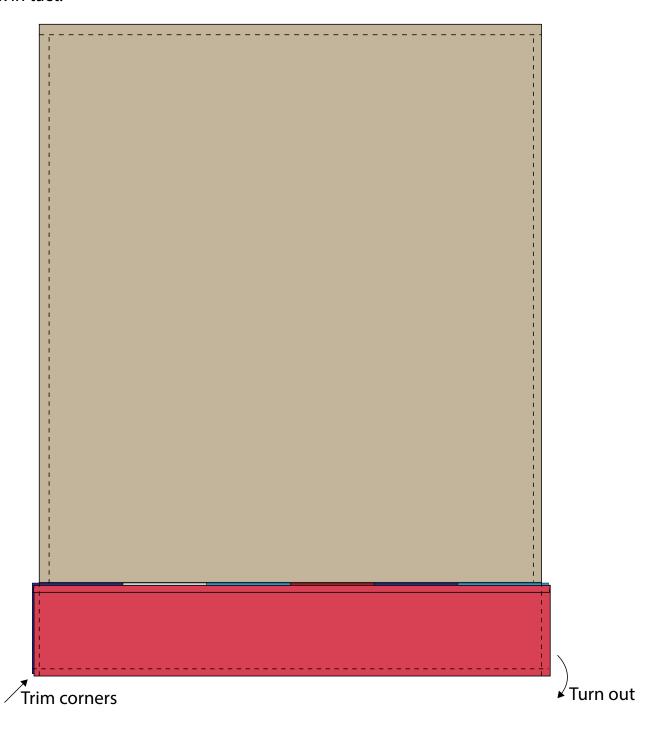
4. Fold and press 1/2" along top edge of the back facing.



5. Align the border (upside down and right sides together) along the bottom edge of the dishtowel body. Sew together using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press open,



6. Align the back facing with the folded edge on top over the border. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance along the sides and the bottom edge. *Note: be sure to align the side stitches with the body of the dishtowel.* Trim the corners and then turn the facing around backside of the border. Poke out corners to make neat and press, being sure to keep the folded flap in the back in tact.



7. From the front pin the opened flap, which should just about be covering the seam on the backside so that you can topstitch 1/8" below the seam of the border, catching the back flap in the stitches.

