

## Craft: Holiday Table Runner

Dress up your seasonal table settings with a DIY decorative runner



**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Materials:** Tape measure; kraft paper; scissors; 2 yards of red embroidered cotton fabric (our is from Calico Corners); 1 yard of red checked fabric; matching thread; pins; sewing machine; iron.

**Directions:**

1. Measure length of table and add 28 inches (for 14-inch overhangs at each end). Measure desired width of runner. Cut paper to these measurements to make pattern.
2. Fold paper in half crosswise, then lengthwise. At edge of open corner, draw a curved line starting about 12 inches from end toward the top of the folded edge to form a point, cut pattern, then open it out.
3. Use pattern to cut two pieces of red embroidered fabric for runner.
4. Cut checked fabric into 3-inch-wide bias strips for binding. Sew binding strips together end to end with 1/2 inch seams to make binding. Trim seams.
5. Turn under 1/2 inch on each long edge of binding; press.
6. Fold binding in half lengthwise, with wrong sides facing and folded edges even; press.
7. Pin runner sections with wrong sides facing and raw edges even. Slip binding over edge of runner, starting in center of one long edge; pin in place. As you reach point, fold binding to form mitered corner then continue pinning in same manner, easing binding around curve. At end, turn under 1/2 inch on end of binding and wrap end over beginning raw edge. Press.
8. Edgestitch binding to runner.