

Decorative Serger Tablecloth and Topper



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Although this beautiful table topper and cloth can be made on any Baby Lock serger, it was originally designed for the brochure of our new serger, the Imaginé. We had so much fun designing the table topper and cloth on the Imaginé, we thought we would share it with you. This is a great home

decorating idea and simple to make! If you haven't tried decorative serging techniques, this project's for you!

Supplies:

Baby Lock Serger

Butterick(R) Pattern #4909, View H & J

Moiré Taffeta, 54" wide:

8 -1/4 yd. - Forest Green (*Fabric calculation is based on a 90" table cloth*)

1/2 yd. - Ivory

1/2 yd. - Wine

1/4 yd. - Mauve

1/4 yd. - Navy Blue

1 - spool Sulky™ Clear Monofilament Thread

1 - spool Gold, Sulky™ Rayon

1 - spool Forest Green, all purpose thread

1 - spool Forest Green, Woolly Nylon

YLI Designer 6 Thread:

1 - spool Lilac color #282

1 - spool Royal Blue color #668

1 - spool Apple Green color #681

YLI Pearl Crown Rayon Thread:

1 - spool Natural color #401

1 - spool Ruby Red color #116

YLI Candlelight Thread:

4 - spools Gold color #01

1 - double eyed needle

1 - 4" square piece of cardboard

Table Cloth Directions (*Finished size 90" diameter*):

1. To make a 90" diameter round tablecloth, follow the pattern instructions for view J.
2. To make a floor length round tablecloth for any size table use the following formula. Measure width or diameter of the tabletop. Measure from the tabletop to floor, multiply this number by 2, and add to the table width. See formula: Tabletop + (2 x table to floor measurement)

Example: 36" + (2 x 30") = 96" {for a 36" table that is 30" tall}
3. If the fabric selected is not wide enough to accommodate the full width, it will be necessary to piece lengths of fabric together.
4. Never put a seam in the middle of the cloth. Cut a length of the fabric in half and piece together in three panels.

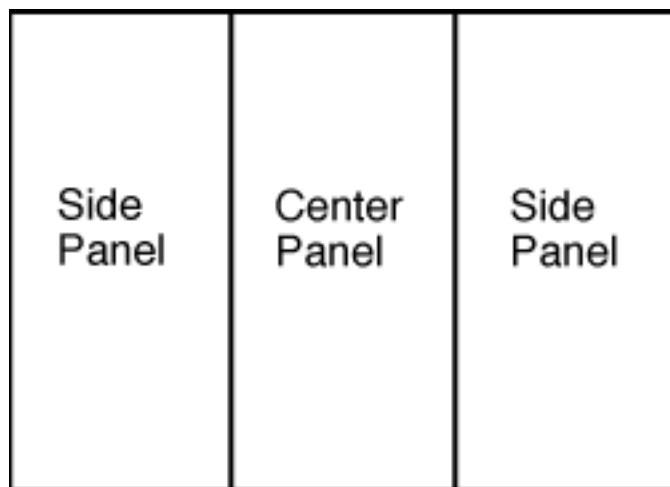


Diagram A

- When the fabric is wide enough, fold into fourths. Make a compass using a piece of string, a marking pen and a pin. Attach a marking pen to one end of the string and a pin on the other. Place the pin in the corner of the folded fabric. To prevent shifting, pin all layers together. Using the pin and string as a compass mark a cutting line. Cut fabric on marked line.

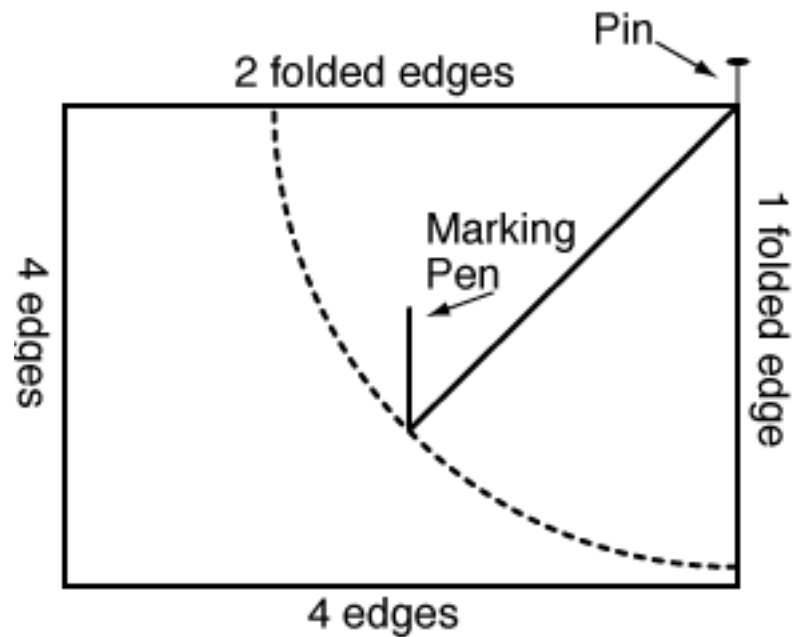


Diagram B

- Set the serger to a narrow rolled hem. Thread the upper looper with gold Candlelight thread. Thread the lower looper with Woolly Nylon and the needle with all-purpose thread. Set the stitch length at 2-1/2. Test the stitch. If a fuller look is desired, shorten the stitch length. Roll hem the edge of the tablecloth.

Table Topper Directions (*Finished Size 45" square*):

Cutting Instructions:

- Cut 1 - 15-1/2" square from ivory fabric.
- Cut 4 - 2-1/2" x 25" strips from forest green fabric.
- Cut 4 - 5-1/2" x 54" strips from forest green fabric.
- Cut 1 - 46" square from forest green fabric.
- Cut 4 - 2-1/2" x 35" strips from wine fabric.
- Cut 4 - 3-1/2" x 54" strips from mauve fabric.
- Cut 4 - 3-1/2" x 54" strips from navy blue fabric.

- Set up the serger for a two-thread right needle flat lock. Thread the lower looper with lilac Designer 6. Thread the needle with clear monofilament thread. Set the stitch length on 2-1/2 and the stitch width on 7.5. Test the stitch and fine-tune settings. Sew the 2-1/2" x 25" strips from forest green fabric to the 15-1/2" ivory square. Begin by sewing the top and bottom strips to the square. Pull the seam flat and press. Sew the side strips. Pull the seams flat and press. Trim off excess green fabric.
- Change the thread in the lower looper to natural Pearl Crown Rayon. Test the stitch and fine-tune settings. Sew the 2-1/2" x 35" strips from wine fabric to the sides of the square first, then the top and bottom strips. After sewing each strip, pull the flat lock stitches flat and press. Trim off excess fabric.
- Change the thread in the lower looper to royal blue, Designer 6. Test the stitch and fine-tune settings. Sew 3-1/2" x 54" strips from mauve fabric to the top and bottom of the square first, then the sides. After sewing each strip, pull the flat lock stitches flat and press. Trim off excess fabric.
- Change the thread in the lower looper to apple green, Designer 6. Test the stitch and fine tune settings. Sew the 3-1/2" x 54" strips from navy blue fabric to sides first, then the top and bottom. After sewing each strip, pull the flat lock stitches flat and press. Trim off excess

fabric.

5. Change the thread in the lower looper to ruby red Pearl Crown Rayon. Test the stitch and fine tune settings. Sew the 5-1/2" x 54" strips from forest green fabric to the top and bottom first, then the sides. After sewing each strip, pull the flat lock stitches flat and press. Trim off excess fabric.
6. Set up the serger for a three thread left needle balanced stitch. Set the stitch length on 2 - 2-1/2, and the width on M - 7.5. Thread the upper and lower looper with gold Candlelight thread. Thread the needle with all-purpose forest green thread. Test the stitch and fine tune settings. Place the wrong sides of the table topper and the 46" square of forest green fabric together. Lay pieces flat and pin together. Serge the edges trimming off excess fabric. Use a double-eyed needle to pull the serge chain into the stitch.

Tassels:

1. Thread the needle with gold rayon thread to coordinate with the gold candlelight. Change the serger to narrow hemming. Set the stitch length on 1-1/2, and the stitch width on "M". Do not tighten the lower looper. Leave it set for a balanced hem.
2. Serge several yards of the thread chain. Wrap serger chain around a 4" piece of cardboard. The more you wrap, the fuller the tassel will be.
3. With a separate piece of chain, tie the top threads together. Trim the bottom threads. Then tie another chain approximately an 1" from the top. Experiment with the first. When the desired look is achieved, construct three more just like the first!