

Cocktail Napkins

Prior to washing:

A. Fold the tea towel in half lengthwise and iron a hard crease. Mark this center line.

B. With pins, mark $\frac{3}{8}$ " on either side of the center line. Also, use pins to mark $\frac{3}{8}$ " from each selvedge. **Carefully remove one or two warp threads at each pin (red dashed line.)**

C. Measure the width between the missing warp threads on one side. Using this measurement, mark this same distance plus $\frac{3}{4}$ " from one end of the tea towel. Mark this with a pin (blue dashed line).

D. With pins, mark $\frac{3}{8}$ " on either side of this horizontal (blue) line. Also mark $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the end of the towel. (horizontal red dashed lines)

E. Carefully remove one or two weft threads at each pin. You will need to carefully cut the weft threads at the selvages to allow them to pull out.

F. Using these same measurements, mark another pair of napkins and repeat steps D & E. If there is enough fabric, a third pair can be marked.

G. Using a very small zigzag stitch on a sewing machine, sew around each napkin two times using the missing threads as the outer edge of your stitching (red dashed lines.) It is easier to remove remaining warp and weft threads after sewing if you don't run the zigzag stitch between napkins.

H. When all napkins have been zigzagged twice around, carefully cut halfway between each napkin.

I. Remove the remaining warp and weft outside each napkin in order to create a short fringe around the napkin. Trim all fringes to same length.

J. Wash and dry napkins.

K. Fold and iron in quarters.

