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# [Scrappy Pumpkin Table Runner Tutorial \(Part 1\)](#)

This tutorial shows you how I made the table runner shown. Parts of the design can be adapted to what you would like your finished table runner to look like.

- Make your pumpkin scrappy, or plan a pattern with your squares.
- Choose which stem type you like better, or one of each.
- Use as many leaves, or as few as you like in as many different prints and sizes as you want. Then place them wherever looks best to you.
- Make your table runner shorter or longer by adjusting the height of the middle sashing.

I hope that you find this tutorial easy to follow, and I would love to see a picture of your finished table runner. As always, if you have any questions at all please leave a comment in case others have the same question.

### **Scrappy Pumpkin Table Runner Tutorial**



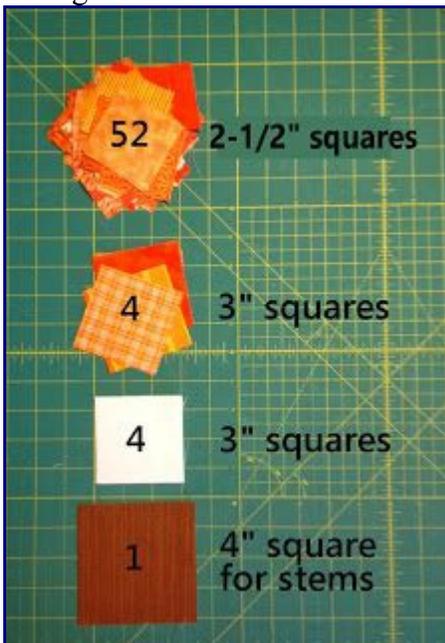
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This finished table runner measures approximately 15-1/2" x 36" before washing. Prewash your fabrics if you don't want the shrinkage.

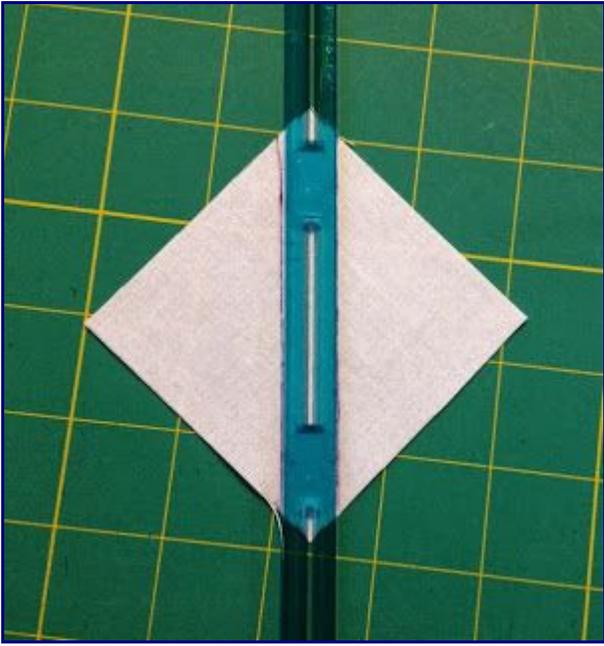
Let's get started. You will need the following pieces of fabric for the pumpkin.



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### MAKING THE PUMPKIN

To make the corner units mark 1/4" line on each side of the diagonal center on a white 3" background square.



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Do this for all four white 3" background squares.



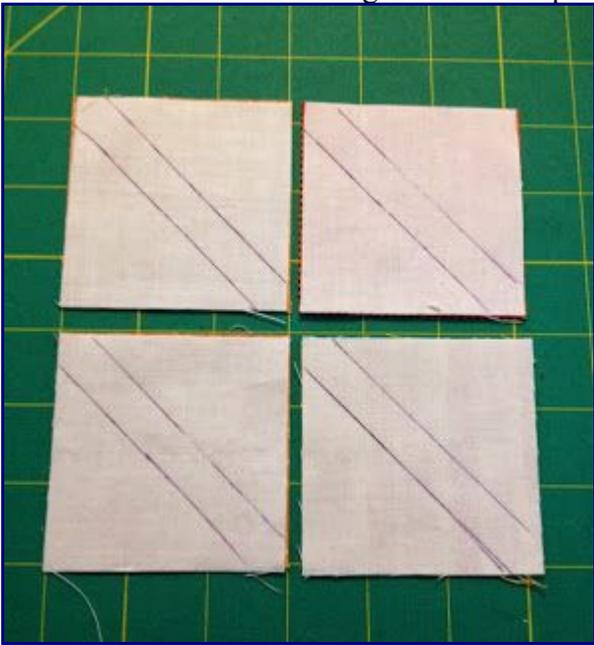
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Place the marked white 3" background square on a right side up printed 3" square.



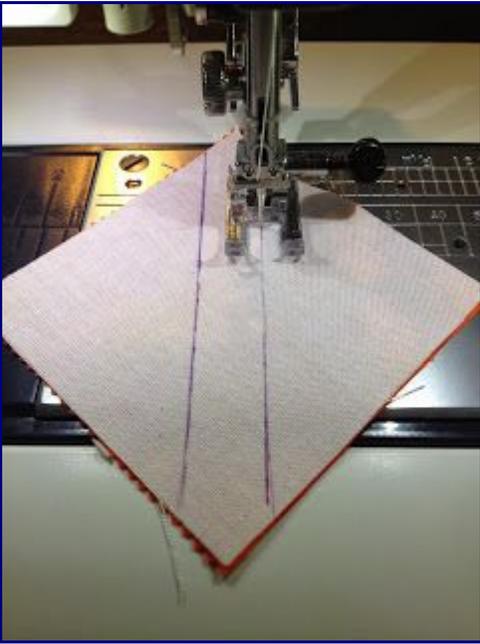
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Do this for all 3" white background and 3" printed squares.



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Sew just off the marked lines towards the center of the square. It's better to trim a little off than for the hst block to end up too small. :) Sew both lines on all four squares.



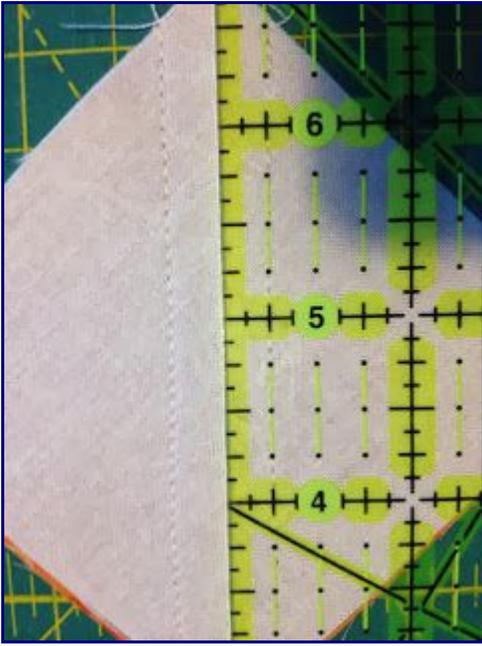
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Press after sewing to make the fabric lay flat.

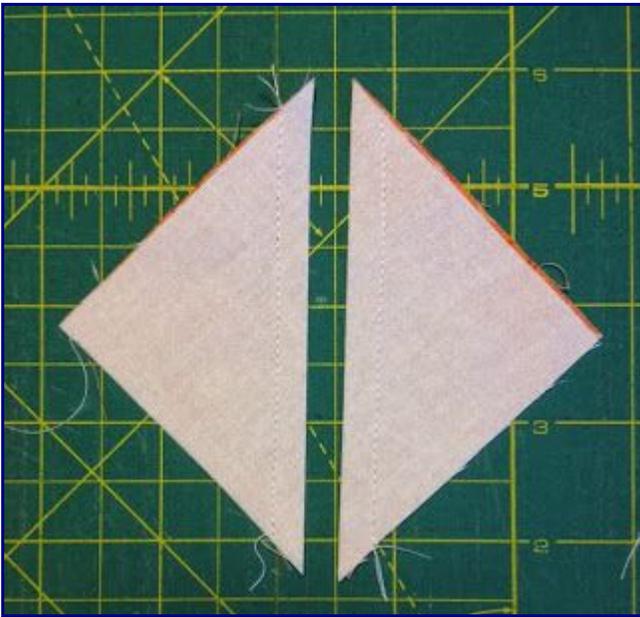


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Place the 1/4" mark of your ruler on either sewn line and cut down the middle.



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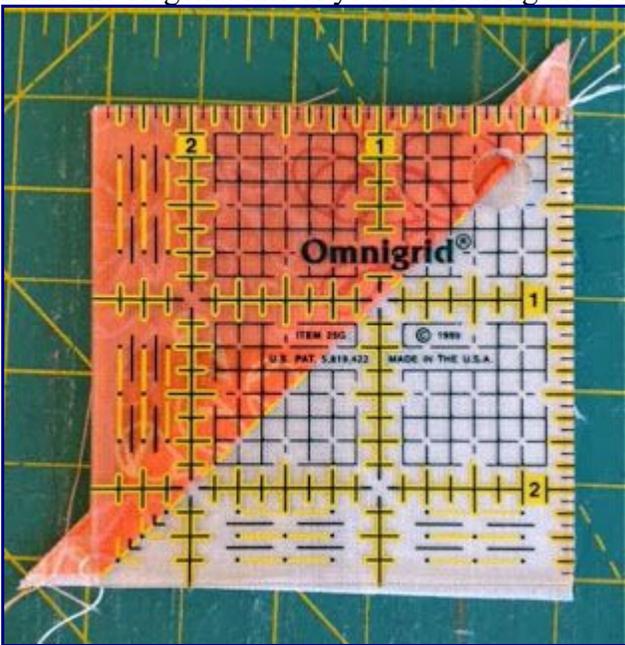
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Press the seam toward the printed fabric.



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Place the diagonal line of your ruler along the seam and trim to 2-1/2" square.



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Lay your 2.5" printed squares and your completed corners as shown.



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Sew squares together to make rows using 1/4" seam allowance.



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Press seams open.



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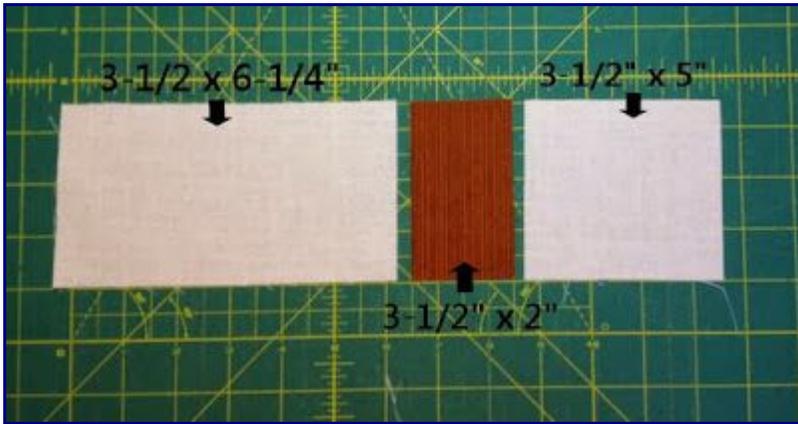
Sew rows together using 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams open. Straighten sides, trimming the block to 10-1/4" x 12-1/4".



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### **MAKING THE STEMS**

For the straight stem you will need the following:



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Sew a white background piece to each side of the stem using 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seams toward the stem.



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Sew the stem section to the top of the pumpkin section using 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam toward the stem section. I turned the block over and pressed the seam open after doing this. It made the block lay much flatter.



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Trim the stem section to be straight with the sides of the pumpkin section if needed. Your block should now measure 13" tall x 12-1/4" wide. It isn't a big deal if it isn't exactly 13" tall because it will all work out in the end.

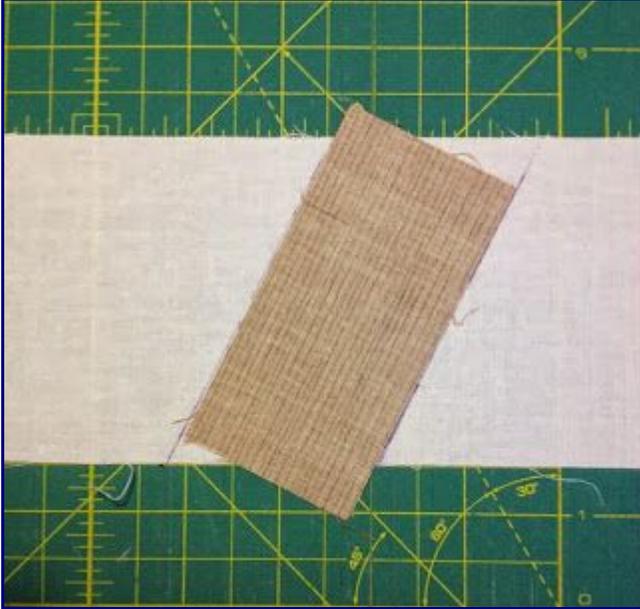


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Let's make the angled stem. I'm sure that there is another way to do this, but this is how I did it with the scrap strips I was using. I didn't want the angled stem section to be the same height as the straight stem section.

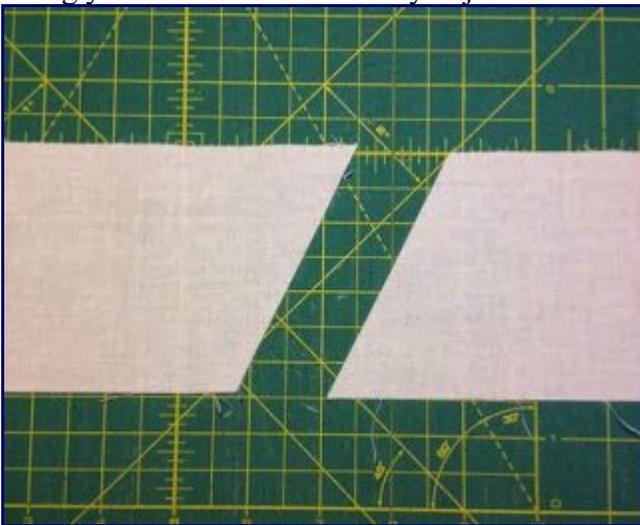
Place the 2" x 3-1/2" stem print at an angle near the horizontal center of a 13" x 3-1/2" strip of white

background fabric. It doesn't have to be perfect, unless you want your stem coming out of the exact center of your pumpkin. Line your ruler up along the right edge of the stem fabric and mark a line on the white background fabric.



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Using your ruler cut on the line you just marked.



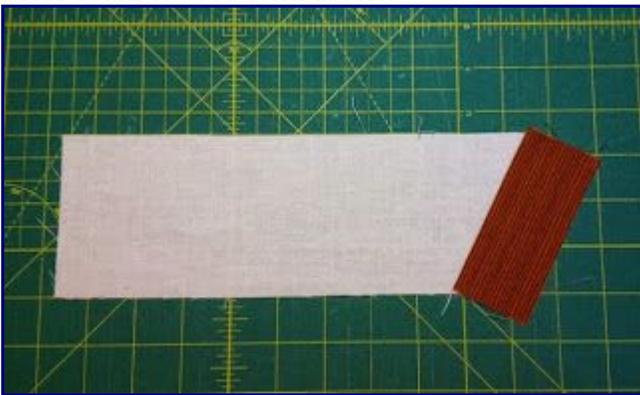
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Line the right edge of your stem fabric up with the left piece of your background strip. Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance.



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Press seam toward stem fabric.



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Line your right background strip up with your left background/stem strip as shown. Place your ruler on the top edge of the stem fabric and mark a line on the background fabric as shown.



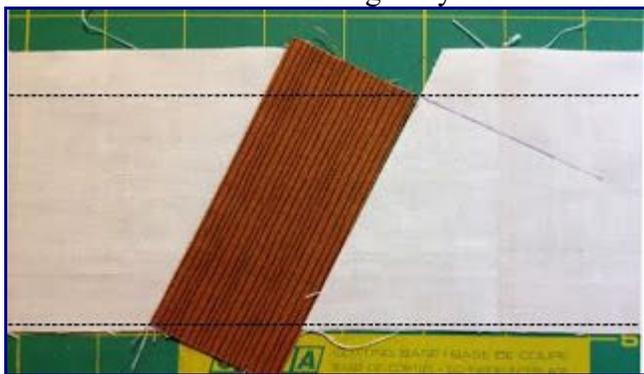
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Place the background/stem strip right side down on top of the right strip, lining the top edge of your stem up on the line you marked in the previous step. Sew together using a 1/4" seam allowance.



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Press seam toward stem print. I forgot to take a picture of this step. Line your ruler up along the bottom edge making sure that the bottom left edge of the stem is at or below the edge of the ruler and trim. Place the 2-3/4" line of your ruler on the cut just made along the bottom. Make sure that it is straight across the bottom. Now you are going to cut across the top making sure that the top right corner of the stem ends at or above the edge of your ruler. Trim the top.



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Your section will now look like this. It should be wider than your pumpkin section is but that allows you to move the section back and forth until you find exactly where you want your stem to be. Sew the stem section to the top of your pumpkin section using 1/4" seam allowance.



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Press seam toward stem, flip block over, and press seam open. Trim the edges of the stem section even with the pumpkin section.

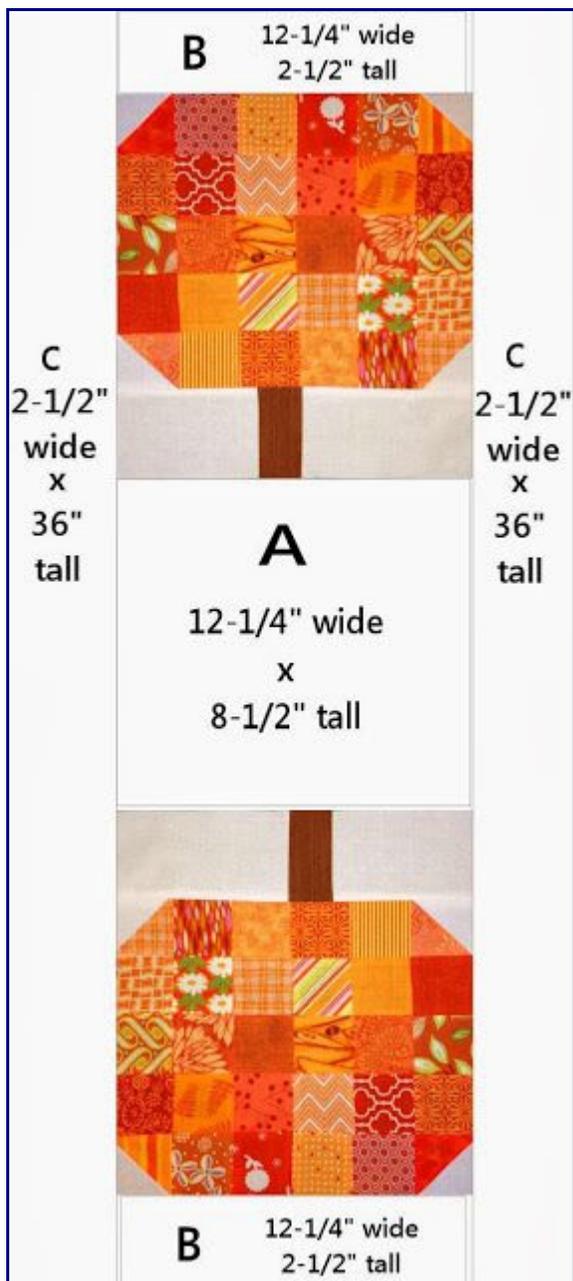
You now have two completed pumpkin blocks. They are not the same height and that is perfectly fine.



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**SASHING AND BORDERS** I wanted my table runner to be approximately 36" long. If you want yours to be shorter or longer then you can make that adjustment to the middle sashing (A).

You will need the following pieces in your background color:



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Sew each pumpkin block to a 12-1/4" side of section A. Press seams toward section A. Sew section B to end of pumpkin block. Repeat for other pumpkin block. Press seams toward B. Sew C to each side and press seams toward C.

I made my quilt sandwich and quilted this part before appliqueing the leaves and embroidering the vines. If you do this the outline of the leaves and the vines will appear on the back of your table runner. If you don't want that on the back then you can applique the leaves and embroider the vines before quilting.

I used Warm and Natural batting because I like the way it shows the quilting but it lays flatter/thinner on the table. I stitched in the ditch horizontally and vertically in the pumpkin squares, then around the entire pumpkin. I did fmq squiggles in the stems. Then I quilted the white background with meandering lines and random looping.



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You can find part two of the tutorial was posted on [Friday, October 11th](#). I hope you have enjoyed the tutorial.



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# Scrappy Pumpkin Table Runner Tutorial (Part 2)

I listed this tutorial as a [free pdf pattern](#) on Craftsy. The templates for the leaves are included in the free pattern. I can't figure out a way to include the leaf templates here so if you don't have a Craftsy account you can e-mail me and I will send you the pdf. Please indicate if you want the file of the tutorial including leaf templates, or just the file with the leaf templates.

### **LEAVES**

If you are using three different prints for your leaves, you will need the following sizes.



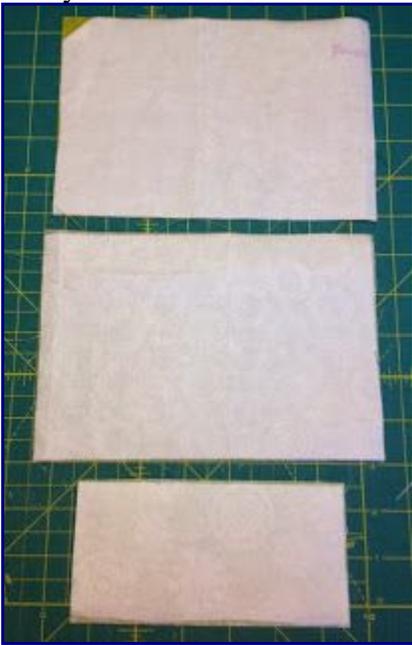
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I used Heat n Bond lite iron-on adhesive for my leaves. I like how well it sticks, and that it is super easy to sew through.



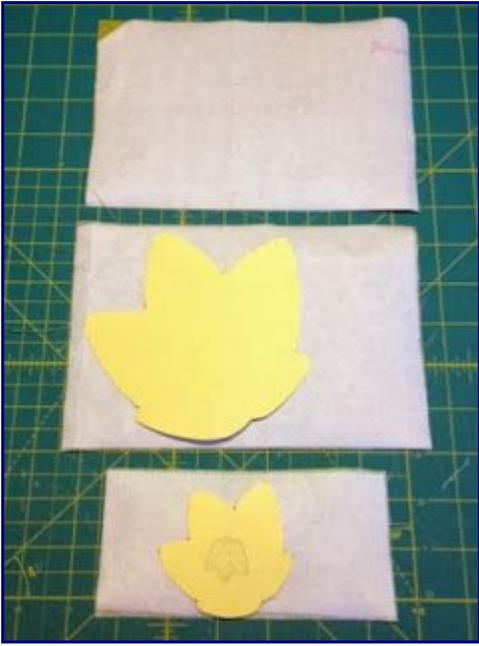
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Iron your adhesive to the backs of your leaf prints as instructed on your adhesive packaging.

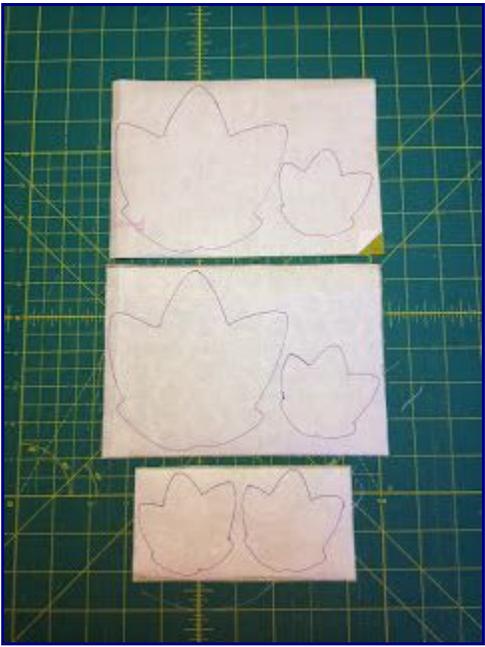


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Using your leaf templates mark the outlines on the adhesive backing paper.



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Cut your leaves out carefully using sharp, pointed scissors.



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Place the leaves in the position you prefer and iron onto table runner. Stitch leaf veins onto each of your leaves. I fmq the veins on this table runner.



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Stitch around the outside edge of each leaf.



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I did the stitch backwards on a few to change up the look.



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## VINES

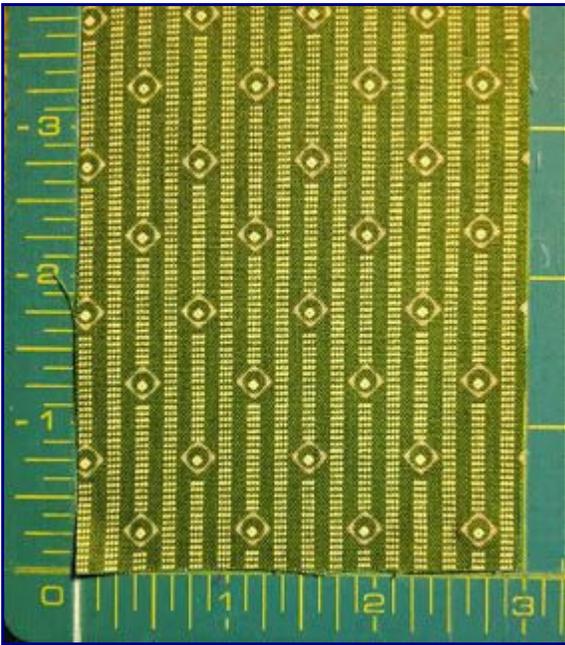
Stitch vines using any decorative stitch on your machine.



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### **BINDING**

Cut binding 3" wide x 55" long. You can join several pieces of fabric together using one of the methods below.



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For a straight joining. Join two pieces right sides together with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam open.



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For an angled joining. Place strips as shown right sides together.



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Using your ruler mark a line diagonally on the print facing down.



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Sew just off the line you marked on the side closest to the outside corner.



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Using the line you just sewed, trim to 1/4" seam.



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Press seam open.



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Making binding after joining. Fold in half wrong sides together and iron flat.



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Sewing binding to table runner. Place beginning of binding about halfway down any side of your runner. I started on a short side. The open end of your binding will be along the edge of the runner. Start sewing approximately five inches from the beginning of your binding. You will need this part of the binding loose to join at the end.



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Sew using a generous 1/4" seam.



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Stop sewing approximately 1/4" from the corner and backstitch a couple of stitches. Cut thread.



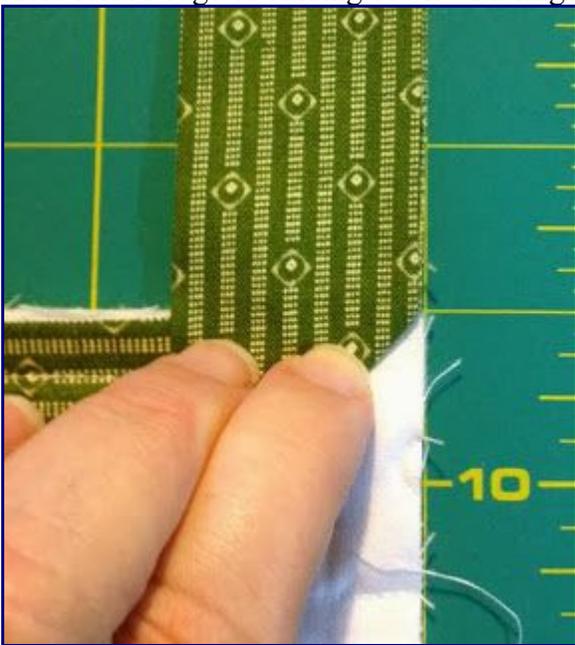
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Flip binding up so that it is even with the edge of the table runner you are going to sew next. Press down with fingers.



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Hold folded edge of binding down with fingers, and fold it down.



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Make sure that your binding is lined up along the side and top of your table runner. Start sewing at the top. Remember to backstitch a few stitches. Continue sewing down each side and each corner this way until after you turn the last corner.



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After turning the last corner sew down stopping 5" from end of binding. Backstitch and cut threads.



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Fold the beginning binding over 2.5". There should be approximately 2.5" under that is not sewn down.



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Place the ending piece of the binding on top of the folded over beginning piece of binding.



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Place your ruler on top of the ending piece of binding and snug it up to where the beginning piece is folded. You are going to make a mark on the ending binding along the edge made by the folded piece underneath.



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Carefully lift up the ending piece and the beginning piece. Make a mark in the crease of the beginning piece of binding.



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Keeping the sides of the binding together, pull the table runner out of the way and place binding under presser foot. Make sure that the lines on each side are lined up. Use pins if you need to. It's very important they stay lined up. Sew on the line. Backstitch at the beginning.



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Lay the binding down on the table runner and make sure that it is the exact length needed.



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Trim seam allowance to 1/4" and press seam open.



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Start sewing binding about 1/2" before the end of your last stitching line. Backstitch at beginning. Sew binding down ending about 1/2" after you start sewing onto the stitch line you made when you first started sewing binding on. Backstitch and cut thread.



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Fold binding over to the back side of table runner and secure with pins or clips. I like my binding to be just above the stitch line made from sewing the binding to the front. It not only serves as a guide, but it is easier to hand stitch.



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If your mitered corners don't look quite right try folding the back corner the opposite direction.



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Sew your binding down and enjoy your new table runner.



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