

# Sharman's Sewing Centers

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Sewing Club – May 2020 (the Facebook Edition)

## Summer Cookout Out Time



### Fabric Basket with pockets

We are going to take the Fabric Basket that we made last month and add some pockets to the lining – now you have a basket to hold napkins and plastic wear for your picnic and cookouts this summer (or go ahead and plan for Halloween & Christmas parties too!!)

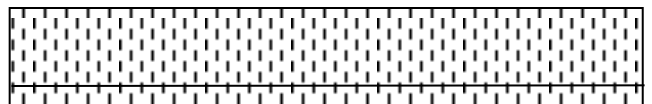
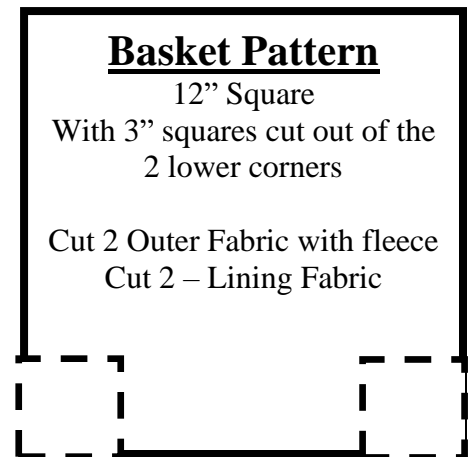


### Supplies Needed:

- ✓ 3/8 yd – Cotton Fabric – outer body
- ✓ 3/8 yd – Cotton Fabric – Lining
- ✓ 1/3 yd (12" x wof) – Cotton Fabric - Pocket
- ✓ 3/8 yd Soft and Stable™ or 3/4 yd Fusible Fleece
  - (Or optional insulated batting to keep items hot or cold)
- ✓ Optional – Pellon™ Pattern Ease™ to make a pattern for multiple use
- ✓ Thread to coordinate

### Sewing Steps:

1. Fuse 2 layers of the fleece to the wrong side of the Outer Fabric. If you would like to grid quilt, try your had a decorative stitches or practice free motion – here is a great time to do so. Because this is fused – you don't have to quilt – just a nice touch. But you will need 2 layers for body or use 1 layer of Soft and Stable™ to help hold the basket shape
2. If you would like to make a pattern out of Pattern Ease™ – this will make it easier for multiple projects – you can.
3. If you prefer to embroidery or monogram – BEFORE you cut out the project to allow for shrinkage – with a fabric marker – draw the pattern onto the outer fabric – embroidery – press – then cut out.
4. You will want to cut 2 – Outer Fabrics and cut 2 Lining Fabrics out of the Basket Pattern or measurements.
5. Take the 12" x wof strip of pocket fabric and sew the long sides – right sides together. Turn right sides out.
6. Press Flat - where the seam on about 1/2"-1" away from fold – this way you don't have to try to press on the seam.

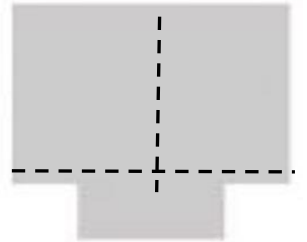


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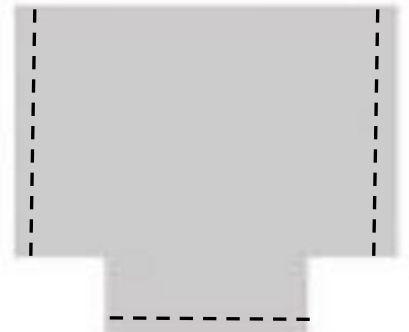
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7. On the Lining Right side- draw a line  $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from the notched area and mark the center either with a line or press in half.
8. Cut off the selvages to pocket piece.
9. The bottom of the pocket is going to be on the bottom line – starting at one side – stitch the short side of the pocket in place – turn and start across the bottom. About half way before you get to center – add a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pleat and stitch down. At center – turn and go up the pocket and then back down to divide the pocket in half. Add another pleat on the other side of center about the same place. (no one is going to measure if the pleats are perfect – just eye it). Stitch down the rest of the bottom of the pocket – and baste closed the short side.



10. Cut off excess pocket fabric.
  11. Repeat with the rest of the pocket fabric on the other lining piece.
  12. Place outer fabrics right sides together and stitch the 2 side seams and the bottom edge. Repeat for the Lining – just leave approximately 2" opening in the lower wide or bottom for turning. Press
  13. On each of the "Notched out" corners – bring the seams together and stitch for box off the corners. Press
  14. Match the open top edges – right sides together and stitch all the way around
  15. Turn the project thru the opening in the lining
  16. Press Well.
  17. Stitch the opening closed in the lining
  18. For this bag – we rolled the lining over about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and topstitched down
- Fill with Napkins, plasticware, water bottles – etc



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## Serger Cloth Napkins

*Have fun for the holidays and use assorted prints for your napkins – that way of you need to add more or replace – nothing has to match – just coordinate!!! Great use for a Fat Quarter Bundle or Collection*

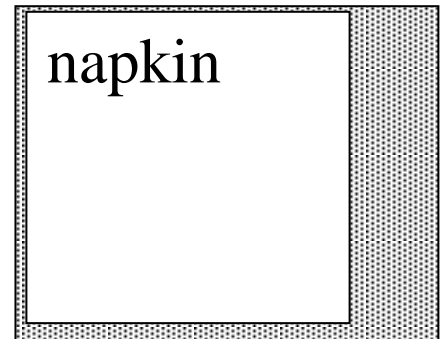
### Supplies Needed:

- ✓ 1 yd for every 4 napkins you want single sided or 1 Fat Quarter for each napkin
- ✓ For reversable napkins – you will need to double the above fabric
- ✓ 1 spool of Wooly Poly® to Coordinate (2 for wave stitches)
- ✓ 2 spools of serger or sewing thread to match or coordinate (1 for wave stitching)
- ✓ Fray Check® or Fray Block®
- ✓ Serger with Rolled Hem capabilities

### Sewing Steps:

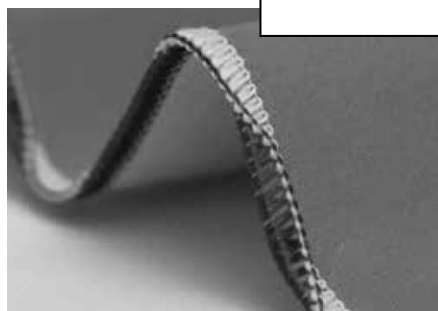
1. Cut napkins to approximately 18" square (you may prefer larger or smaller) **Tip – when cutting the fat quarter – cut from the corner – to leave a strip along one edge for next project.**
2. Set serger for 3 threads narrow – you will want the Wooly Poly® on the upper looper and coordinating thread on the needle and lower looper. Follow your machine instructions for set up for a rolled hem.
3. With the right sides of the fabric facing up - Roll Hem each side of your napkin – do not try to turn corners – just go off the edge and start a new side. Because of the angle of the front of the serger foot – you do not have to lift the presser foot for fabric to get picked up by the feed dogs – like your sewing machine. This will allow you the just slide the next piece in and keep serger. You will find trimming the edge slightly will clean up the edges and give you a nice rolled hem.
4. When you are finished – BEFORE YOU CLIP THE EXTRA THREADS OFF THE ENDS – add Fray Check or Fray Stop to the corner threads. Let Dry – then clip excess threads off.

If you want reversable napkins – just put the 2 squares – wrong sides together and serger them together.



**If you have a Baby Lock Serger with their patented Wave Rolled Hem – this is a great time to use it. This will allow for a 2 color rolled hem**

Place Contrasting colors of Wooly Poly in both loopers and Regular thread in the needle. Follow the instructions with your machine for set up



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## Star Spangled Table Runner

This is a great project to use you scraps of Red, White and Blue Fabrics. You can alter the size pretty easy for your table or if you want to use as a wall hanging.

### **Supplies Needed:** (approximate size 16" x 40")

Scraps of Red, White and Blue Fabrics

½ yd fabric for back of Table Runner

½ yd fabric for binding (optional – you could sew and turn if do not want to bind)

¼ yd Steam a Seam Lite®

Scrap of Fusible Batting

Scrap of Tear Away Backing

18" x 45" piece of batting

### **Sewing Steps:**

1. Cut red and white scraps into 2 ½" strips – and different lengths from 3" – 8" long (can vary to scraps – cut longer pieces shorter for a scrappier effect)
2. Sew the Red pieces – end to end to each other – randomly alternating prints – you could get creative and piece on the 45 degree – but will take longer and might take a little planning to get all the same directions. You will need approximately 120" red strip

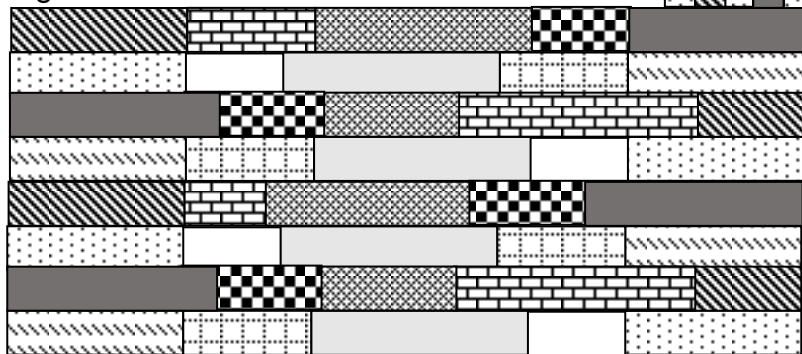


3. Do the same with the white

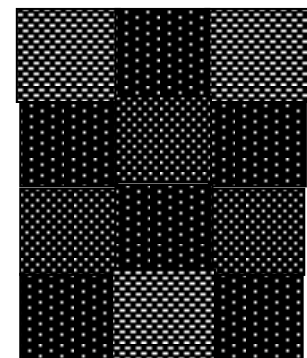
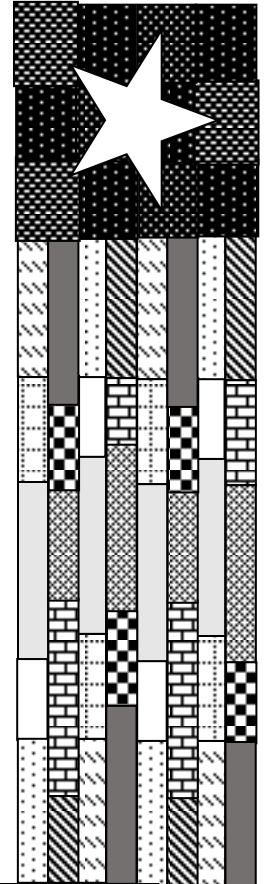


4. Cut each the Red and the White into 4 – 28" lengths each

5. Alternate sewing the red strips and white strips together lengthwise. Press. (for a Texas Flag – sew all the reds together and the whites together to form 2 big stripes instead of 8 smaller ones.



6. Cut 12 – 4 ½" Blue Squares
7. Sew together 3 – across and 4 down. Press
8. Add to one end of the stripe piece. Press.
9. Enlarge star pattern for 1 big star or several smaller stars.
10. Trace Star pattern onto grid side of steam a seam lite®.
11. Fuse a piece of the fusible batting to the wrong side of the white fabric that will become the star applique. This will pad the star and keep the blue fabric and the seams from showing thru.
12. Remove the paper backing on the side of fusible that is not drawn



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on – and stick to the wrong side of a white fabric with fleece. Press

13. Cut star out

14. Remove paper backing and place star or stars on blue area where desire. Press

15. Place Tear Away Stabilizer on wrong side of fabric – behind the applique. Applique stars as desire with a Satin Stitch or a Blanket Stitch. Remove Tear Away stabilizer when done.

16. Layer Top, Batting and Back Fabric and quilt as desired

17. Bind Project

Enjoy!!

