

Embellished Towels



Spruce up your bathroom decor with towels embellished to show off your personal style. A bright border and beautiful embroidery add style and pizzazz to any store-bought towel -- you can mix and match designs and fabric prints for any theme, color scheme, or decor.

Project Needs and Notes

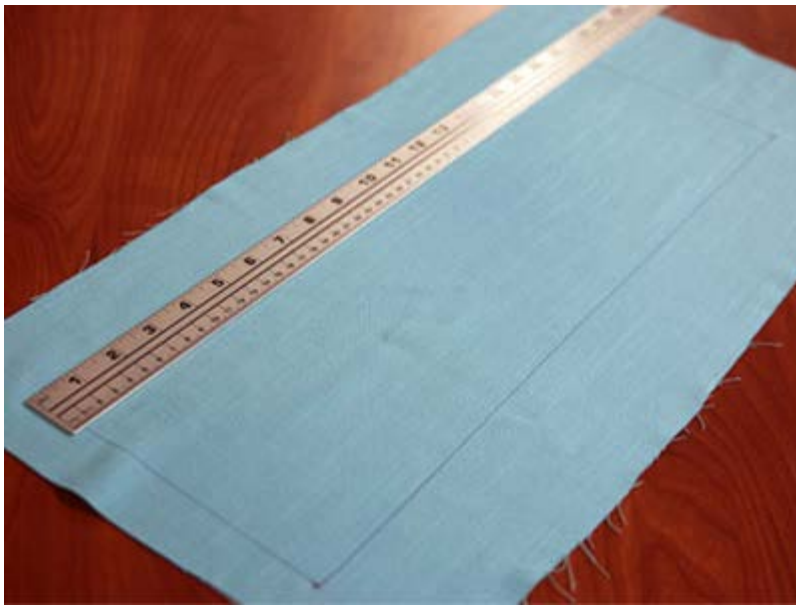
- Hand towel or bath towel
- 1/4 yard solid-colored cotton fabric (quilter's cotton)
- 1/4 yard print cotton fabric (quilter's cotton)
- Air-erase pen
- Medium weight cutaway stabilizer
- Cutting mat and rotary cutter
- Seam ripper

The design used in this tutorial is:
[M11022, Doodle Friendly Snowman](#)

Note: This project uses a hand towel, but you can use any size towel you like with this tutorial.



Start by measuring the width of the towel -- this is a hand towel that measures 16" wide.



Using an air-erase pen, draw a rectangle on a piece of quilter's cotton.

To allow for the fabric to wrap around the side edges of the towel, add 3" to the width.

Therefore a 19" x 6 1/2" rectangle is drawn.



A template, or printout of a design, is an excellent tool to help with placement.

Print a template of the design from your embroidery software.

If you do not have embroidery software, [Wilcom's TrueSizer](#) is a free program to use.

Center the template within the shape with equal distances between the center point and the edges of the shape.

Mark the center point and the horizontal and vertical axis lines.



Hoop the fabric with one piece of cutaway stabilizer, lining up the marks on the fabric with the marks on the hoop.

Attach the hoop to the machine and load the design. Move the hoop so the needle is right over the center point.

Embroider the design.



After embroidering, trim the excess stabilizer away from the back.



Cut out the shape.



To prepare the fabric for the top and bottom trim, cut two pieces of print cotton fabric using the same width measurement you used for the embroidered piece.

The trim shown here is 19" x 2 1/4".



Place the trim pieces on top of the embroidered piece, right sides together.

Align them with the top and bottom edges of the fabric and pin in place.

Sew a 1/4" seam along the top and bottom edges of the embroidered piece.



Press the seams with an iron.



Fold the top and bottom trim, wrong sides together, with 1 1/4" extending to the back.

Press the folds.



Lay the towel flat with the wrong side facing up.

Use a seam ripper to open the seams along the sides up about 8" from the bottom corners.



Flip the towel over to the right side and place the fabric on top aligning the bottom edge of the fabric with the bottom edge of the towel.

Center the fabric on the towel and pin in place.



Wrap the ends of the fabric around to the back of the towel and trim the fabric leaving about 1/4" excess.



Tuck the end of the fabric under the towel seam and pin in place.

Sew a 1/8" seam along each side.

Also, top stitch 1/8" to the inside edge of the seam along the top and bottom of the fabric.



A matching hand and bath towel creates an entire bathroom makeover! Plus, they're a fantastic gift for any occasion.



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