

# Napkin Pocket Placemat



Embroidered napkin pocket placemats are a fast way to personalize placemats in a fun and colorful way, and bring a decorative touch to holiday and seasonal table settings.

Read on for project instructions to make your own festive embellished placemats!

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## Supplies Needed:

\*\*Placemat (mine measures 18 1/2" wide by 13" high)

\*\*1/4 yard cotton fabric (I used twill)

\*\*Temporary spray adhesive

\*\*Medium weight cutaway stabilizer

\*\*Air-erase pen

\*\*Small piece of fabric for applique (optional)

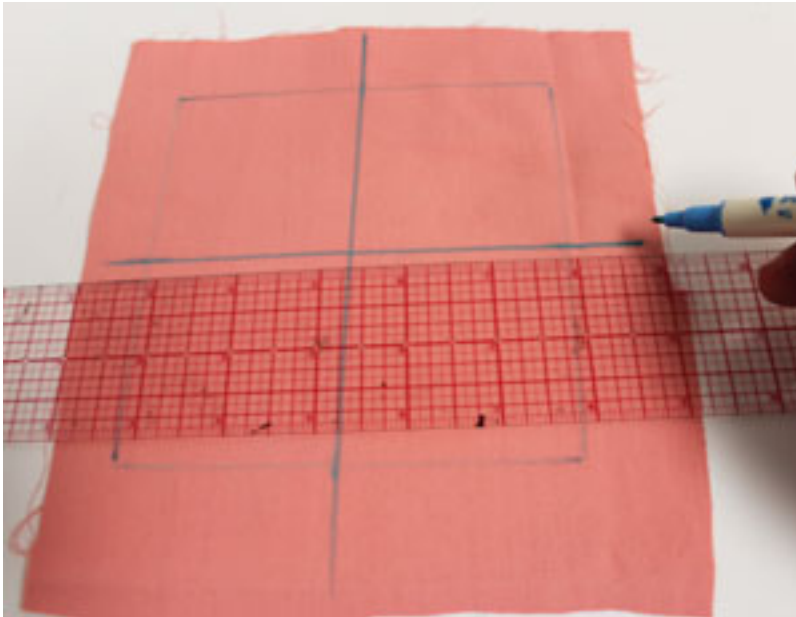


### Designs Used:

I chose to embroider applique designs on the pockets -- but you can choose any designs you like! I used the [Easter Bunny Face \(Applique\)](#) and the [Flower \(Applique\)](#). Visit the [Applique department](#) for lots of cute applique designs to choose from.

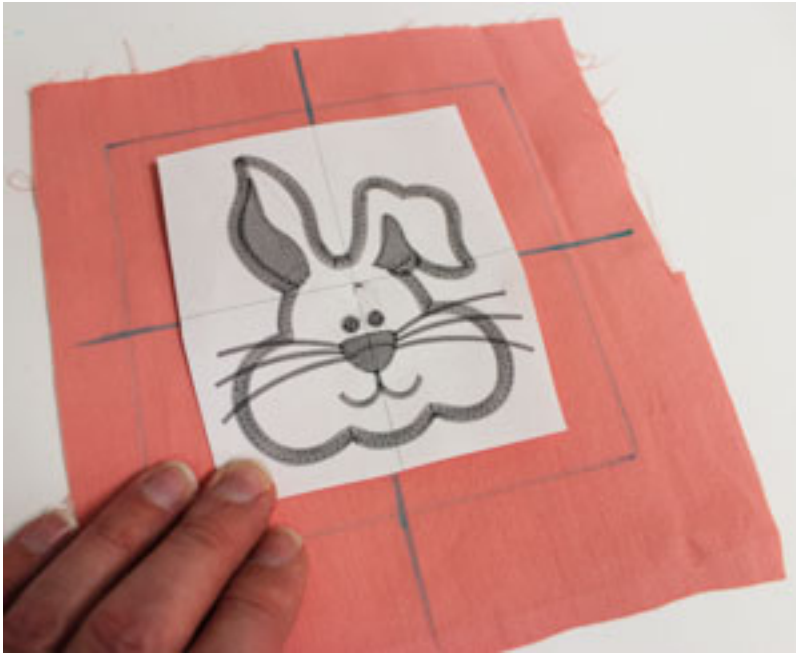
Designs from the [Australian Wildflowers Design Pack](#) and from the [Vintage Butterflies in Bloom Design Pack](#) would be also be lovely on napkin pocket placemats! For a different look, visit the designs in the [Food and Wine department](#) for lots of tasty options.

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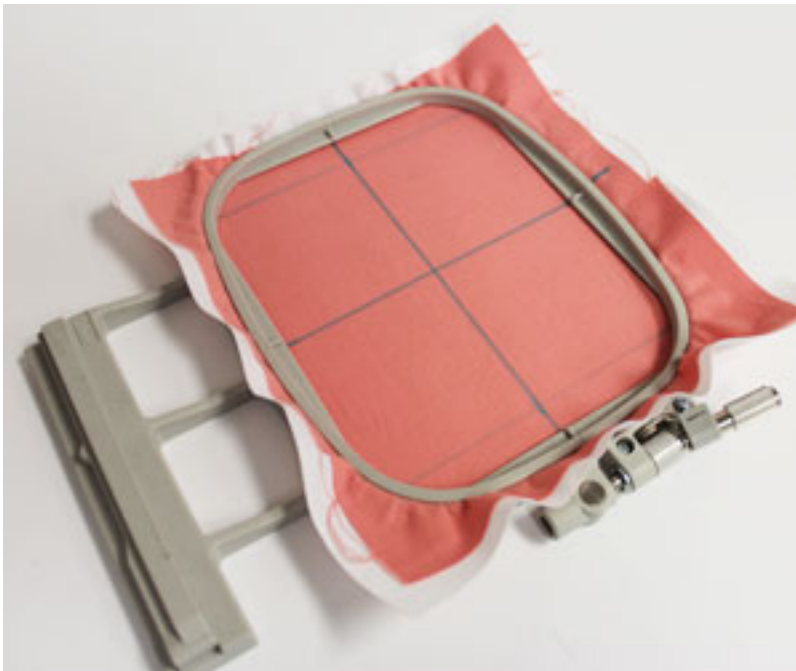
First, to prepare the fabric for the front of the pocket, using an air-erase pen or other marking tool draw a 5" wide by 5" high square on the fabric. Leave a couple of inches of excess fabric around the shape. Measure and mark the center of each side of the shape and draw lines connecting the marks; where the lines meet is the exact center of the shape.

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Create a paper template of the design. See these [handy instructions](#) for more information about making and using templates. Poke a hole in the center of the template and align it with the center point on the fabric. Make sure the design fits well within the shape. There should be at least 1/2" of space between the outer edges of the design and the edges of the shape.

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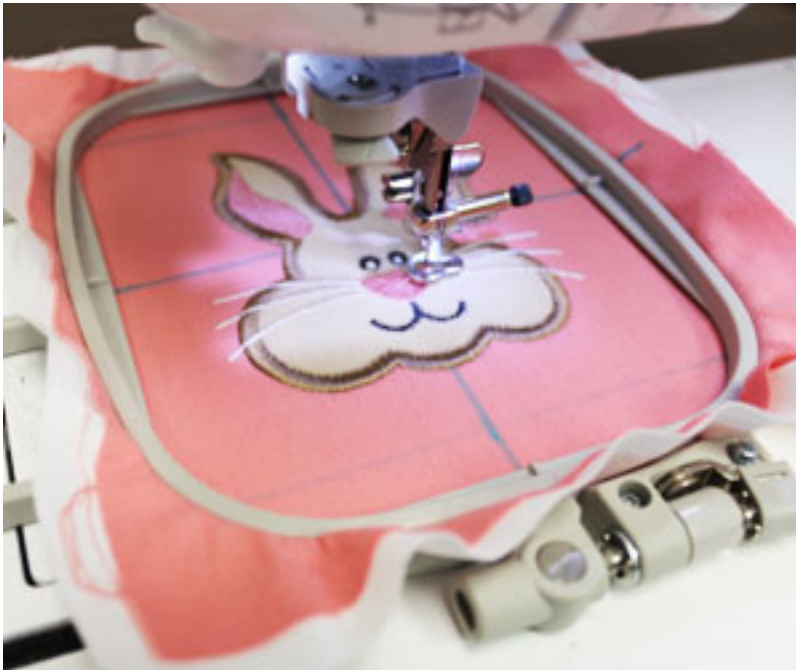
Remove the template and spray a piece of medium weight cutaway stabilizer with temporary adhesive and smooth the fabric on top. Hoop the fabric and stabilizer together by aligning the marks on the hoop with the lines on the fabric.

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If you are embroidering an applique design like I did, [click here for more information on how to embroider applique.](#)

Layer the fabric, stabilizer, and paper template together, and cut out the fabric shape.



Attach the hoop to the machine and load the design. Move the hoop so that the needle is directly over the center point on the fabric. Embroider the design.





When the design has finished, cut out the shape. I left the stabilizer on the backside of the embroidery to give the fabric more support.



Next, to prepare the back fabric, lay the embroidered front piece on top of the fabric, right sides together, pin in place, and cut out the shape. Sew a 1/4" seam along the side and top edges only. Leave the top edge open for turning. Turn the fabric right side out and press the seams with an iron. Then, turn the fabric of the opening in 1/4" and press. Top stitch a 1/8" seam along the entire outer edge of the fabric.



Center the square along the right edge of the placemat, right side facing up. Center the square from top to bottom by measuring equal distances between the top edge of the square and the top edge of the placemat and the bottom edge of the square and the bottom edge of the placemat.

Also, position the right edge of the square at least 1/2" from the outer right edge of the placemat. Pin the square in place along the right edge and sew a 1/8" seam along the existing seam on the right edge only.



Bend the square up so that there is a 3 1/2" space between bottom corners (keep the left edge of the square straight). Pin the square in place along the left edge and sew a 1/8" seam along the existing seam on the left edge only. Insert the napkin through the pocket and your placemat is complete!



Make a matching set of napkin pocket placemats, or create individual place settings with lots of different designs. Either way, these placemats are a great way to dress up your table!

[Click here for a printable version of these project instructions.](#)

