

# Simplicity

17" x 53 1/2" Table Runner

"Simplicity" is a pattern you'll use many times. It works with any fabric and since it's reversible, you get two looks. Let the fabric do the work for you and dress up your table season after season.

## Materials Needed

Choose two contrasting fabrics 42" to 45" in width that compliment each other. We've used Brenda Riddle's beautiful Moda Linen that's 70% cotton and 30% linen. It's a wonderful quality. When we washed it, we found it only shrank about 1/4" to 1/2". If you plan on laundering your table runner, you may want to pre-wash the fabric.

1 yard Linen Grey Check  
1 yard Linen Grey Floral

Sewing thread to match fabric

For gathering the linen ruffle you'll need a heavy thread: 1 1/2 yds Pearl Cotton or 12 wt thread or a heavy duty thread in the top and bobbin of your machine. If you are using a cotton fabric, use a sewing thread to match your fabrics.

We've used the pearl cotton and a zig zag stitch to gather our ruffle. This is easy if your machine has a wide zig-zag stitch. If it doesn't, I've included machine gathering instructions using the heavy duty thread.

## Cutting Instructions

From the check fabric:

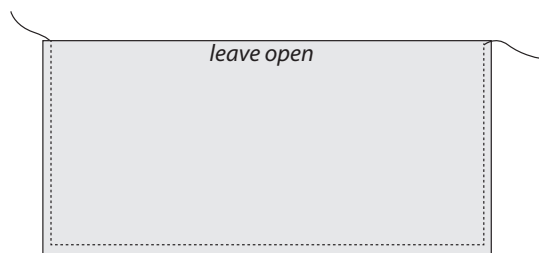
Cut 1 strip for the runner, 18" x 42"  
Cut 2 strips for the ruffle, 7" x 31"

From the floral fabric:

Cut 1 strip for the runner, 18" x 42"  
Cut 2 strips for the ruffle, 7" x 31"

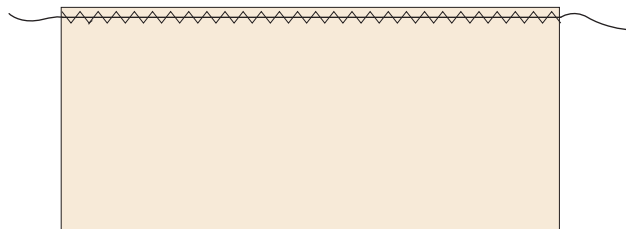
## Ruffle

Place 1 check and 1 floral ruffle fabric right sides together. Machine stitch around 3 edges of ruffle, 1/4" from each edge, leaving top edge open. Backstitch at beginning and end. Turn ruffle right side out and press.



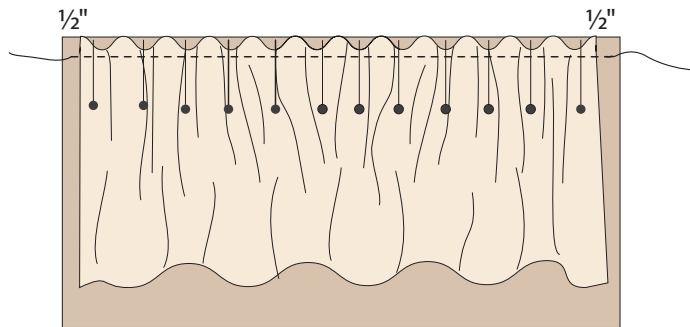
To gather using pearl cotton or 12 wt thread follow the instructions below:

Place pearl cotton thread approximately 1/2" down from top edge of ruffle. Using a wide zig zag stitch on your machine, zig-zag over the pearl cotton. Be careful not to catch the pearl cotton in the stitching. Leave ends open for pulling up thread.

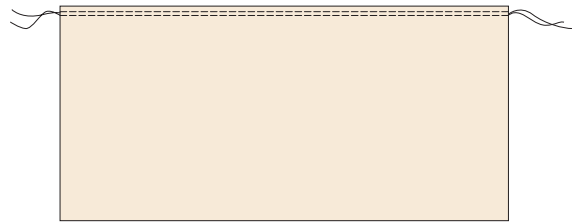


Carefully pull up pearl cotton thread to gather ruffle. Adjust gathers evenly to fit the ends of the runner. Gather ruffle to be 1" smaller than the width of the center runner. Pin the check side of ruffle to the right side of floral center starting 1/2" in from each edge.

Machine stitch ruffle to ends of floral runner fabric using 1/2" seam allowance. Repeat for second ruffle.



If you don't have a machine with a zig zag stitch, change to a heavy duty thread in the top and bottom and machine stitch each ruffle strip, using a long machine stitch, 1/4" down from the top raw edges. Stitch again 1/4" from first row of stitching.



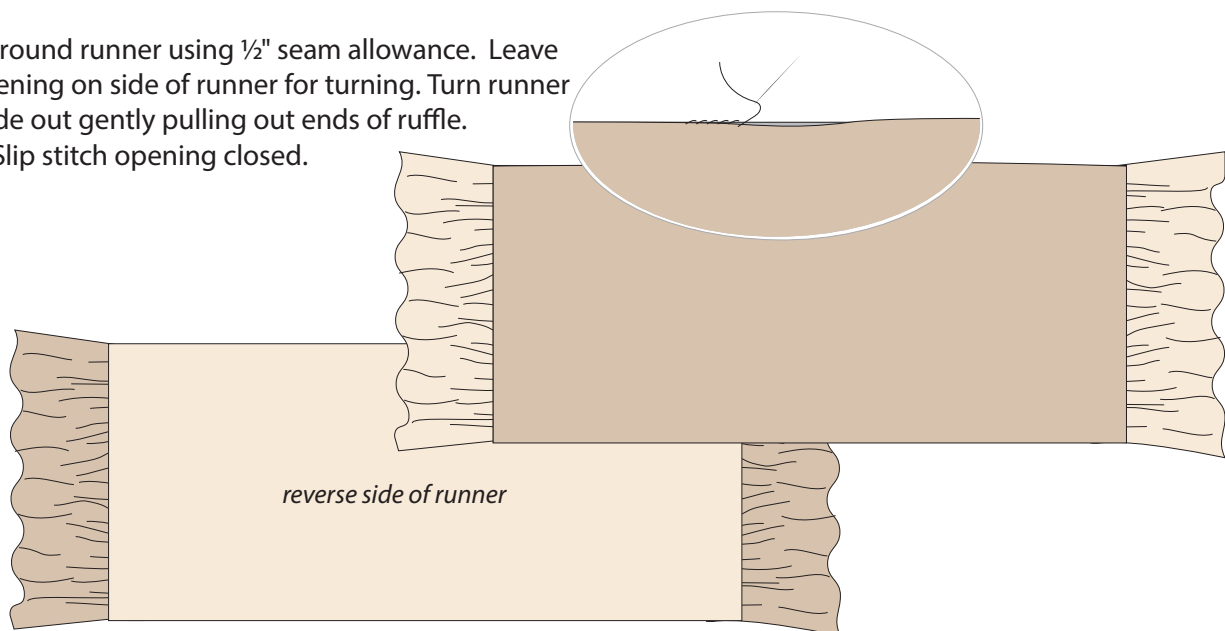
Carefully pull up bobbin threads to gather each ruffle. Adjust gathers evenly to fit the ends of the center runner less 1". Pin the check side of ruffle to the right side of floral center starting 1/2" in from each edge.

Reduce stitch length to 2.5 and machine stitch ruffle to ends of runner using 1/2" seam allowance.

## Runner Assembly

With right sides together and raw edges matching, layer one center runner strip on top of first runner/ruffle strip. Pin in place.

Stitch around runner using 1/2" seam allowance. Leave a 2" opening on side of runner for turning. Turn runner right side out gently pulling out ends of ruffle. Press. Slip stitch opening closed.



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