

## Basic Instructions for Christmas Table Mat/Wall Hanging

### Requirements:

22cm x 27cm background fabric for the front centre panel - I used blue

2 pieces of Christmas fabric 7cm x 27cm for the front side panels.

1 piece backing fabric 27cm x 32cm

Scraps of fabric for your appliqué e.g. Trees, Snowman, Stars, Deer, Sleigh etc. Get ideas from Christmas Cards.

If you want to put a snowman on your table mat - you will need two circles of white fabric one 5cm circumference for the head; one 9cm circumference for his body. A black or brown piece for his top hat and an orange scrap for his nose (shape this like a carrot).

You could also use die-cut shapes e.g. cut with Sissix or Accuquilt.

Sewing cottons to match your fabrics, embroidery threads, beads, buttons, ribbon etc. to embellish your mat.

### Method

1. Pin a strip of Christmas fabric to each short side of the blue fabric, right sides together, and sew using 1cm seams.
2. Carefully press the seams towards the Christmas Fabric.
3. Draw the outline of your appliqué items onto the paper side of Bondaweb, cut this out leaving about 2cm extra round the drawn line.
4. Carefully iron the Bondaweb shapes onto the wrong side of your chosen fabric for that item. Remember to use a piece of baking parchment over the top to keep the iron clean.
5. Now cut out your shapes carefully on the lines you drew.
6. Decide how you wish to arrange your Christmas appliqué shapes on the blue fabric. **Make sure that all shapes are at least 2cm in from the cut edge of the fabric.**
7. Remove the backing paper and carefully iron the shapes into place on the front of your mat fabric, again using a piece of baking parchment over the top to keep the iron clean.
8. Sew around the edges of the Christmas appliqué items as desired, either by machine or by hand. You may also add sequins and/or beads if you wish, or some hand embroidery.

9. Lay the wadding on the table and place the backing fabric on top. Then, place the Christmas layer **face down** on top of this. Carefully pin around the edges.
10. Starting about 2/3 of the way down one side, carefully machine around the edge using a 1cm seam. Stop about 10cm from where you started to leave a gap.
11. Trim the wadding if necessary and across the corners. Be careful not to cut through any stitching.
12. Turn the tablemat right side out, pinning the seam as you turn.
13. Carefully iron the edges, and then hand sew the gap closed.
14. Machine around the edge of the mat, about 1cm in, to give a nice finish.
15. Add any further decoration, embroidery, quilting as desired.
16. If making this as a wall hanging, affix a piece of ribbon to the top.

**Well done - enjoy using your tablemat. If you are feeling creative you could design your own mat for another season in the year or perhaps a Birthday!**

