



## “FIESTA BBQ”



Make placemats, napkins, basket scarf, and aprons for a festive back yard barbeque. It is the perfect touch for Cinco de Mayo, or any summertime parties.

**Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate**

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### **Fiesta Placemats**

#### **Supplies (For a set of two):**

- 1/3 yard of fiesta print cotton fabric
- 3/8 yard of hot chili pepper fabric
- 1/2 yard of green palm fabric
- 1/8 yard of bright yellow cotton fabric
- 1/2 yard of heavy weight non-fusible interfacing
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- All-purpose thread

## Instructions:

### Cut:

Using a rotary cutter, mat, and ruler cut the following:

- Cut 2- 17" x 14" interfacing
- Cut 4- 1.5" x 45" strips of fiesta print fabric; from these four strips, cut 10- 1.5" x 14" strips
- Cut 2- 3" x 45" strips of fiesta print fabric; from these two strips, cut 4- 3" x 14" strips
- Cut 4- 3.25" x 45" strips of hot chili pepper fabric; from these four strips, cut 10- 3.25" x 14" strips
- Cut 2- 17" x 14" rectangles of green palm fabric
- From remaining green palm fabric, cut 6- 1.75" x 14" strips
- Cut 2- 3" x 45" strips of yellow fabric; from these two strips, cut 4- 3" x 14" strips

1. Thread the machine and set it for straight stitch sewing.
2. On left side of interfacing (placemat base), lay one strip of green palm fabric (1.75"x14"), right side facing up. Stitch in place 1/8" from the right edge of fabric strip, through the strip and the interfacing
3. With right sides facing, place fiesta print strip (1.5"x14") on right edge green palm strip, raw edges matching
4. Stitch through all three layers (interfacing and two strips), with a 1/4" seam. Fold back and press the fiesta strip away from the palm strip, so that it now lays flat against the interfacing
5. With right sides facing, place hot chili pepper strip (3.25"x14") on right edge of fiesta print strip, raw edges matching
6. Stitch through all three layers (interfacing and two strips), with 1/4" seam. Fold back and press the hot chili pepper strip away from the fiesta print strip, so that it now lays flat against the interfacing
7. Continue this system until both placemat bases are complete
8. Place 1 green palm placemat backing on top of each of the pieced placemat fronts, right sides facing. Pin along the long edges of the placemats.
9. Stitch 1/4" seams, along the long edge of the placemats. Remove pins, and turn right sides out. Press the placemats.
10. To add fringe, layer fiesta and yellow fabric strips, wrong sides facing. Pin to top of placemat. With the raw edges together, matching the right side of fiesta strip to the right side of placemat.
11. Turn placemat over. Layer chili pepper and fiesta strips, wrong sides facing. Pin to bottom of placemat. Again, with raw edges together and matching the right side of fiesta print facing the right of the palm fabric.
12. Stitch through all 7 layers, 1/4" from raw edges, on both ends of each placemat. Remove pins, fold over, and press the fabric strips away from the placemats. This will sandwich the raw edges of the placemat between the fringe strips.
13. Keep the fringe strips flat by topstitching near the folded edge. Use a decorative stitch and contrasting thread. Stitch through all layers.

14. Rotary cut the ends of the fringe strips even with the placemat.
15. Even the edges of the fringe strips layers with a rotary cut. The fringe strip is now ready to be sliced into fringe.
16. With very sharp shears, cut the fringe strips, on each end of the placemat into fringe. To form fringe cut ¼” segments, through all 4 layers at the same time.

## **Fiesta BBQ Napkins**

### **Supplies (For a set of two):**

½ yard yellow cotton fabric  
½ yard fiesta cotton fabric  
4 yards black cotton fringe  
½ yard black ¼” ribbon  
All-purpose thread

### **Instructions:**

#### **Cut:**

- Cut 2 16 ”x 16 ” fiesta fabric squares
  - Cut 2 16 ”x 16 ” yellow fabric squares
1. Thread the machine and set it for straight stitch sewing.
  2. Working with right sides of the fiesta squares facing up, pin fringe to the edges of each square. Match the raw edge of the fabric and the bound edge of the fringe; the fringe will lie towards the center of the square. Baste the fringe to the squares.
  3. Match the right side of the yellow fabric to the right side of the fiesta fabric for each napkin. Pin edges together.
  4. Stitch a ½” seam, on all four sides of each napkin; leaving a 4” opening on one edge of each napkin.
  5. Clip corners and turn out right side of napkins. Press the napkin edges.
  6. Topstitch close to the edge of each napkin with matching or contrasting thread. To add more excitement to the napkins instead of a standard straight stitch, choose a decorative stitch with contrasting thread. This will help keep the fringe flat and close the 4” opening, as well. Cut 2- 9” lengths of black ribbon. Fold and tie the napkins with the ribbon.

## **20” x 20” Basket scarf**

### **Supplies:**

5/8 yard of hot chili pepper fabric  
5/8 yard of green palm fabric  
2.5 yard of black cotton fringe  
All-purpose thread

## Instructions:

### Cut:

- Cut 1- 21" x 21" square of each printed fabric
1. Thread the machine and set it for straight stitch sewing.
  2. Working with the right of pepper square facing up, pin fringe to the edges of the square. Match the raw edge of the fabric and the bound edge of the fringe; the fringe will lie towards the center of the square. Baste the fringe to the square.
  3. Match the right side of the palm fabric to the right side of the pepper fabric, pin edges together.
  4. Stitch a ½" seam. On all four sides of the scarf; leaving a 4" opening on one edge of the scarf.
  5. Clip corners and turn out right side of scarf. Press the scarf edges.
  6. Topstitch close to the edge of the scarf. Instead of a standard straight stitch, choose a decorative stitch with contrasting thread to add more excitement to the scarf. This will help keep the fringe flat, while closing the 4" opening.
  7. Drape the scarf in a basket; allow the corners of the scarf to fall over the edge.

## Adult BBQ Apron

### Supplies:

Apron pattern: Simplicity 9565  
1 yard fiesta print cotton fabric  
½ yard hot chili pepper fabric  
2 - 1" D-rings  
All-purpose thread

### Instructions:

1. Refer to pattern guide sheet for layout and cutting instructions of apron view C; use fiesta print fabric.
2. Layout and cut pocket and ties from hot chili pepper fabric.
3. Thread the machine and set it for straight stitch sewing.
4. Follow the pattern sewing instructions for view C of apron.
5. To add interest to the apron, select a decorative stitch and contrasting thread for all topstitching applications.

\*For a youth apron reduce fabric yardage to ¾-yard of hot chili pepper fabric and ⅜-yard of fiesta print cotton fabric. Then reduce the apron length and width as necessary to fit child.

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