



Easter Parade Table Runner



This simply sweet table runner is created with just three quilt blocks, bordered by bunnies on parade while using the Baby Lock Destiny II for quilting. Place the runner on the dining room table to decorate your home.

Finished size:

19 1/4" x 37", the measurement is approximate, depending upon the width of the border print selected

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Destiny II sewing and embroidery machine
½ yard of 45" wide pink cotton fabric; blocks and binding
7/8 yard of 45" wide blue fabric; blocks and backing
¼ yard of 45" wide yellow fabric; blocks
1 1/2 yards of multi-row fabric to cut into border strips (design printed lengthwise)
Quilt batting
Madeira sewing and quilting thread
Rotary cutting system and a Companion Angle Ruler
Basic sewing supplies

Cutting:

Blocks (strip-sets):

Cut three strips of the pink, yellow and blue fabric. 2" x WOF

Border 1:

Border fabric

Two strips 5 ½" x 34", side borders

Two strips 5 ½" x 52", side borders

Binding:

Pink fabric

Three strips 2 3/8" x WOF

Instructions:

1. Stitch three strip-sets, using the 2" x WOF strips;
 - a. Pink/yellow/blue
2. Press the seams toward the yellow strips. The strip-sets should measure 5" across when completed.
3. Using the Companion Angle Ruler, cut the strip-sets into triangles. Align the tip of the ruler with the top of a strip-set. The bottom of the strip will align with a solid line on the ruler. Cut on both sides of the ruler for the first triangle. Rotate the ruler so the tip is now pointing down on the strip. Cut again. Continue cutting triangles along the length of the strip-set.
 - a. Cut eight triangles with the tip of the ruler placed in the blue strip
 - b. Cut four triangles with the tip of the ruler placed in the pink strip
4. Next, create the center blocks for the table runner by sewing the triangles together as follows:
 - a. Match the edges of two triangles with blue tips; pin the seam to keep the strips from shifting. Begin stitching at the center of the seam and stitch to the outside edge. Stitch the remainder of the seam from the center outward as well. Remove the pins and press. Stitch all of the triangles together and press.
 - b. Using the same method of matching the edges and pinning, prepare the triangles to be stitched into three blocks. Two with blue centers and one with a pink center. Stitching from the center outward for each block! Press well.
 - c. Take a moment and square-up the edges of the blocks.

5. Stitch the three blocks together, alternating the color combinations. Press the seams.
6. Prepare to add the border strips by locating and marking the centers of each border strip.
7. Stitch the 52" border strips to either side of the table runner blocks, matching the center of the strips to the center of the blocks. Start and stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each end. Press the seams toward the border strips. There will be approximately 6 to 7 inches extra of the border strip, on both ends.
8. Stitch the 34" border strips to each of the remaining sides of the table runner. Start and stop stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each end. Press the seams toward the border strips.
9. Working with one corner at a time, fold both the border strips and the table runner in half diagonally with right sides facing, creating a triangle.
10. Line up the border strips carefully. When the borders are aligned, place a ruler along the border strips and onto the table runner. Mark this angle with a water-soluble marker. Pin the borders together and move to the sewing machine. Stitch along the marked line from the seam to the outer edge of the borders. Unfold the table runner and make sure there are no gaps at the inner corner and that the border lies flat. Press the border and trim the excess to a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
11. Repeat this process for the remaining three corners.
12. The backing fabric requirement is for the table runner being laid selvage to selvage, not lengthwise along the selvage.
13. Layer the table runner top, batting and backing. Baste the layers together.
14. Quilt as desired, either by machine or hand. In the sample, the three center blocks were quilted using the large pattern fills in IQ Designer from the Destiny II sewing and embroidery machine.
 - a. Measure the block.
 - b. In the IQ Designer draw a square the same size as the measurement of the block.
 - c. Select the pattern fill of your choice and fill the inside of the square.
 - d. Save the design and send to the embroidery field.
 - e. Hoop the quilt sandwich so that the first square is centered in the largest hoop.
 - f. Use the Camera to scan the hoop.
 - g. Center the design over the quilt sandwich square.
 - h. Embroider the design.
 - i. Repeat for the two remaining squares.
15. Bind the table runner.
16. Make a label and stitch it to the back of the table runner.

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