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Country Denim Place Mats



These fun, denim place mats will give your kitchen a real down-home feel. They're easy to make and fun to accessorize with bandanna napkins. Perfect for a picnic, they make wonderful gifts, too. Make them to keep or share with your friends.

Necessary Supplies:

For four 19" x 13" finished place mats

1 yard of denim fabric

Denim Needle, size 90/14

Coats Extra Strong for Jeans thread

Serger thread

1/4"-wide Steam-A-Seam 2 from The Warm® Company

Four colorful bandannas (napkins)

Chalk marking pencil

Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat

White overlock machine (optional)



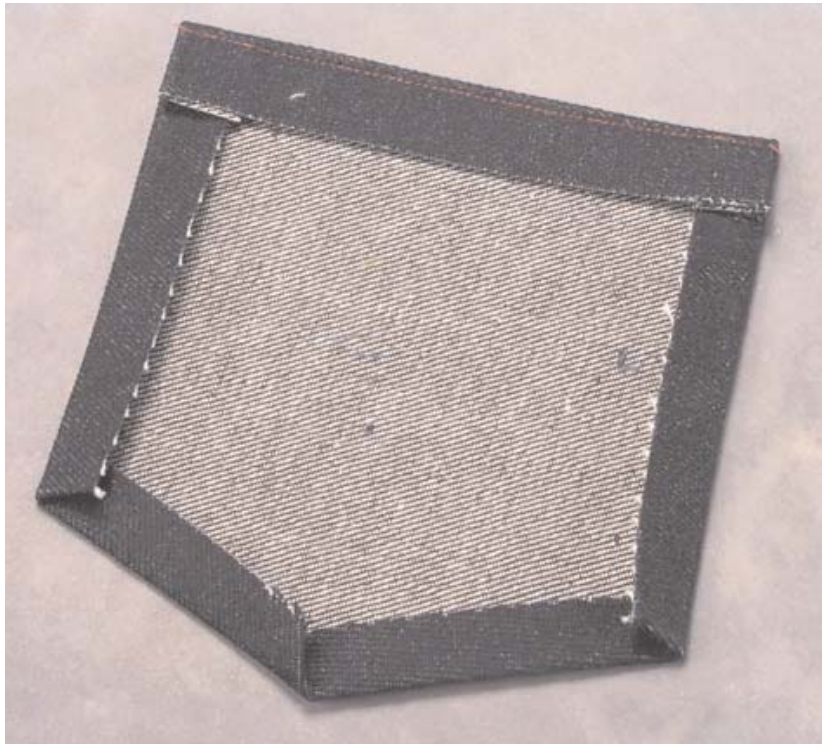
1. Using the rotary cutter, ruler, and mat, cut a 19" x 14" rectangle for each place mat. (Be sure that you are cutting on straight-of-grain.) Cut four 6" x 7"-wide rectangles for pockets and a 1" x 10" strip for the belt loop napkin holders.
2. Draw a line 1" in from each short 14" edge.
3. Thread your machine with the Coats Jeans thread and the Denim needle. Straight-stitch on each of the drawn lines. Pull threads along each end up to the stitching line. (By using the rotary cutter to cut your fabric, the fringed edges should be even.)
4. Finish each of the long edges using a 4-thread balanced serger stitch or a double-overlock stitch on your White sewing machine.
5. Press under each long edge 1/2". Cut two 17" lengths of 1/4"-wide Steam-A-Seam 2 for each place mat. Remove the paper-backing and insert the fusible web under the pressed edge. Fuse in place to hold each hem.
6. Lengthen your stitch slightly (3mm) to handle the heavier fabric. Edgestitch close to the folded edges, and then again, one presser foot width from the edge.



7. For each pocket, fold each rectangle in half along the width. Find the center and mark along one of the 7" edges. From the same end, measure up 1 1/2" on each 6" side. Draw a line from the center point to each side mark creating the pointed bottom on the pocket. Trim the corners leaving a 5/8" seam allowance.

8. Press a 5/8" seam allowance to the wrong side on all edges of each pocket. Cut lengths of 1/4"-wide Steam-A-Seam 2 to the length of each seam allowance. After removing the paper-backing, place the fusible web under the seam allowance and press as you did on the place mat edges.

9. From the right side, edgestitch along the top edge of each pocket, then stitch again, one presser foot width away from the edge.





10. Press to the center each long edge on the 1" x 10" strip. From the right side, edgestitch along each long folded edge.

11. Cut the strip into four 2 1/2"-long pieces.

12. Fold in 1/4" on each end of the 2 1/2" strips making the belt loops.

13. Find the center of each pocket and measure down 3" from the top edge for the belt loop placement.

14. Center a belt loop over the marks and stitch on each end to hold in place.



15. Cut lengths of 1/4"-wide Steam-A-Seam 2 to fit along the two sides and bottom edges of each pocket. Fuse to the pocket edges.

16. Remove the paper and fuse the pocket, 1/2" from the inner row of stitching on the bottom and side in the lower right corner on each place mat.

17. Edgestitch the pocket to the place mat on each side and bottom edges. Using your Needle Up/Down feature on your machine, pivot at the corners. Stitch again, one presser foot width from the edge. (Your pocket should look like a real jeans pocket.)

18. Roll up your bandanna, insert it into the belt loop, and place the silverware in the pocket. Now you're ready for any down-home, country barbeque!

