

SINGER® Ribbon Runner



(close-up view)

Get creative with decorative stitches and assorted ribbons! This unique runner can be made in any length or width you want. Though this project incorporates the Stitch Elongation function, a feature on many electronic sewing machines, you can use decorative stitches from any SINGER sewing machine to embellish the ribbons. Let your creativity run free!

Shopping List:

- Satin ribbon in assorted widths (½" to 1½") in 5-6 coordinating colors
- Lightweight cotton fabric to coordinate with ribbons (for runner base)
- Lightweight double-sided fusible webbing
- Polyester invisible thread
- Assorted rayon threads to contrast ribbons
- Bobbin thread
- All-purpose thread to match fabric
- Fusible tear-away stabilizer
- Edge-joining foot
- Satin foot

Calculating Yardage:

Foundation for the Runner

Measure the length of the table. Add 1" to this measurement, to allow for hemming.

Decide the desired runner width. Add 1" to this measurement to allow for hemming.

Example: If table measures 40" and the desired width is 12", the foundation fabric should measure 41" x 13".

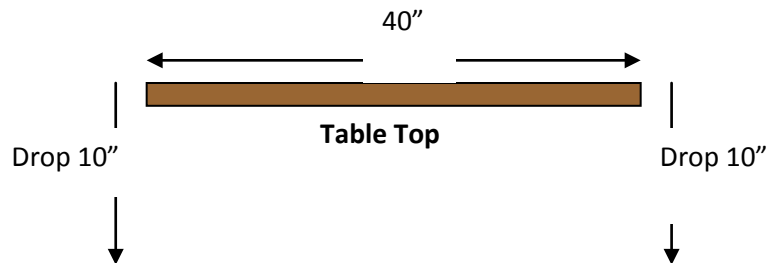
Double-sided Fusible Webbing

Use the same measurements for the double-sided fusible web as those used for foundation fabric, but minus the amount needed for the hem.

Ribbons

Use the table length measurement first, then add the amount of "drop" desired (plus one inch) for each end. You will need enough ribbons to cover the width of the foundation piece, slightly overlapping the fabric edges.

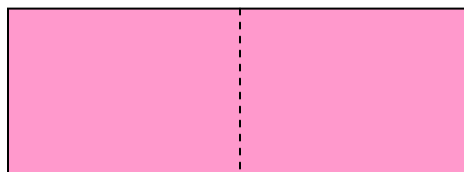
Example: If a table is 40" long, and there is a 10" drop on each end (plus 1" to allow for trimming when finished), the total length needed for each ribbon is 62".



Preparing the Fabric & Ribbons:

Foundation Fabric

1. Cut the foundation fabric to the dimensions calculated above.
2. Press under $\frac{1}{2}$ " on all four sides.
3. Apply the double-sided webbing to the wrong side of the foundation fabric according to the manufacturer's instructions. Take care not to get the webbing on the iron.
4. Remove the protective paper.
5. Using water soluble marker or chalk, mark of the fabric widthwise, as shown.



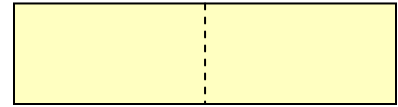
Ribbons

Note: Fusible tear-away will be applied to the ribbons that will be embellished only.

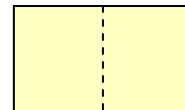
6. Cut strips of the fusible tear-away the width of the ribbons to be embellished.
7. Follow manufacturer's instructions to apply stabilizer to the wrong side of the ribbons.

Hint: Here's a quick tip for cutting stabilizer strips

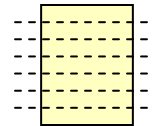
Unroll the stabilizer and cut a piece the length of the ribbons. Then fold stabilizer in half.



Fold in half once more.



Using a rotary cutter and ruler, cut across the stabilizer creating strips.



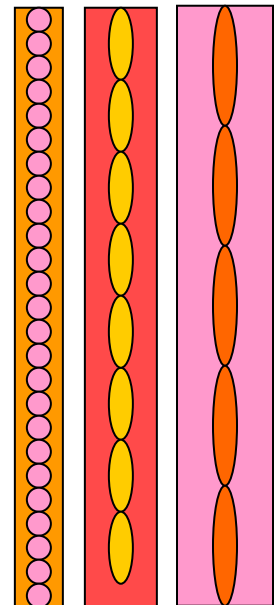
Sewing Directions:

Embellishing the Ribbons

8. Thread the top of machine with the rayon thread and bobbinfil in the bobbin. Attach the satin foot.
9. Select the desired decorative stitch and stitch down the center of the ribbon. *Note: using a satin-type decorative stitch will provide a bolder look, and the stabilizer will be easier to remove because the needle perforates the stabilizer more.*
10. Change the thread color. If your machine has a Stitch Elongation feature, you can use the original stitch and "stretch it out" to appear longer. For the runner shown in the photograph (page 1), we chose to use the same stitch throughout the runner, but varied the length and color of threads using the Stitch Elongation feature. The stitch was sewn at its original size, at 3x the length, and at 5x the length. Check your machine manual for details.

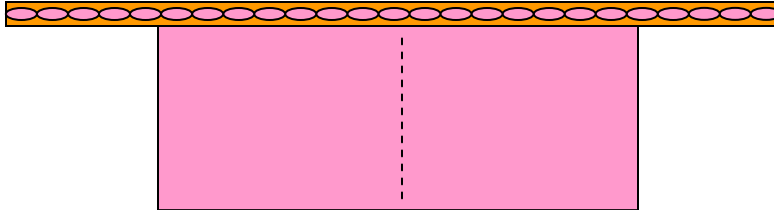
If your machine doesn't have Stitch Elongation, just try mixing various decorative stitches from the machine for a different look.

11. Remove stabilizer from the ribbons. Press.

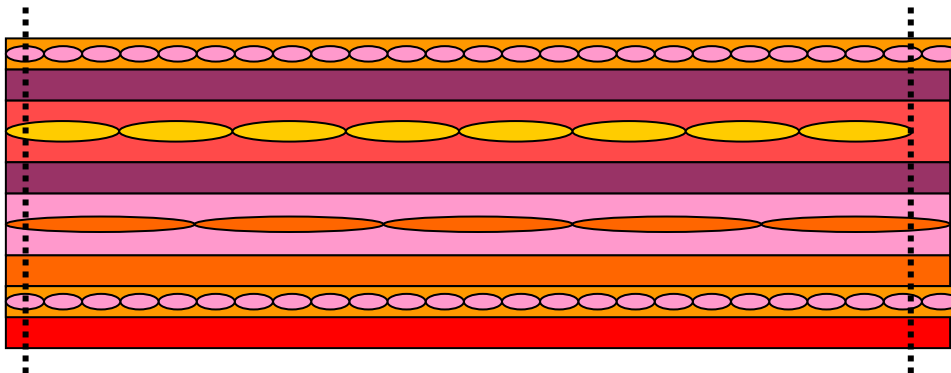


Positioning the Ribbons

12. Lay the foundation fabric, fusible side up on a pressing surface.
13. Ribbons will be placed on top of the foundation fabric, wrong side of ribbons to fusible side of fabric. Fold one ribbon in half lengthwise and press with fingers to crease the center mark of the ribbon. Place ribbon on top of the foundation fabric, lining up the center of the ribbon with the center line of the fabric.



14. Continue placing the ribbons on top of the fabric alternating the plain ribbons with the embellished ribbons until the entire width of the foundation fabric is covered.
15. Using a press cloth, press the ribbons to adhere to the fabric.
16. Thread the machine with all-purpose thread in the bobbin and the invisible thread on top. Select a narrow zig-zag stitch and attach the edge-joining foot. Stitch the ribbons to the fabric, positioning the center blade of the foot so that it rests between the ribbons and making sure that the needle penetrates the edge of the ribbons as it sews.
17. When the ribbons are all sewn down, lay the runner on a cutting surface. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim ends of ribbons off to make them ends even.



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