

Wool Patchwork Cat

MATERIALS



- 1 yard of Globalweave Textile's Sheer Linen from India in Natural
- A 110-yard spool of Gutermann's Cotton Thread in color 3260

These are enough materials to make six napkins. You can get 3 napkins out of each $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of fabric.

You will also need a pair of tweezers.

SIZE

16½ inches square

NOTES

- Pre-wash and dry the fabric.
- Warp threads run parallel to the selvage.
- Weft threads run perpendicular to the selvage.

PATTERN

CUT AND PULL THE THREADS

Cut the fabric from selvage to selvage into two 18-inch widths, You now have two strips that are 18 inches wide by 60 inches long.

To create the faux hemstitches you will use tweezers to remove several warp and weft threads (see Notes section, above). Here's what to do...



Trim the selvage off one end of one fabric strip. One and a half inches from that raw edge, use tweezers to pull a warp thread out of the fabric.



Do this two more times so that you have pulled three warp threads and created an open line of faux hemstitches. Fifteen inches above this first row of faux hemstitches, pull three more warp threads. You now have two parallel lines of faux hemstitches 15 inches apart from one another.

Cut the fabric 1½ inches above this second line of faux hemstitches.

Orient this 18-inch square so that the two lines of faux hemstitches are at the top and bottom and the un-pulled sides are at the left and right.



Starting $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the left of the right raw edge, pull three weft threads, shown above and below.



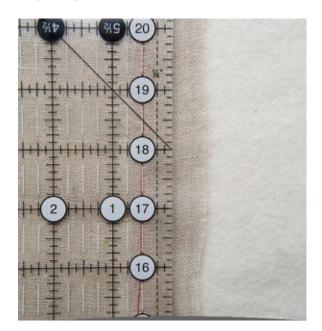
Measure 15 inches to the left of this faux-hemstitch line and pull three weft threads here as well.

You now have four lines of faux hemstitches all the way around the square.

SEW AND CREATE FRINGE



Sew ¼ inch outside of the hemstitching, around all four sides Backstitch at the beginning and end.



Using a rotary cutter, cut the edges of the square so they are ½ inch away from the sewn lines.



Use the tweezers (and possibly a straight pin) to remove the threads that are outside of and parallel to the sewn lines.

Repeat this process two more times with this strip of fabric and then make three more napkins with the second strip of fabric. Press each napkin and set the table!

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