

## Cherish Family and Friends Table Runner

My dear friend Victoria opens her home every week for a woman's Bible study. A few weeks ago, I noticed that her table runner was getting worn. It had a heartwarming inscription albeit generic and seemed to sport a little too much of a country feel for their newly redecorated neoclassic interior, had a few stains from candle drippings and seemed dwarfed on their new larger dining room table.

I wanted to show my appreciation for Victoria's leadership by doing something special for her. It then occurred to me that I could reproduce the runner and even make a few improvements such as making it longer, reversible, personalizing with their family name and using fabrics that coordinated with their draperies.

I made the entire runner with remnants. (I never throw any fabric away) We are living in a time when repurposing, reusing, reinventing and recycling materials that we already have is a smart idea! Victoria loved the reproduction and the customized embroidered name made it even more personal.

Look around your environment to see what you have long enjoyed that may need to be reinvented, made over or embellished. From fashion accessories to home décor--- surprise yourself, have fun being creative and celebrate saving money while doing it!!

### VICTORIA'S OLD RUNNER



### VICTORIA'S NEW RUNNER



## SUPPLIES:

- 1) Inspiration piece (in this case an old table runner)
- 2) Remnants, scissors, thread, tape measure, Futura embroidery machine

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Use your original piece as a pattern and make the necessary adjustments depending on how you would like to change the original design. In this case, I wanted to add two inches to the width and two feet to the length. The new finished width would be 15" and the new length would be 53" (the exact width of the ½ yard of decorative fabric for the underside to make it reversible).
- 2) One foot added to each end with four strips of pieced color meant that each strip had to be cut into 4" x 16" ( I use ½ " seam allowances)
- 3) The center piece then had to be cut into a 16" x 30 ½"
- 4) The underside piece was cut into a 16" x 54"
- 5) I stitched the four strips for each side together using ½" seams, then stitched the strip blocks to the center piece.
- 6) Press all seam allowances open, hoop and embroider as desired. Using Sticky stabilizer I embroidered a built in design from the Brother PE700II and mirror-imaged the design for the opposite side. Then I went to the Singer Futura to embroider the sentiment using Hyper Font software.



