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It's A Gobble, Gobble Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same without turkey!
So...add a little turkey to your place settings
by stitching these clever placemats complete
with places for the silverware. Stitch up some napkins
to match and enjoy the feast!

NECESSARY SUPPLIES:

For two placemats and napkins

3/4 yard of cotton fabric for body and napkins
1/4 yard or a fat quarter each of six to eight coordinating cotton fabrics
4" square of washable faux suede
1 yard of fusible interfacing
1 yard of paper-backed fusible web

All-purpose sewing thread

Rayon thread

Open Toe Foot

1/4" Piecing Foot

Edge Stitching Foot

Water-soluble marking pen

Narrow Hem Foot or 3-thread Serger (optional)

PREPARING YOUR FABRIC:

Print, using your computer's printer, the turkey placemat pattern pieces and diagram given here. Trace the turkey neck, head, wattle, and beak onto the paper-backed fusible web. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabrics being used for these pieces transferring all marks. Again following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse the paper-backed fusible web to the wrong side of the assorted fabrics; cut out one piece each.

Fuse the interfacing to the body fabric and cut out two interfaced circles. Using the water-soluble marking pen, transfer all placement marks to the right side of one fabric circle.

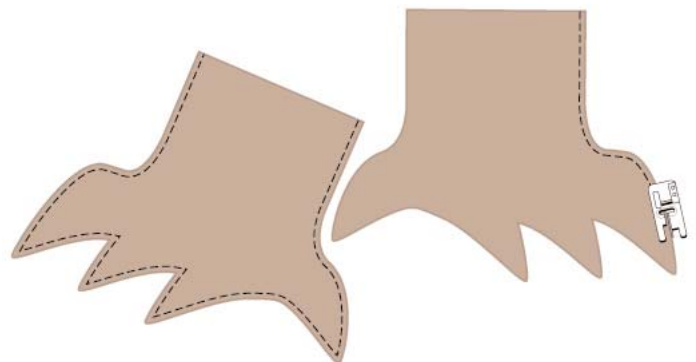
Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of one half of each fan fabric. Cut out two pieces per fan section, one from the interfaced area and one from the non-interfaced area of the fabric. Notice that each fan piece is different, so remember to mirror-image each pattern before you cut out the second piece.

Trace the foot pattern onto the paper-backed fusible web one time, mirror-imaging the pattern for the second foot. Carefully fuse the webbing to the faux suede. Cut out four feet, two in one direction and two mirror-imaged. (NOTE: Faux suede has a right and wrong side. Be sure to fuse the webbing to the wrong side.)

READY, SET, SEW

All seams are 1/4" wide.

With right sides together, stitch each of the six fan sections leaving the bottom edges open. Clip the seams if necessary and turn each fan to the right side, press. Edgestitch leaving the bottom edge open, using your Edge Stitching Foot and adjusting the needle position if necessary. Set these pieces aside.



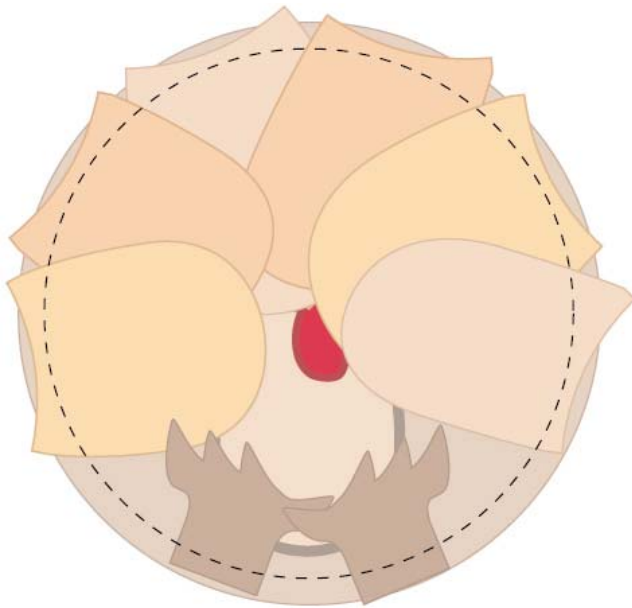
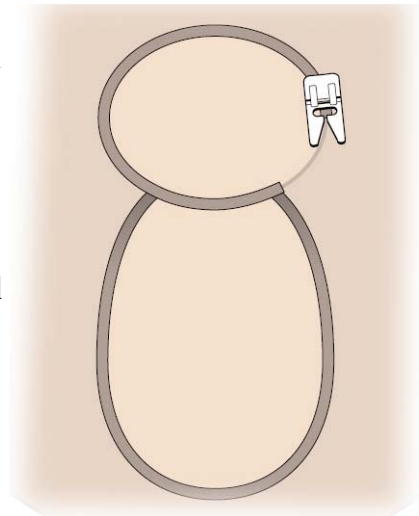
Fuse the four pieces of faux suede feet, wrong sides together. Edgestitch around the edges on both feet, using your Edge Stitching Foot.

Remove the paper backing and using the marks, place the turkey neck and head section on the body fabric tucking the neck under the head at the marks; fuse. Set your sewing machine for a satin stitch (width—2mm, length—0.5mm.) Using your Open Toe Foot, begin stitching at the bottom edge of the head and around the neck, then stitch the head section. Appliqué the wattle and then add the beak piece. Add a single star stitch for each eye.

With right sides together, place the fan sections on top of the appliquéd body section at the marks matching the raw edges; pin in place. Refer to the Turkey diagram for the order of fan pieces. Pin the feet at the marks. The fan and feet sections will point toward the middle of the body piece. Baste the pieces in place using the longest stitch length on your machine.

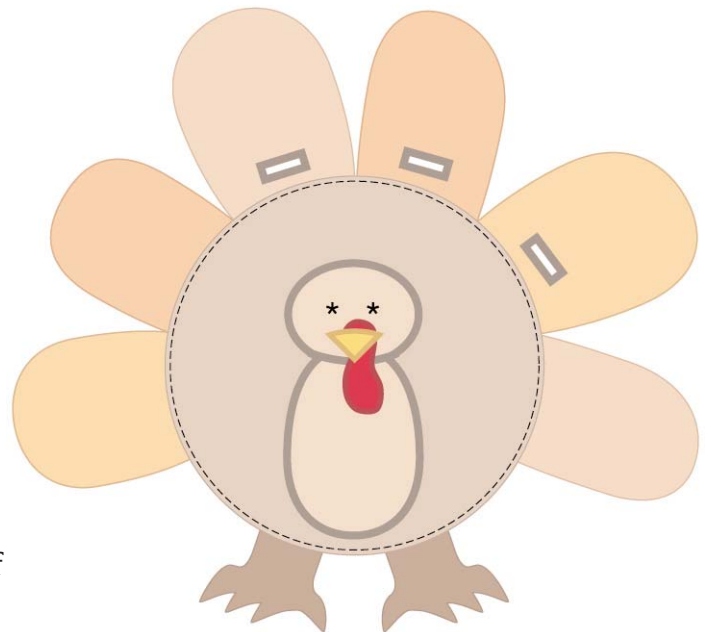
Place the remaining body section on top, right sides together, and pin. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance leaving an opening behind fan section #1 for turning. Clip the seam, turn and press. Tuck in the seam allowance at the opening and pin. Edgestitch around the entire body section, closing the opening while stitching.

Mark a 1" to 1-1/4" buttonhole in fan sections #3, #4, and #5 approximately 1/2" from the body edge. (For the correct size buttonhole, measure



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Napkins

Cut two 19" squares. You can finish the edges of your napkins in two ways—either with your serger or with a narrow hem on your sewing machine.

Serger finish: Adjust your serger for a 3-thread rolled hem. You might prefer to use a stretchy nylon thread in your loopers for this edge finish. Serge each edge, clip the threads and use a seam sealant at the corners to prevent the threads from raveling.

Sewing machine narrow hem: Attach a Narrow Hem Foot to your sewing machine. (Make sure the groove on the bottom of the foot is the correct size for the weight of the fabric being sewn.) Finger press a double-fold hem about 1" in at one corner. Place the fabric under the foot and using a straight stitch, begin stitching. Leaving the needle in the fabric, raise the foot and carefully guide the fabric into the "scroll" on the foot. Lower the foot and continue stitching. For the best results, don't help the fabric roll but just let it slide through your fingers into the foot.