

# poinsettia dish towel

This is a super, easy project that will take you less than an afternoon and you will have lovely holiday feeling dish towels in no time.

1. Press the dish towel well. Since they are all a bit different, measure the width of your towel
2. Cut a 4 ¼" x the width of fabric strip of the band fabric. Trim it to the width of your dish towel plus 2" extra.
3. Press the two long sides under by ¼" each. If you have starch, then use it to keep the ¼" down easier but even just pressing it will be enough.
4. Position the strip on your dish towel, app. 3 ½" from the bottom.
5. Pin in place along the dish towel to make sure it is in place and lined up straight. You will have a 1" overlap on each side. Turn under the edges of your strip until they match the towel exactly. Press the ends that you just turned under to match your towel.
6. Topsitch in place on both long sides, backstitching at the ends for stability. If you are just adding the fabric band, you are ready to enjoy your quick towels. They are perfect for everyday use and we use them in our house every single day and simply trade them out for new ones when they get too dirty to save!
7. If you wish to add any applique to embellish your towel, do so now using cottons or wools. If you are working on our Poinsetta Holiday Towel, cut (5) red wool poinsettia petals, (1) cream wool felt center and (4) green fabric leaves, 2 of each of 2 prints. Note that the wool pieces do not have to have any seam allowances added to them while the fabric pieces have to have ¼" seam allowance added when cutting.
8. Remember that the wool pieces don't require any prep work other than to position and affix to your towel with your chosen stitch. Prepare the fabric pieces using your preferred applique method. We always use the starch method of applique.

Happy Holidays!

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