TREADLE & SPOOL

Pumpkin Placemat & Napkin Set

dress the table without ironing anything you don’t have to

from the sewing room at Granny Plants

What's inside:

- Cutting for one placemat and one matching napkin (repeat per setting)
- Reversible placemat — two fabrics, no facing or binding needed
- A simple mitered-corner napkin hem that looks fussier than it is
- Fabric ideas: pair a pumpkin print with a coordinating solid

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Beginner-friendly. Straight lines only — no curves, no zippers, no fuss.
Cotton or linen both work; a light quilting cotton presses the crispest.

Materials & cutting

Per place setting, you'll need:

- Placemat front: one piece of Fabric A, cut 14" x 19"
- Placemat back: one piece of Fabric B, cut 14" x 19"
- Placemat batting or fleece: one piece cut 14" x 19" (cotton batting or fleece both work)
- Napkin: one piece of fabric, cut 18" x 18"

Good to know:

This pattern makes ONE placemat and ONE napkin. Multiply the cutting by however many place settings you need — a table of 6 just means cutting six of each piece.

Sewing the placemat

1. **Layer the sandwich.**
   Lay the batting down, then Fabric B right side UP on top, then Fabric A right side DOWN on top of that — batting, right side up, right side down, like a fabric sandwich.

2. **Sew around, leaving a gap.**
   Pin the layers together. Sew all the way around with a 1/2" seam, leaving a 4" gap along one short side for turning.

3. **Clip and turn.**
   Trim the corners at an angle (careful not to cut the stitches) to reduce bulk, then turn the whole placemat right side out through the gap. Poke out the corners gently with a chopstick or knitting needle.

4. **Press and close the gap.**
   Press the placemat flat, folding the gap’s raw edges in to match the rest of the seam.

5. **Topstitch all the way around.**
   Stitch about 1/4" from the edge around the entire placemat. This closes the gap and gives it that crisp, finished look — and it’s reversible, so both sides are the "right" side.

Granny’s notes:

Skip the batting for a lighter, unlined mat — just sew right sides together, leave the gap, turn, and press. A stack of these in a basket by the table makes fall entertaining feel effortless.

Sewing the napkin

1. **Press the first fold.**
   Press all four edges of the 18" square under 1/4".

2. **Press the second fold.**
   Press all four edges under another 1/4", so the raw edge is tucked away and you have a clean double-fold hem all the way around.

3. **Miter the corners.**
   At each corner, unfold the pressing and fold the corner point in diagonally to meet the crease lines, forming a small triangle. Re-fold the hem over it — this tucks the bulk away neatly for a flat, professional corner.

4. **Pin and stitch.**
   Pin the hem in place all the way around and topstitch close to the inner fold, pivoting neatly at each mitered corner.

5. **Press once more and stack.**
   A final press gives crisp, table-ready folds. Stack with the matching placemats and you've got a full set.

Granny's notes:

Mitered corners sound fancy but are really just one extra fold — practice on a scrap first if you want.
Napkins are the best place to use up fat quarters or leftover fabric from other projects.
A monogram or a Treadle & Spool label tucked into one corner makes these feel extra special as a gift.