

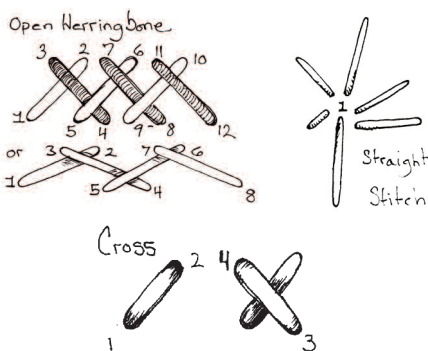


Embroidered placemats

Decorate plain purchased placemats with sparkly Christmas threads—Kreinik metallics! This is a fun way for kids to practice embroidery skills and help decorate the holiday table (or make hostess gifts).

Instructions:

1. Cut a long piece of Kreinik 1/4" Ribbon (long enough to hang over the edge of the placemat about 2 inches). Lay it in desired position on your placemat, and begin couching it down with embroidery stitches using the Very Fine #4 Braid. We used the Herringbone Stitch, Cross Stitch, and Straight Stitch.



Materials needed:

- purchased placemat(s)
- Kreinik 1/4" Ribbon in colors 321J and 001J
- Kreinik Very Fine #4 Braid in colors 009 and 061
- Crewel or embroidery needle (sharp point, but with an eye large enough to accommodate the metallic Braid)
- Optional: 1/8" Treasure Tape (double sided tape)



2. Repeat as desired with more strips of 1/4" Ribbon.

3. Tie a knot in each end of the 1/4" Ribbon that hangs over the edge. Trim to a desired length and allow it to unravel slightly to become a mini tassel.

TIP: We held the ribbon in place as we stitched by using 1/8" double-sided tape. Lay the tape on the placemat in the desired position, remove the top liner, and lay the 1/4" Ribbon on top, pressing in place. When you stitch, don't stitch through the tape, otherwise your needle will get sticky!

TIP: Try to place your stitches at consistent increments for uniformity.

TIP: OR, feel free to express your unique creativity by placing your stitches as desired!

TIP: To keep your embroidery and sparkly threads looking their best year after year, spot clean or dry clean your placemat if needed after using it for a dinner event.



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