

Picnic Napkin

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This is the picnic napkin you will take everywhere – well, everywhere that matters! Take it to your quilt group luncheons and perhaps even on a picnic! This pattern goes together fast and all you need is a couple fat quarters and a little extra piece. We bet you can actually find that in your stash! Challenge yourself: no shopping ladies!

Here's what you need:

2 – 18”squares for front and back

1 – 4 x 12” rectangle for silverware pocket

1 – 1” x 28” piece fabric or ribbon for tie (get creative – how about a shoe lace?)

Make pocket

Fold 4 x 12" rectangle in half with right sides together; press. Stitch both sides (no need to stitch the folded side); leaving one end open so you can turn inside out. Clip corners. Turn inside out (didn't see that coming did you?) Press. Press again turning the bottom (unstitched side) under about 1/2". Use a [Purple Thang](#) (or your other favorite tool) to get up into corners and make them square. Place pocket on one of the 18" squares. Position it so that the edge is 2" from both the left side and the bottom. and the unstitched side is at the bottom folded under. Top-stitch about 1/8" from edge on three sides leaving the top side open.

Make the tie

If you are using a ribbon or other finished item (shoe lace, for example) you are done with this step. Lucky you! But if you are using fabric, take your 1" wide piece and press 1/4" in from each side. Fold the two sides together so that you now have a 1/4" wide piece. Stitch along the length of the opening; making sure to tuck the ends inside the fold – or for an easier method, just simply tie a knot in each end. Fold the tie in half and position it 5 1/2" from the opposite edge from the silverware pocket inside the seam allowance about 1/2".

Make the napkin

Place the two 18" pieces right sides together and using a 1/4" seam allowance stitch all the way around each edge, leaving about 6-8" open on one side (doesn't matter which side) in order to turn the napkin inside out. Clip corners. Turn the napkin inside out! Ha! You DID see that coming, right? If your answer is no, go get some more coffee. If your answer is yes, proceed. Using the Purple Thang, poke out corners as best you can. Press well. Stitch the opening closed. To give your napkin a finished look, topstitch 1/8" from the edge all the way around. This will also give it extra strength in case the silverware tries to escape!

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