

# COUNTRY KITCHEN TOWEL TOPPER

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Suitable tea towel or fabric  
(I cut a tea towel in half to make 2)
- Fabric scraps for topper – minimum 15cm square \* 2
- Small square of pellaon \*\*optional
- Ribbon/Bias Binding for loop  
(The length depends on how you will hang the towel – if you have a hook, you just need a loop big enough to go over the hook. I am using mine on the door handle, so need a longer loop, so I can pull the towel thru the loop to attach to the door handle)
- Tear away stabiliser
- Suitable embroidery threads



## PREPARATION

Cut tea towel in half, and fold top edge to fit 11cm

You can fold like I have, or gather the top edge or if fabric really bulky, it may pay to taper the fabric up to the top and machine neaten the edges.



Cut 2 pieces of fabric for your topper

Cut small piece of pellon 15cm by 15cm

(pellon is optional, it depends on the bulkiness of your towel topper – I used a cotton fabric, so used pellon to add some body)

Iron the pellon to 1 piece of topper fabric as shown in photo below – placing the bottom edge of the pellon 1cm away from the edge, so you can fold the fabric back towards the wrong side, leaving a neat front edge.

Back fabric – fold 1cm seam to wrong side and press



## **EMBROIDERY**

Hoop tearaway stabiliser

Thread your machine with the thread color you wish to use for the swirls

Stitch Color 1 which is the guidelines for placing fabric and towel

Place the top edge of the towel 1cm over the bottom edge of the guideline



Stitch Color 2, which stitches the towel to the stabiliser

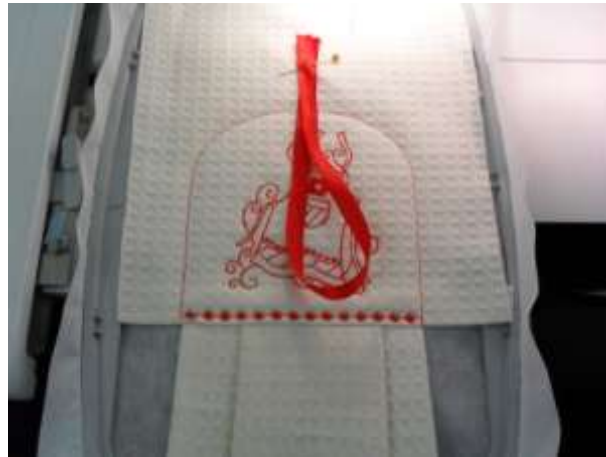
Place the topper fabric front over the towel edge in line with the original bottom edge of the guide line



Stitch Color 3, which attaches the topper front to the stabiliser



Continue on with your embroidery following color layer chart, using colors of your choice.



Prior to stitching the last color, as per photo, fold your ribbon/bias binding in half, with raw edges towards top of towel topper. You may want to use a small amount of temp spray, or as I did, pinned the very top of the ribbon to the fabric – *ensuring the pin was nowhere near the stitching area (stitched guideline)*



Place your back topper with right-side of fabric placed towards your embroidery, matching bottom edge of back to bottom edge of top fabric.

Stitch last color which attaches ribbon and back fabric, and machine neatens the edge.

## **FINISHING**

Remove Embroidery from hoop

Cut around the machine neaten edge of towel topper



Remove Tearaway stabiliser

Turn Towel Topper to right side and press

Cut jump stitches

\*\* If you prefer, you can hand-sew the back edge shut.