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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Laminate Cafe Skill Level: Intermediate

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Solve the problem of the wind blowing your summer tablecloth or placemats off into the trees with this easy to make laminated tablecloth. A string casing helps it to fit snugly, and works better than placing weights on the table corners. This tablecloth will make your outdoor eating an enjoyable experience. Sample used laminate fabrics by Riley Blake Designs.

Fabrics Needed

Laminated Fabric

Tabletop Measurement + 3" on all sides

Materials Needed

Pellon [®] 987F Fusible Fleece	1 yard
Turkey String or Heavy Twine	140"
Tremclad [®] Paint (Optional)	2 Cans
Table	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Cutting and Assembly Instructions

Place table on the fabric. Allow 3" around all sides of the tabletop and cut fabric.



Optional: Spray paint the table with two coats of Tremclad®.



Cut one piece of Fusible Fleece 1" smaller than the cut size of the fabric.



Starting in the middle, iron the Fusible Fleece to the wrong side of the laminate until all creases are gone and the two pieces are fused together.



Cut the corners on a slant to reduce bulk. Use the first cut corner as a template for the other three corners.



Turn edges in 1 1/2", tuck in the selvage to the back of the seam and stitch.

Feed the string through the resulting casing as this seam is stitched as shown. Work in 3" increments, making sure to keep the string out of the way of the stitching.



Sew close to the left side and keep the string on the right.



Keep pulling the string gently as the stitching is done. This will make it easier to pull the string for the final gathering when fabric is on the table top.



Once all sides are sewn, place the fabric on the table top and pull the strings in the same way an ironing board cover strings are pulled. Pull until the top is smooth.



Tuck strings in and slip stitch the opening closed.



Tips for working with Laminates:

Use polyester thread only.

Use a new size 12 needle.

Put painters tape under your stitching foot to help laminate feed through.

Use a larger stitch.

Stitch slowly as it is difficult to rip out seams.

Work in 3" increments.

