



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.

Fabrics Needed

Laminated Fabric

Tabletop Measurement + 7.62cm (3") on all sides

Materials Needed

Legacy L-987 Fusible Fleece White	1m
Turkey String or Heavy Twine	3.5m
Rust-oleum® Rust Paint (Optional)	2 Cans
Table	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies
Rotary cutter and related supplies

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Assembly

Step 1. Place table on the fabric. Allow 3" around all sides of the tabletop and cut fabric.



Step 2. Optional: Spray paint the table with two coats of Rust-oleum® Rust Paint.



Step 3. Cut one piece of Fusible Fleece White 1" smaller than the cut size of the fabric.



Step 4. Starting in the middle, iron the Fusible Fleece White to the wrong side of the laminate until all creases are gone and the two pieces are fused together.



Step 5. Cut the corners on a slant to reduce bulk. Use the first cut corner as a template for the other three corners.



Step 9. 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.



Step 10. 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.



Step 11. 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.

