

Foot of the Month > Napkins with Tassel Trim

This month we are featuring the Brother Cording Foot. This is a popular foot for embellishment with the potential for creating a wide variety of cording effects. We used this foot to trim ready-made napkins and then tied the loose cords to make tassel trimmed corners. Pair these napkins with our custom made coordinating placemats and set your table with style!

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing Machine](#)
- [SA110](#) Brother Cording Foot for 7mm Horizontal Machine or [SA148](#) Brother Cording Foot for 5mm Machine
- Basic sewing notions including sewing thread to match fabrics.
- Sharp needle size 11-14 for sewing.
- Cording to contrast with napkin. Suggestions include pearl cotton or thin yarn. You may find it necessary to press the strands to remove wrinkles. We used three strands of acrylic pearl cotton.
- Ready-made napkins in the amount desired for your table setting. We used napkins measuring 20-inches X 20-inches.



Instructions for Trimming Napkins with Cording

Before beginning, please read our section titled **About the Brother Cording Foot** at the end of these instructions.

1. Cut 12 lengths of cording measuring 28-inches long. Carefully feed 3 cords into foot, leaving 4-inches of excess cording behind the foot. Place the napkin edge under the foot, lining up the edge of the foot with the edge of the napkin hem. Select a suitable stitch for couching the cording in place. *See **Figure #1**. Stitch along napkin edge, leaving the excess cording loose at each end. *See **Figure #2**. Repeat for each edge.
2. To form tassels, grasp the loose cords and tie a double knot, just as you would if you were tying shoe laces. Next, wrap the cords around your finger and slip the ends through to form a slip knot. Pull tightly on the knot to secure the cords together. *See **Figure #3**.
3. Trim ends so they are even. *See **Figure #4**.
4. Repeat all four steps for each napkin.

You are finished! Pair your napkins with our Brother Free Design of the month project featured below.

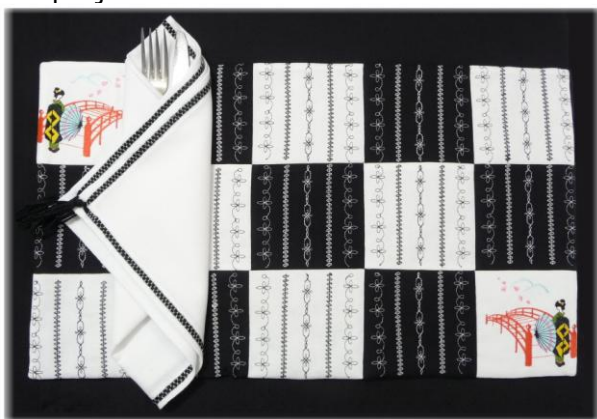


Figure #1

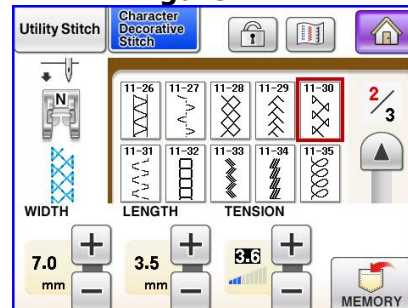


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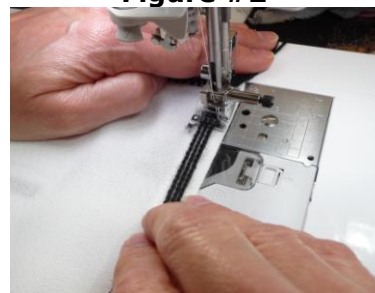


Figure #3



Figure #4



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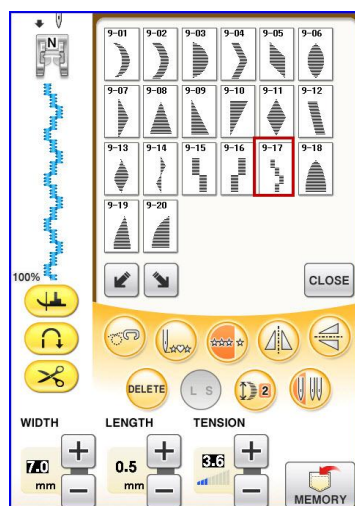
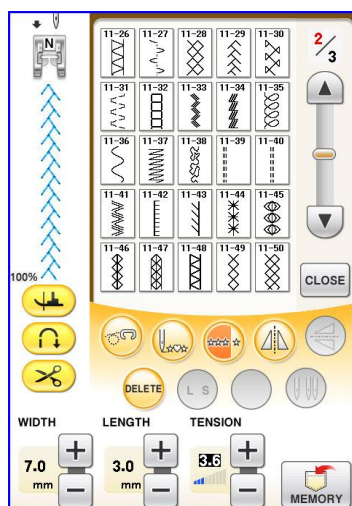
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About the Brother Cording Foot

This 3-way cording foot has a clip attached to the top for holding up to three cords at one time. Many cords and embellishment yarns can be used with this foot. Simply test for suitability by inserting the cord and making sure it slides properly in the channel. If the cord is *too thin* it will not be sufficiently held in place during stitching. If the cord is *too thick*, it will not easily pass through during the stitching process. Use one, two, or all three slots at one time. When stitching, be sure to gently guide the cords in front of the foot, keeping them smooth. Take care that you do not pull on the cords or your fabric will pucker.

A variety of decorative stitches can be used to couch your cord in place. Experiment with changing the stitch wide, making sure the stitches catch the cords sufficiently. Generally it is a good idea to lengthen the stitch slightly. We recommend testing your stitch and cording prior to using the foot for your project. See below for images of some recommended stitches for use with this foot.



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