



## Hand Embellished Bath Towels



### Supplies:

- 1 set Bath Towels
- Cotton Fabric – you will need enough width + 1” to reach from the top to the bottom of the decorative strip on your towel, and a length of 1” longer than the width of the towel. (My towel strip measured 31” x 2”, so I cut my fabric 32” x 3”)
- Coordinating Trim – you can use lace, cording, or other decorative trim. You will need 2 pieces 1” longer than the width of your towel for each one you make.
- Sewing Thread
- Scissors
- Straight Pins
- Ruler

### Other Optional Supplies:

- Self-healing Cutting Mat
- Rotary Cutter

**Directions:**

Cut your fabric strips 1" wider and 1" longer than the decorative strip on your towel. Cut your decorative trim 1" longer than the width of your towel.

On the wrong side of your fabric, fold the long top edge of your fabric strip over 1/2". Using a hot iron, press. Repeat on the other side.

Fold over each end by 1/2", and press. Check the width and length by laying the fabric over the towel strip to make sure it covers it from top to bottom, and the ends match. If not, make any necessary adjustments. Add a straight pin to each side end.

Carefully tuck your lace or trim underneath the top edge of the fabric, leaving a 1/2" tail on the edge. Pin the trim and fabric as you move along.

Repeat the process on the bottom edge of the fabric.

**To sew the embellishment into place:**

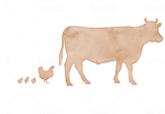
Sew a seam as close to the edge of the fabric as you can, removing pins as you go along. Check as you go that the trim is straight along the edge of the fabric, and isn't pulling out. Sew the top and bottom edge in the same manner.

Trim any remaining threads.

Repeat this process for all of the bath towels, washcloths and hand towels in your set.

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Once you are finished, fold the towels so the new trim is evident. You can then box or bag them up, or tie them together with a coordinating piece of ribbon.



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