

FOR YOUR CREATIVE JUDAIC ARTS FILES

No-Sew “Recyclable” Holiday Table Cloth

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Going “green” has become commonplace. So here is a nice way to recycle materials already on hand to create something that can be used for multiple occasions.

Search through your old tablecloths and find the one that has the wine stains from Passover you just can’t get out or the honey drips left over from last Rosh Hashanah. This will be the beginning of your project. Next, use fabrics in your stash or buy some from your local fabric store (felt is very easy to work with). A half yard per holiday is all you should need. You might choose autumn colors for Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, some blue and silver for Chanukkah, or bright festive colors for Purim. In addition, buy some peel and stick squares of Velcro.



Now grab your pencils and scissors and start cutting shapes appropriate for the next holiday. For the fall holidays, go into your yard and find a leaf to trace. For Chanukkah cut out some dreidels and menorahs; for Purim, masks and groggers. Passover lends itself to many items – the seder plate, the plagues, etc.

After cutting out all of your shapes, attach one of the Velcro pieces to the back. Place your cloth on the table and see where all of those pesky stains are. Cover the spots with the other pieces of Velcro, and then attach your shapes. Continue until all of your shapes are attached and your stains have disappeared. Voila! You now have a wonderful festive tablecloth. At the end of the holiday, remove the appliqués and put in a ziploc bag to save for next year. When the next holiday comes around, make some appropriate appliqués and show off your holiday cloth again.

This project would be great to do with children and grandchildren. You might, as an alternate decoration, choose to take photos of family members, laminate them and then attach them to the cloth with the Velcro. Have fun and