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Heirloom Gratitude Tablecloth

This is the season to share our gratitude. Buy a plain table cloth and pass a pen along with the potatoes at this year's holiday meal. Have your guests jot down what they're thankful for and then embroider it after your guests go home. I've loved this idea ever since I read a tiny blurb about a woman who did something like this in "Colorful Stitchery," by Krisitin Nicholas.



Here's what you do:

Have guest sign with a water soluble pen if you're confident no one will spill during the meal. I used a fine tip Sharpie for a tablecloth I just started on my daughter Amelia's third birthday and a large tip water soluble pen in the Thanksgiving sample pictured. Both methods work, so take your pick.

When the guests go home you get to stitch all the words penned by friends and relatives. It's fun, but a lot of work. So do yourself a favor and ask guests to write big and recruit some people to help you stitch. Then, pull the tablecloth out for some fun reading during next year's holiday meal.

* If you don't want to embroider the table cloth, buy some permanent fabric pens to create a beautiful holiday graffiti tablecloth.