



Tutorial: Easy Mount Mini-bag

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Motifs for Spring Ornaments

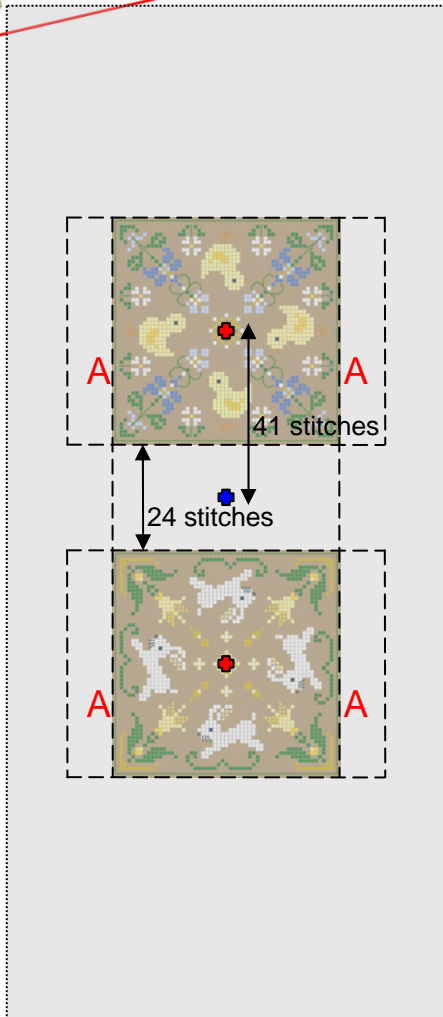
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Fabric size:

Dimensions correspond to a pattern stitched on 32 ct linen stitched over two threads or 16 ct Aida. Total fabric needed, including an extra 2 inch margin around stitched piece:

22 x 11 inch (55 cm x 27 cm)

Dimension of final piece, ready to mount:

17 ¾ x 6 ½ inch (45cm x 16.5cm)

Size of patterns (in stitches): 57 x 57

Centering your pattern:

Locate the center of your fabric (blue dot).

To locate the center of each pattern (red dot), count 41 stitches upwards and 41 stitches downwards from the center of the fabric. 41 stitches corresponds to half the dimension of base, half of the dimension of the square pattern and one central stitch in the pattern.

Stitch both patterns starting from the center (red dot) including the backstitch outline.

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Lines of backstitch for sides and base:

- stitch a line of backstitch joining the two squares to form the base of the bag.

- add lines of backstitch to create the outline of the 4 side pieces (A). Each piece is 12 stitches wide x 57 stitches high.

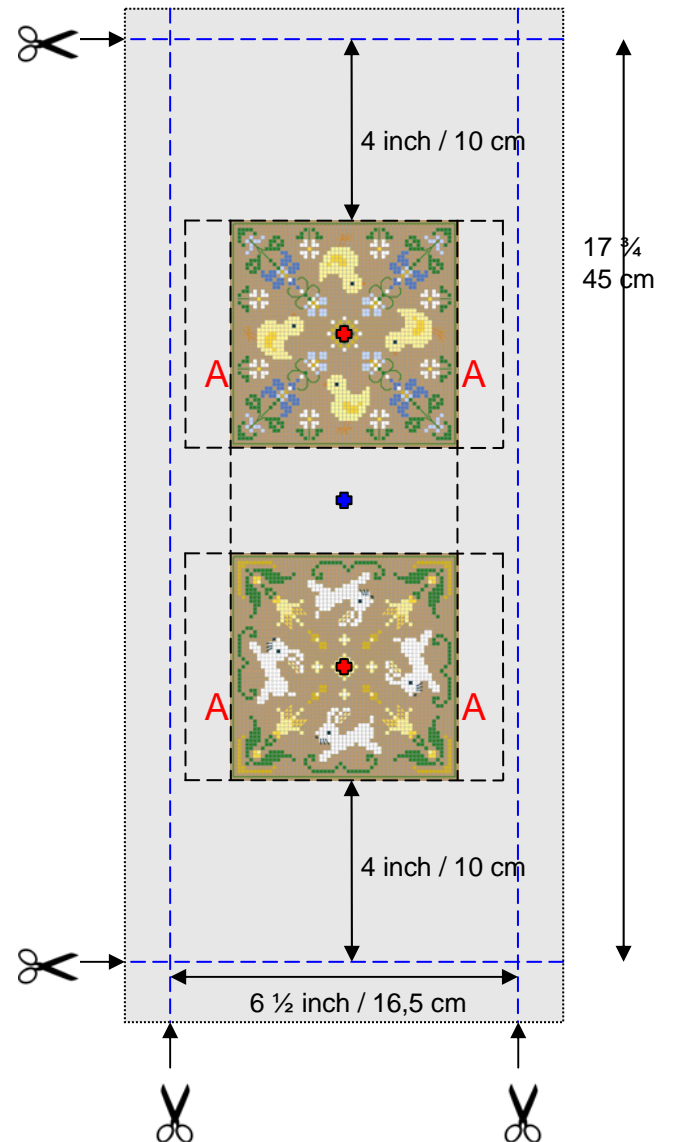
Keep the lines of backstitch a little loose as this will help with the mounting in the next stage.

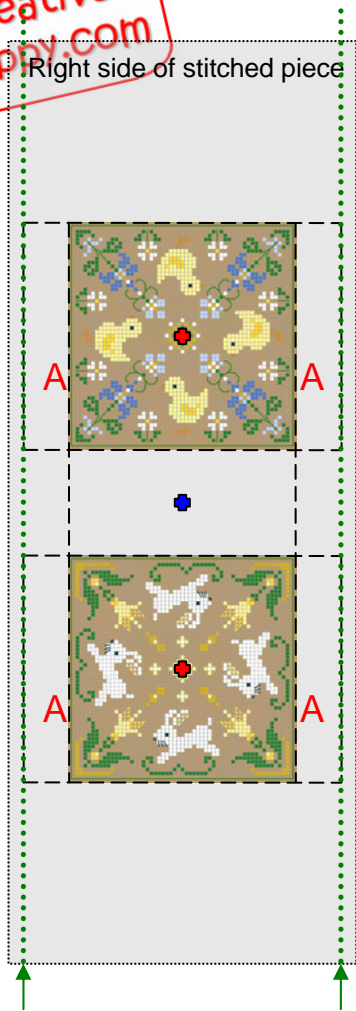
Cutting out the piece:

- trace vertical line 3/8 of an inch (1cm) outside the lines of backstitch and cut along line

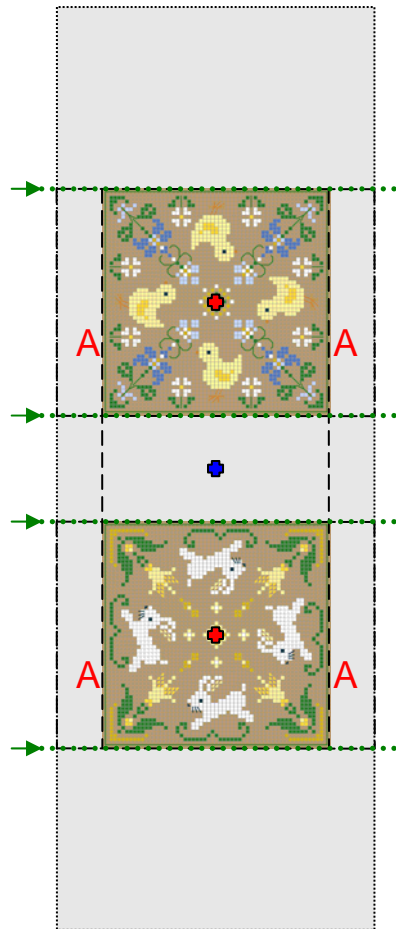
- trace horizontal line 4 inch from the top and 4 inch from the bottom and cut along line.

Optional: if you have a sewing machine, you can overcast (zigzag stitch) these two ends of the fabric.

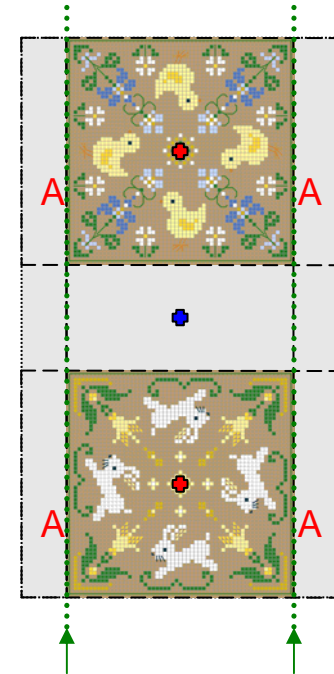




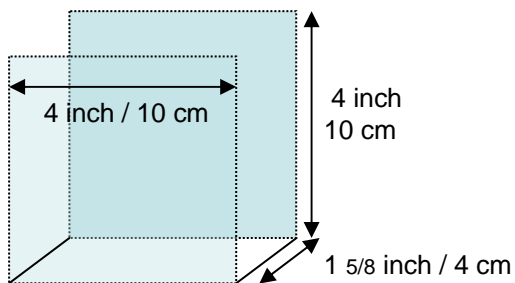
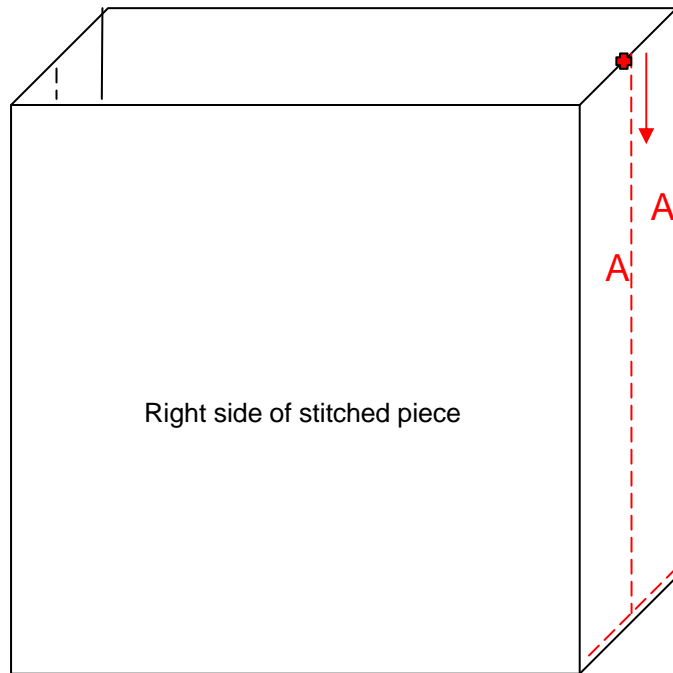
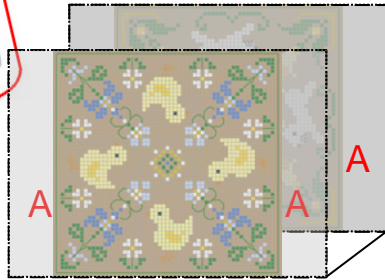
Folding:
 Fold back fabric on both sides along vertical line formed by the side pieces. Press flat.



Create folds along the four horizontal borders of the cross-stitched parts. Press each fold.
 Fold back top and bottom flaps that will serve as lining for the bag.



Now you can create the two vertical folds along the sides of the cross-stitched parts. Press each fold.



Assembly:

Fold the stitched piece as shown (left), the right side of the stitching facing you.

Fold in the side pieces (A) on one side on the bag so that they join, exactly in the corner (red dot).

Start stitching from that point, joining the two pieces (A) together using the biscornu method: slipstitch along the lines of backstitch, slipping your needle under each stitch on both side, but without catching the fabric with your needle.

Keep going down along the side, tucking in the excess fabric towards the bottom, until you reach the line of backstitch of the base of the bag. At that point you can turn one corner and carry on one side, then finish the other side.

Repeat for other side of the bag.

Finishing:

Pull out the lining of the bag. Finish slip stitching the lining using a neutral color thread.

Optional: For more structure, you can add a piece of cardstock inside the bag (see dimensions below left). Mark folds with a ballpoint and a ruler before folding. Slip into the bag.

Fold back the lining into the bag.

Pinch the sides in to create the folds at the top of the bag.

Make a 6-inch long cord with four 24-inch lengths of floss. Sew the cords inside the folds hiding the ends.

You're now done!



Biscornu method for joining two pieces



Cord handle mounted inside folds

The design **Motifs for Spring Ornaments** by **Perrette Samouloff** includes 4 different patterns that can be used for making this bag. Pattern for sale on Creative Poppy's website www.creativepoppy.com