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Tutorial: how to assemble a needlebook



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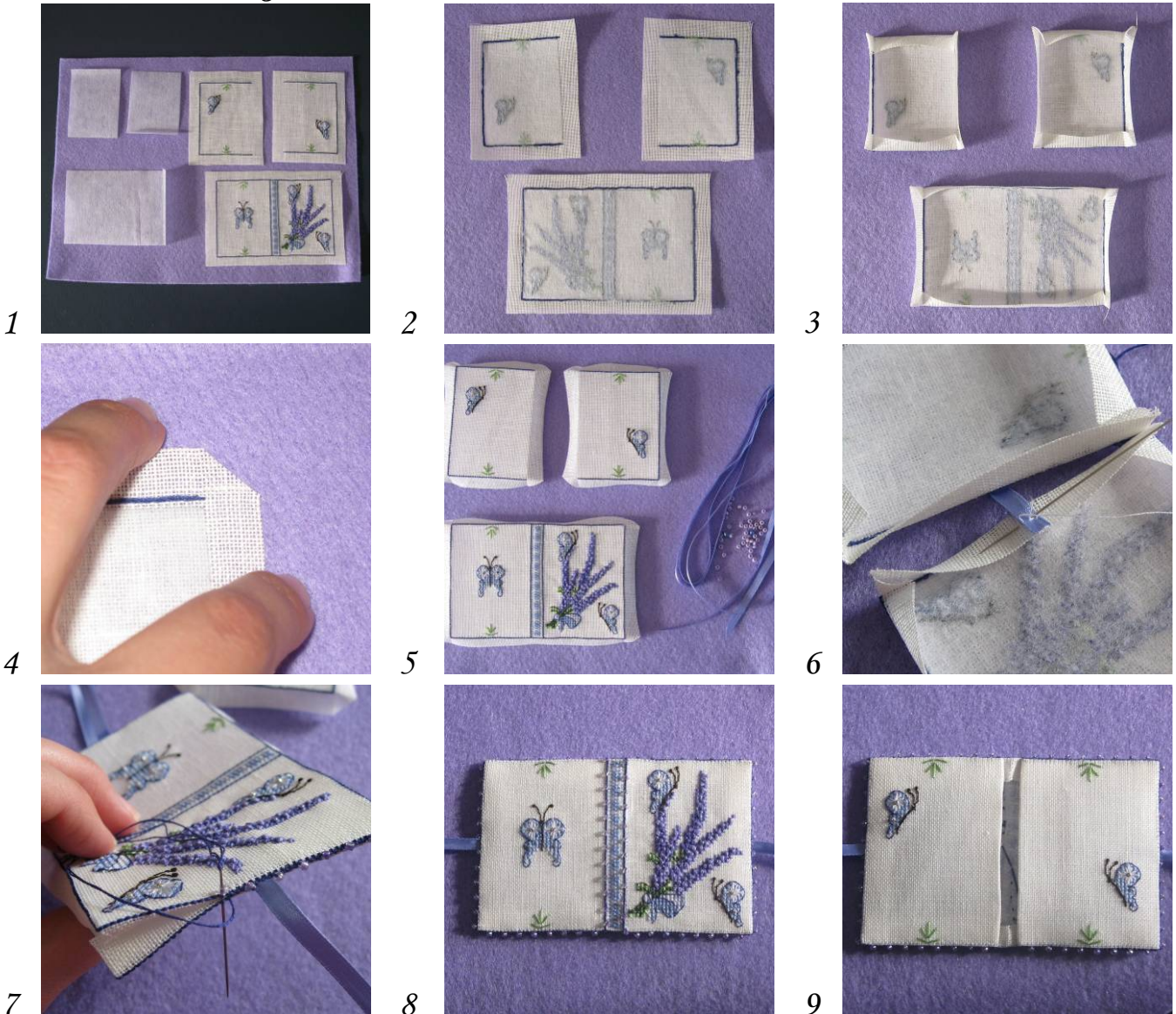


*Illustrated with the
“Lavender needlebook” pattern
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Tutorial : how to assemble a needlebook

You will need:

- your 3 stitched designs
- 3 pieces of interfacing, cut to fit the shape of your stitched designs
- some matching felt
- 30cm (12 inches) of matching 5mm ribbon (to be cut in half)
- some matching beads



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**Step 1 :**

Collect together your stitched designs and your interfacing. Leave the rest aside for the moment.

Make sure that your interfacing fits perfectly to cover the back of your designs, but not the hems.

The idea is to strengthen the covers of your needlebook and to prevent the stitches from showing through the fabric (since the covers are stitched both inside and outside).

Step 2 :

To attach the interfacing, follow the manufacturer's instructions. You will need to iron the interfacing taking care not to iron on the sticky side. Take care that you lift your iron, rather than glide it so that the interfacing does not move.

Step 3 :

Fold the hems on all 4 sides, starting with the top and bottom hems, leaving the left and right ones until last (it will give you a neater finish in the end).

Step 4 :

To avoid unsightly lumps of fabrics, trim off the top corners as shown on the photograph.

Step 5 :

You will now need the ribbon and beads. We are ready to start assembling the needlebook. You will now need the ribbon and beads. We are ready to start assembling the needlebook.

Step 6 :

Before stitching the sides together, position your ribbon in the right place (same place on both sides of your outer cover) and secure it with a few stitches to the inside hem.

This will reinforce your ribbons and ensure that they both meet side by side when you close your needlebook and tie a bow.

Step 7:

You can now stitch the outer cover to the inside one, using the biscornu method (stitching each facing backstitch together, without stitching the fabric).

I strongly suggest that you start with a top corner, work your way down the side of the cover, then carry on towards the folding line of the needlebook. If you start at the folding line and work towards the corners, you may find that the corners do not match.

You can add beads as you stitch. I suggest using a bead every 4 stitches: 1 stitch with bead, 3 without, etc.

Step 8:

The cover of your needlebook is now finished. The outside should look like this (see picture 8).

Step 9:

And the inside, like this (see picture 9).

There is a deliberate gap in the design, so that when folded, the needlebook inner cover does not crease due to excess fabric in the fold.

Step 10:

Cut your felt so that it is slightly smaller than the height of your needlebook and quite a bit smaller than its width (otherwise it will stick out when you close your needlebook).

Step 11:

Now, we need to attach the felt sheet to the cover.

Stitch all the layers together and hide the stitches with large beads on the outside. (The beads are shown on the chart, to help you position them at regular intervals)

Step 12:

To hide inner stitches, you can use beads once again. Make sure they are small enough, so that the booklet can be closed properly.

Your needlebook is now finished. Well done!



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