

Cherry Needlebook

Materials:

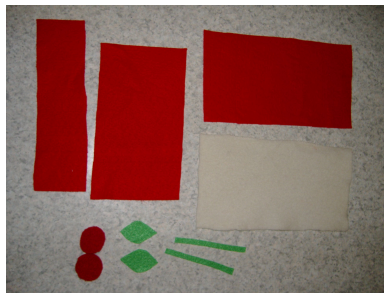
Felted wool – cream, red and green
Embroidery thread - cream, green and red
Red ribbon - 12 inches
Embroidery Needle
Pattern
Pins



Instructions:

1. Cut out patterns & fabric:

Cut fabric according to pattern. I cut the outside in cream wool. The inside, the pocket and the needle pages I cut out in red felt. Note: I used a felted wool coat, a felted sweater and regular craft felt. Wool felt or craft felt will work for this project.



2. Sew needle book cover:

Arrange the cherries, stems and leaves on the cover. I folded the cover in half so I could make sure it looked centered. I pinned each piece in place then chose the coordinating embroidery thread and stitched each piece in place, using a basic running stitch.



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3. Prepare the inside of the needlebook:

When you sew the needlebook together you will leave the raw edges showing and sew it together with a blanket stitch. If you want to decorate the inside pocket with a blanket stitch do that now using cream embroidery thread. Stitch across the top edge of the pocket.



Next place the outside cover on your work surface with the wrong side facing up. Cut the red ribbon into two 6 inch pieces. Place the ribbon onto the wrong side of the cover with about one inch overlapping the cover on each side. You should have 5 inches of ribbon hanging off both sides of the cover.



Place the inside lining on top then place the pocket on, aligning it to the bottom of the needlebook. At this point check to see that the red ribbon ties are aligned. Realign the ribbons if necessary and pin in place between the cover and inside lining. Don't pin the pocket to the ribbons, you want to be able to pull back the pocket to sew the ribbons in the next step. Pin the cover, lining and pocket into place.



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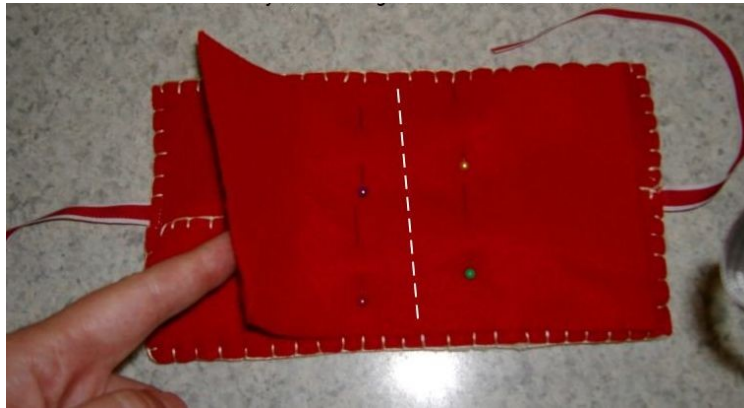
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4. Sew the needle book:

With your machine sew over the spot where the ribbons are pinned. Make sure to pull back the pocket before sewing the ribbons in place. I used natural colored thread so it's not noticeable on the cover. Next using the cream embroidery thread blanket stitch the outside of the needle book all the way around.



Now place your needle page (or pages if you want more than one) onto the inside lining making sure you center it. Pin it in place and stitch a line down the center using cream embroidery floss or machine stitch it using natural colored thread. Note: This line is where your needle book will fold so you want to sew your line in the center of the needlebook.



5. Your needlebook is complete:

Add some needles to your needlebook and tie it closed. It's ready to use or give as a gift. Enjoy and happy sewing!



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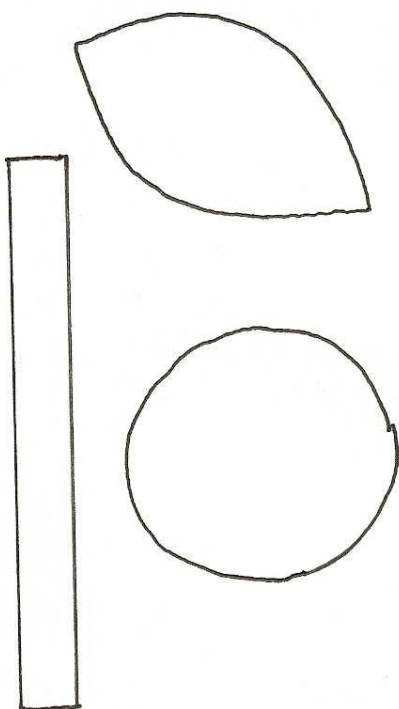
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Leaf
Stem
Cherries
Cut 2

Outside
Cut 1

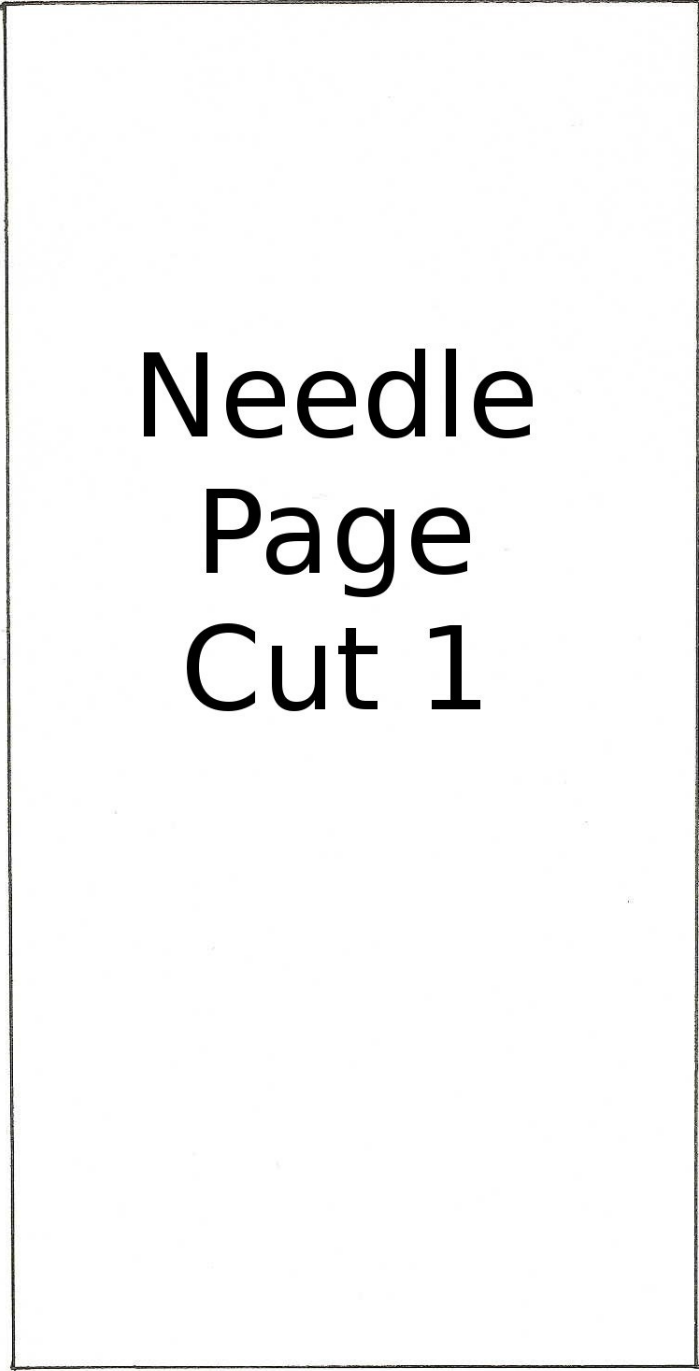
Inside
Cut 1

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Needle
Page
Cut 1



Inside
Pocket
Cut 1