

Sewing Needle Case



Finished Dimensions: Approximately 9 ¼" W x 6" H (when closed, as pictured above)

Materials:

- Exterior Fabric: 13" x 9 ¾"
- Interior Fabric: 13" x 9 ¾"
- Heavy-weight Fusible Interfacing: 12 ½" x 9 ¼"
- Felt: 8 ½" x 11" (See Note Below.*)
- Felt scraps for pockets:
 - 3" x 4 ¼" for scissors pocket
 - 2" x 1 ¾" for needle threader pocket
- Plastic packaging scraps for scissors pocket shield (2 ½" x 3 ¾")
- Button
- Elastic cord (5" length)
- Clear packing tape
- White grosgrain ribbon (12")
- Embroidery floss
- Sewing threads to match

Note: Depending on the size and thickness of your felt, you may wish to use two pieces stacked together. If so, cut a second piece the same size, stack together, and stitch in place in Step 2 under Assembling the Needle Case.)

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Pinking shears (or rotary cutter with pinking blade)
- Pigma Micron 005 Pen, 0.20 mm line (or other marking tool for embroidery)
- Embroidery hoop

To Create the Felt Lining for Needle Case

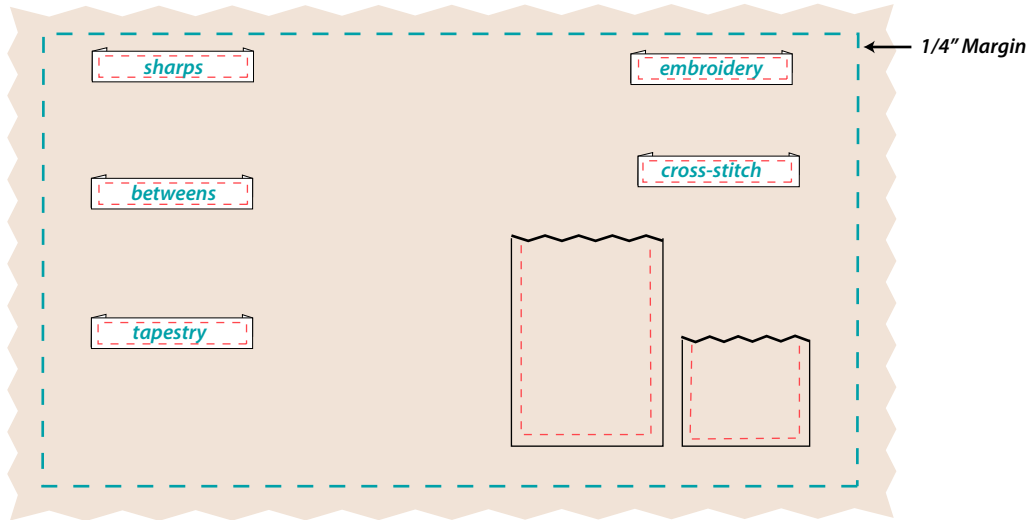
- 1) Use your Pigma Micron pen to write down the names of your needles on a length of white grosgrain ribbon leaving a ½" gap between the names. (Example: sharps, between, etc.)
- 2) Stretch the labeled ribbon through your embroidery hoop. Back stitch the letters using two strands of embroidery floss. Cut the labels apart and trim as needed. You will turn the side edges of the ribbon under as you secure the labels to the felt lining.



- 3) Prepare your felt lining by pinking the edges of the felt lining piece as well as the top edge of your pockets.
- 4) Prepare your plastic shield for the scissors pocket. Using clear plastic packing tape, tape the bottom and sides of the plastic together. Depending on the size and shape of your scissors, you may also want to narrow the top opening of the plastic guard by placing a piece of tape on either side of the top opening.

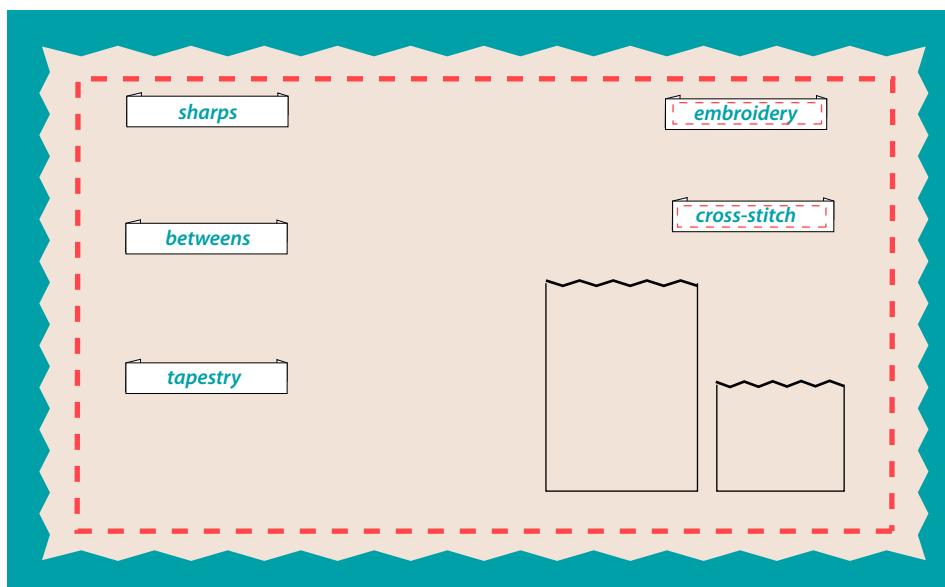


- 5) Leaving a 1/4" margin around the edges of the felt lining, arrange your labels and pockets. Hand stitch in place using a back stitch or blanket stitch. Turn the side edges of the ribbon under as you stitch. The raw edges of the felt pockets do not need to be turned under.

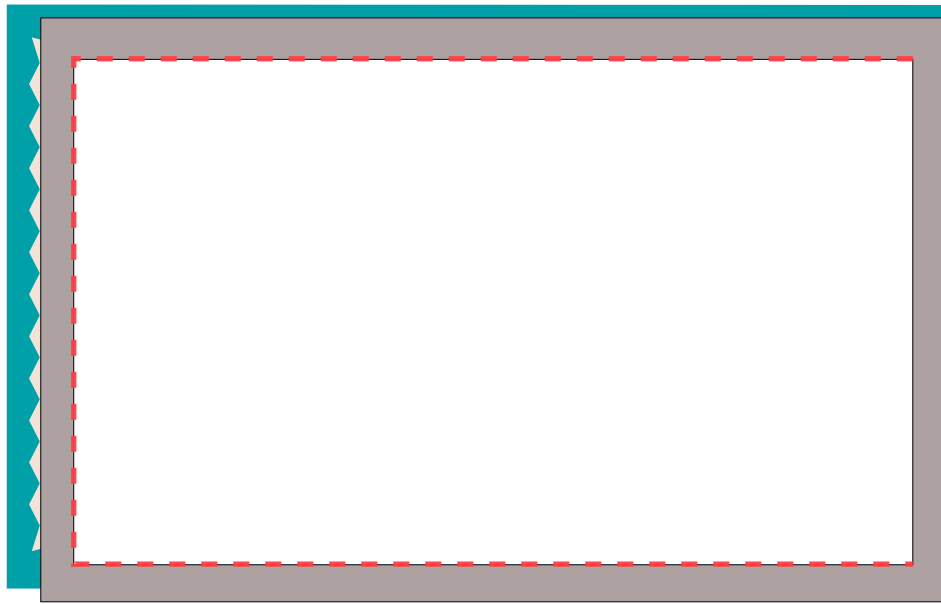


Assembling the Needle Case

- 1) Iron your fusible interface to the wrong side of the exterior fabric.
- 2) Arrange the felt lining piece on the interior fabric (right sides facing up). Top stitch in place using a 1/4" seam allowance.

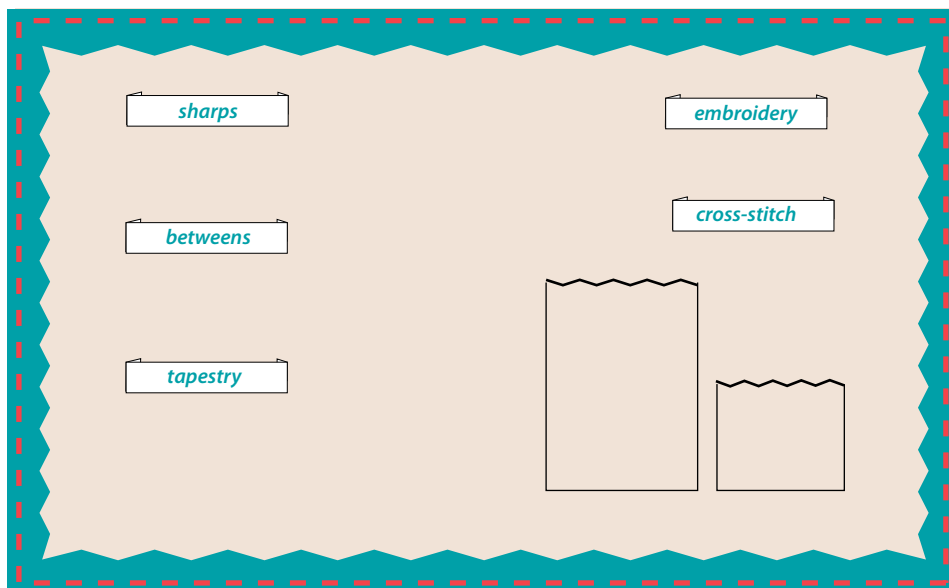


- 3) With right sides together, stitch the interior fabric and exterior fabric together along the top, side, and bottom edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Leave the far right side open. Trim corners, turn, and press.



**LEAVE SIDE
OPEN**

- 4) Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on the unstitched edge, folding the raw edges of the fabric inside. Pin your elastic cord in place, creating a loop half way down the side edge. Top stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from edge and continue top stitching all the way around your finished piece.



**FOLD
EDGES
IN**

**TOP STITCH
CLOSED**

- 5) Sew button to the front approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge.

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