
Keepsake Needle Case with Rebecca Ringquist

Chapter 1 - Keepsake Needle Case

Overview

(whimsical guitar notes) - As someone who embroiders a lot, I like to keep my needles organized. A great way to do that is to make a felt needle holder that keeps your needles sharp and tidy. You can add special details like vintage ribbon or a clothing label. Both of those things will add a really beautiful keepsake touch. ^ (whimsical music)

Create needle case

- You'll need the template which is seven and 3/4 of an inch by three inches. I cut that out of a piece of cardboard. You could also print it out from the website and cut it out of there. I'm using a piece of cotton from a vintage apron. I have a piece of felt that's 100% wool to keep my needles rust-free and sharp. I like to use these vintage ribbons because they often have these beautiful woven-in patterns. You can find those at a ribbon store or a lot of times you can find really beautiful ribbon at tag sales and flea markets and things like that. We're also using vintage clothing labels. You probably already have some of these in your closet hiding away in some old clothing. You'll need a disappearing ink pen. I'm using a friction pen that irons away. We have two pairs of scissors, sharp fabric shears and pinking shears. Just as a reminder, you should never use your fabric shears for anything but fabric. You'll also need some pins, just a few and a sewing machine. First I'm gonna trace the template shape onto the cotton and the wool felt. I'm gonna do the same thing on the wool, wool felt. It's pretty faint, but I can see that enough to cut it. Now I'm gonna cut out each of these shapes. Now place the cotton wrong side down onto of the wool felt. I'm gonna use 1/4-inch seam allowance to sew the fabric to the felt. Take a little back stitch. I like to go back just a little bit as I go around the corner. We're gonna use the pinking shears to square up the edges and keep the cotton from fraying. Let's pick out some ribbon to add to this needle case. I think I like this one. It's a kind of retro flower ribbon. So you just want to fold one end under, kind of finger pressing that into place. Then measure the ribbon down all along the needle holder. Then figure out how long you want the loop to be at the end if you want to have a loop. So that's about to here with enough left to tuck under. So we're gonna cut right through that brown flower. I think that will be just enough. So let's pin that in place. Just used a few pins. I like to use three or four. It usually just takes three. Then tuck that end under. Just add one more pin for that loop. There we go, we're ready to sew. You'll want to sew the ribbon on as close to the edge as you can. Turn the corner. Then back down the other side. Then turn one last corner to finish off. Finally, we're going to add a vintage clothing label to give this needle holder a little more personality. It's up to you where you want to put your vintage label. You could add it right over the ribbon, sometimes I like to put them off to the side. It could go down below. You could even put it on the other side where the fabric is to have a little decoration on both sides. I think today I'm gonna lay it right over the top of the ribbon up towards the top near the loop. Actually I decided that I like the way the label looks on the back even more. So I'm gonna sew it on that way. I'm not pinning this in place because a pin would just be in my way. But I'm gonna place the needle in that first corner before I lower the presser foot so I know that it's in the right place. That label's not gonna go anywhere. The needle's gonna secure it in place and do what a pin would do. So same as the ribbon, you want the needle to be as close to edge of that tag as possible. I'm gonna go forward and then do the tiniest back stitch. Turn the corner. And one

more corner. And one more. And then we'll go just one more around, just up to this corner. There we go. Use the thread cutter on the machine to set it free. I think that one looks really great. All that's left to do is to snip the threads. I think there's some more on the back. Just add needles and you're all set.