

felt **needle case**

with tie closure

EVEN THE MOST experienced embroiderers sometimes lose their needles if they don't have a special place to store them. This pretty needle case can quickly become your special place. It is made like a book with a cover, front and back flaps that act as pockets, four cloth pages, and a braided tie closure. You can use a different page for each size or type of needle to keep them separate, and the pockets on the cover can hold pins, thread, or a small needle threader.

1 **cut the felt**

Cut three pieces of felt for the outside cover and pockets, as shown on page 64, according to the following measurements: for the outside cover, cut one piece of felt $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "; for the pockets on the inside flaps, cut 2 pieces $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Using the other color of felt, for cloth pages, cut 2 pieces 5" x 3".

running stitch

Materials

2 (9" X 12") PIECES OF FELT IN
2 DIFFERENT COLORS
1 (8-YARD) SKEIN PERSIAN WOOL,
OR 2 SKEINS EMBROIDERY FLOSS
(shown in wool)
SIZE 22 CHENILLE NEEDLE
FABRIC SCISSORS
EMBROIDERY SCISSORS
RULER OR TAPE MEASURE
WATER-SOLUBLE FABRIC MARKER IN A COLOR
THAT WILL SHOW ON YOUR FELT
PINS
THIN ($\frac{1}{8}$ -INCH) PIECE OF RIBBON,
TO BE USED INSTEAD OF THE
BRAIDED-TIE CLOSURE *(optional)*
FABRIC GLUE, FOR ATTACHING TIE CLOSURE
(optional)



2 prepare the thread

Separate a single 2-ply strand of Persian wool about 32" long. If using embroidery floss, use all six strands for stitching, as it comes from the skein. See page 14 for instructions on preparing your thread.

3 attach the inside flap pockets

Referring to the top illustration on page 65, pin the inside flaps to each side of the cover, matching the edges and leaving a gap $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide in the center. You will stitch around the outside of the cover piece to join all the layers and create the inside pockets.

Thread the needle with your prepared thread and make a double knot (see page 46) in the end. To hide the starting knot, insert the needle between the two layers of felt at a point about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from one edge, then bring the needle up to the front.

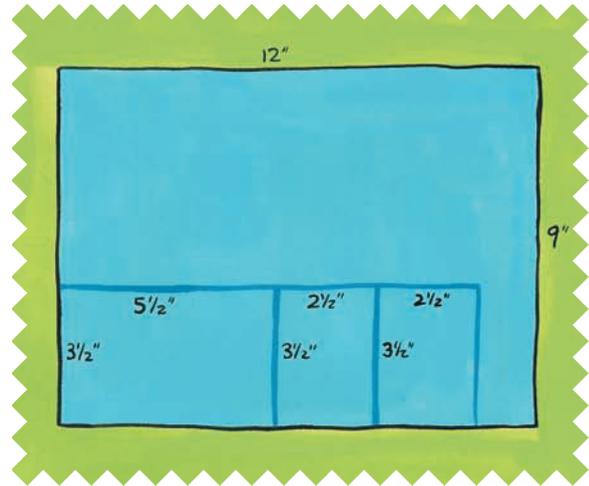
Work running stitches (see page 55) about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long and $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart, positioned about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the edge around all four sides. Finish by making a stitched knot (see page 46) in between the two layers of felt. Trim the end very close to the fabric so it won't stick out.

4 attach the pages

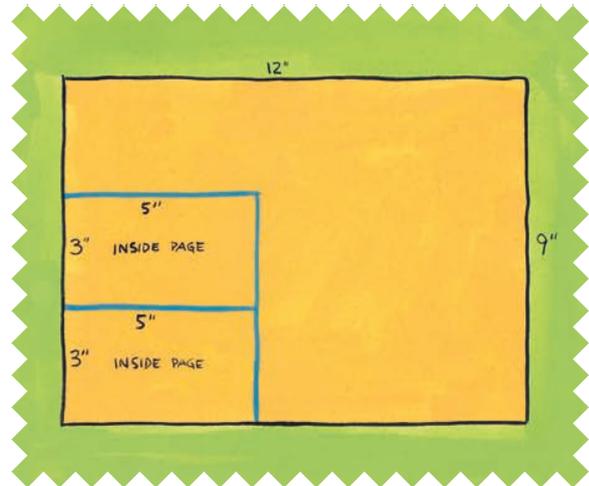
Pin the two inside pages exactly on top of each

Step 1 Cut the Felt

Cut 3 Pieces of Felt for Outside Cover and Pockets



Cut Two Pieces of Felt for Cloth Pages



other. With the cover pocket-side up, place the pages on top of the cover, matching the center of the pages with the gap in the center of the cover as shown in the illustration below.

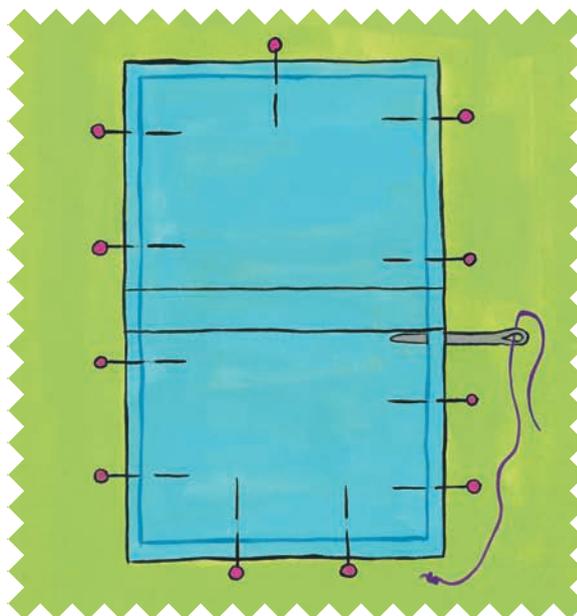
Thread the needle with your prepared thread and make a double knot in the end. To hide the starting knot, insert the needle between the two layers of felt at a point about $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from one edge, between the outer page and the cover. Work running stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " long and $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart, through all three layers straight down the center of the cover. Finish by bringing your thread to the inside between the cover and outer page. Make a stitched knot and trim the end very close to the fabric so it won't stick out. Fold the needle case closed like a book.

5 *make the tie closure*

Cut either a 3-strand length of Persian wool or a 6-strand length of embroidery floss 30" long. Knot all the pieces together very close to the end. Have a friend hold the knot and make a very tight 18-inch braid. Tie another knot to finish, then trim the ends very close to the knots. Fold the braid or optional ribbon tie in half and, using a dab of fabric glue, attach it to the center of the outside fold of the case. Or sew it to the case using several small stitches. Wrap half the tie around the front, half around the back, and tie shut.

Pin and Sew the Needle Case

Step 3 Pin and Sew One Flap to Each Side of Cover



Step 4 Pin and Sew the Pages to the Cover

