

Heart 'n Hand Needle Case



Take a traditional log cabin square and transform it into this charming and handy needle case. It's the perfect project for leftover fabric scraps. Mix your fabrics or establish a theme with colors or prints. It's fun...and it's easy to make!

SUPPLIES:

- Five to seven 1 1/2"-wide strips of assorted/coordinating cotton fabric (15-20" long)
- 3/8 yard of cotton fabric (outer fabric, e.g. ecru tone-on-tone)
- 7" square of muslin
- 3/8 yard of cotton flannel (lining)
- Square of red felt
- 1/4" Quilting Foot
- Coats Dual Duty Plus® All-purpose Thread
- Water-soluble marking pen
- Temporary spray adhesive
- Two ecru shirt buttons
- Three to five assorted buttons
- Hand-sewing needles



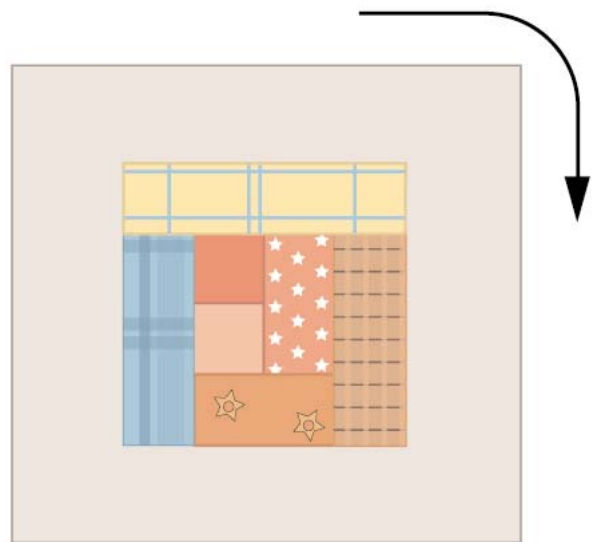
*All seams are 1/4" unless indicated.
Stitch length is slightly shorter than normal
(1.75 - 2 mm).*

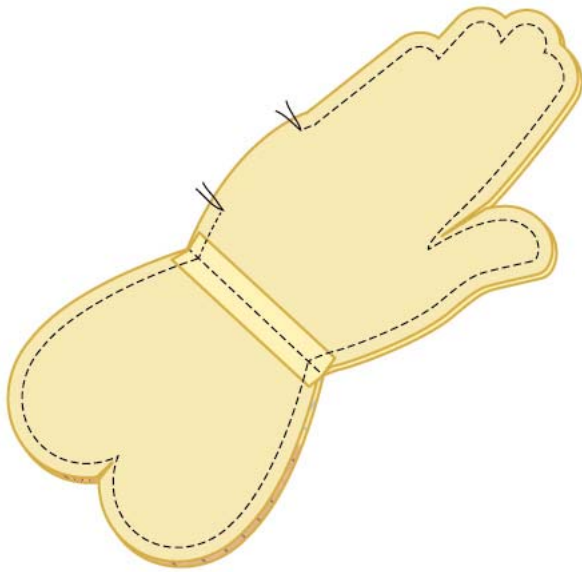
1. Cut two 1 1/2" squares from the assorted cotton fabric strips. With wrong sides together, layer the squares and center on the muslin. Stitch along one edge using your 1/4" Quilting Foot. Open out the squares and finger press.

2. Continue adding the strips of fabric, using the *stitch and flip method* to cover the muslin square creating the log cabin design. Remember to always turn the muslin square in the same direction as you stitch and continue to stitch the strips.

3. Lightly spray the flannel lining piece with the temporary adhesive and attach to the wrong side of the muslin square. With right sides together, place the ecru outer fabric on top and cut out the heart-shaped section.

4. Adhere a piece of flannel to the wrong side of the ecru fabric with the temporary spray adhesive. Again, with right sides together, layer another piece of the ecru fabric on top. Cut out the pieces using the hand section of the pattern. Transfer all the markings using the water-soluble marking pen.





5. With right sides together, stitch one hand to one heart at the “wrist”. Repeat with the remaining two sections. Press both seams open.

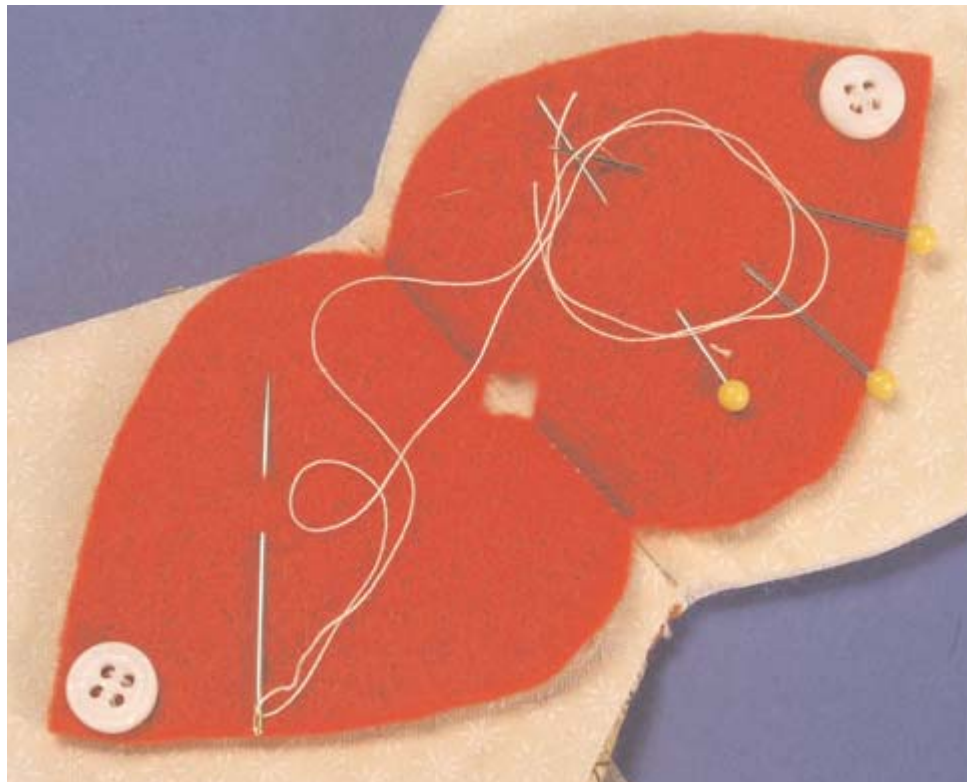
6. Pin the hand/heart sections, right sides together, and stitch around the edge using your 1/4” Quilting Foot leaving a 2”-3” opening along the side (little finger edge) of the hand. by using the Needle Up/Down feature on your machine you can control your stitching and pivot at the points of the fingers more easily.

7. Carefully clip around the curves and pivot points. Turn the piece right side out and press well. NOTE: The curved edge of a Hera marker helps in the turning of the curved seams.

8. Slipstitch the opening closed. Following the markings, stitch the “fingers” on the hand section through all the layers.

9. From the felt cut out the small heart making sure to place the top edge on the fold of the fabric. Open out the hearts and match the fold to the seamline at the “wrist”. Stitch-in-the-ditch through all layers attaching the hearts at the seamline.

10. Stitch the two shirt buttons at the tips of each heart to hold the felt in place.



11. Stitch assorted buttons or tack a small ribbon bow to the front of the patchwork heart.