

## STRIP-PIECED NEEDLE CASE



Make a case for storing your needles using the 'stitch and flip' technique sewn onto a foundation.

You can make it in whatever fabric you like – you only need small pieces so it's a great project to use up your scraps, as well as being a useful item for your sewing box.

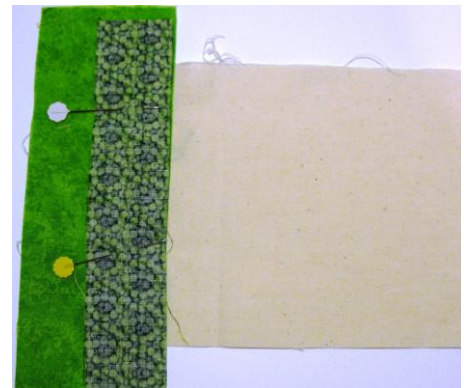
### Requirements

- 1 piece of foundation fabric (plain cotton or calico) – approx 24 x 14cm
- 1 piece of lining fabric – same size as foundation
- 1 piece of wadding – same size as foundation
- 2 pieces felt – same size as foundation
- Strips of colourful fabric
- Threads and basic sewing kit

### Instructions

- 1 Strip piece the outside of your needle case - start your patchwork by putting a strip face up at one side of your foundation fabric and then pin a second piece face down on top of it.

It doesn't matter if your strips are wider than your foundation – just make sure they do cover the full width.



- 2 Sew along the edge of the strips using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Sew through both strips and the foundation. Then press the strips open.

Keep adding strips in the same way and pressing them open until your foundation is completely covered.

- 3 When your patchwork is complete, trim to measure 24 by 14cm. Decorate the patchwork using hand or machine stitching.
- 4 Put the layers together – lay your wadding down first, then the patchwork (right side up) and then lining on top (right side down). Sew around the edge, leaving a gap for turning.
- 5 Clip the corners and turn through. Sew up the gap and top stitch around the edge of the case (optional).
- 6 Measure the case – cut two pieces of felt approximately an inch smaller in length and width. Use pinking shears for a decorative edge.



- 7 Fold the case and felt in half. Place felt inside case, lining up centre fold. Sew through all layers along fold.
- 8 Close your case and you are ready to use it.