



Free as a Bird Needlecase

(Measures approximately 6 inches x 6 inches)

Requirements

Grey fabric – I used Linen Texture by The Henley Studio - Makoweruk	2 @ 7 inch squares
Inside lining - White with orange spot fabric	12 ½ inches by 6 ½ inches
Pocket - Blue fabric	12 ½ inches by 7 inches
HeatnBond Feather Lite	4 x 2 inch square
Tail feather and wings Circles	Scraps of Orange, Blue and Red stripe fabric Scraps of fabric
DMC embroidery thread	Yellow – 444 and 742, Orange – 721, Blue – 3844 and 800, Salmon – 3705, Green 470, Black
Felt for needles	6 inches x 3 ½ inches

Front of Needlecase

Stick the pattern onto a light box. Trace the outline of the wings and centre tail feather onto HeatnBond Feather Lite. Roughly cut out (not on the drawn lines). Iron on to back of the orange, blue and red stripe fabric. Now cut on the drawn lines.

Place one 7 inch square of grey fabric onto the pattern (which is on the light box) and draw the bird outline and the embroidery lines with a pencil. Iron on the wings and tail feather.

Using single strand black DMC thread embroider around the fabric pieces of the wings and tail with a stem stitch just inside the fabric.

For the rest of the embroidery I used one strand of DMC embroidery thread using a running stitch. Refer to photo for colours used.

Back:

Draw lines 1 inch – ½ inch – 1 inch.... etc. I started with the centre line and worked outwards. Embroider using a running stitch and 2 strands of DMC 721.

Prepare circles – I use Karen Kay Buckley circles. Choose a circle that fits inside the square. Sew the circles inside the squares.

When all embroidery is completed trim both squares to 6 ½ inches and sew together.

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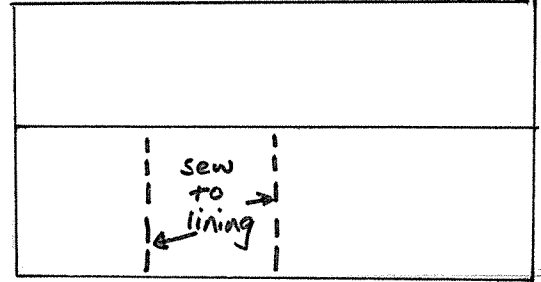
Inside of Needlecase

Pocket – Fold in half along the long edge and top stitch.

Pin to inside lining and stitch pockets. You can make more pockets.

Felt (for needles)

Trim your felt rectangle with pinking shears and sew to the lining.



Place lining and front of needlecase right sides together and sew around leaving a 3 inch gap. Pull through the gap to the right side. Iron.

Now sit back and admire your lovely work!!

