



Key-Ring Tutorial

You will need:

- ▶ your stitched design
- ▶ some felt
- ▶ 1 snap hook
- ▶ some matching beads

Step 1 : getting ready.



Iron your stitched linen, and cut out a piece of felt to the shape & dimensions of the stitched motif.

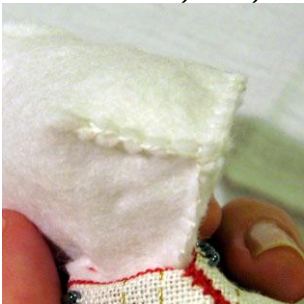
Allow an extra 1 cm around all the sides of the stitched designs to allow for the seams.

Step 2 : putting it together.



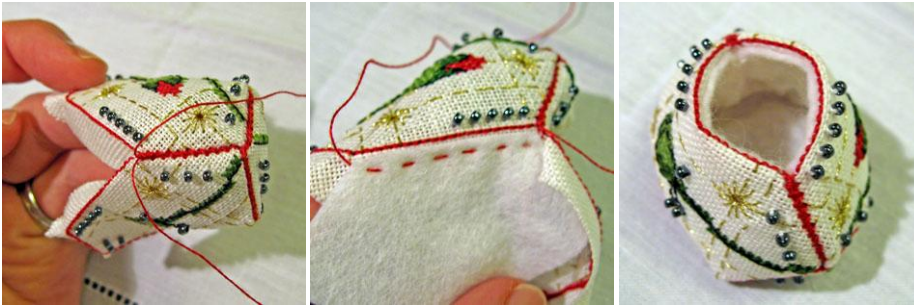
Fold the linen along the seams to ease the assembly process. Start with the end tips of the fob. Do not stitch the long seam that runs from top to bottom of the fob yet. Whip-stitch** your way up the 2 little seams only,

on both sides of the fob.



Do the same for the lining. You can do this quickly and it doesn't have to be perfectly neat as it will all be on the inside of the fob and will not show. Besides, felt doesn't fray.

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Tuck the lining inside the fob (making sure that the excess fabric/felt from the seams is trapped in between the 2 layers). Finish the last seam starting with one of the pointy ends. Stitch it all the way down

to the opening of the fob. Secure your cotton and separate the 2 strands. Each strand is going to be used to stitch one side of the opening. Here, I used a simple forward stitch to be quicker (once the assembling is finished, this seam will not show). But you could use a fancy stitch if you preferred. When you've stitched both sides of the opening, put both strands together again to finish stitching the fob together.

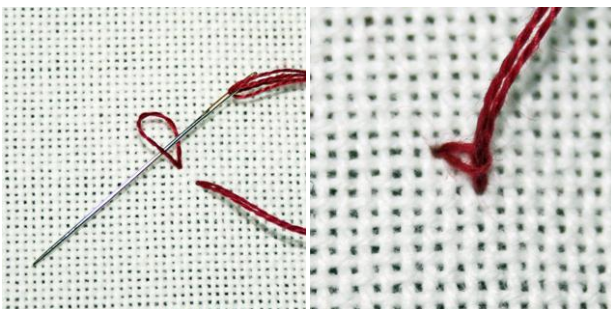
Step 3 : adding the finishing touches.



With matching beads, attach the fob to the snap hook (using nylon thread for added strength), and dress the bottom of the fob.

You can also add a tiny little press stud to the middle of the opening, if you so wish.

Technical tips:



* Loop Method:

Use this method when you need the start of a seam to be as "invisible" as possible.

Take a longer length of thread than usual, and double it up. Thread your needle so that the loop is at the bottom of your length of thread.

Start your first stitch, turn your fabric over so you're looking at the wrong side, and thread your needle through the loop to secure it. Pull to tighten (see the pictures above – note that the photos are showing the **wrong side** of the fabric).

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** Whip Stitch:

You can use this method to assemble 2 pieces of outlined fabric together.
(The stitched pieces must have been outlined with backstitch prior to this.)

You can then stitch each pair of opposite backstitches together, as shown on the picture.

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