



Scissor Case Tutorial

You will need:

- ▶ your stitched design
- ▶ interfacing (to the same dimensions as the stitched design)
- ▶ some matching fabric
- ▶ a press stud button
- ▶ some matching beads (optional)

Step 1 : getting ready.



Start with your stitched design and your interfacing. Leave the rest aside for the moment.

Make sure that your interfacing covers the back of your design, but doesn't go over the hems. The idea is to strengthen the stitching fabric and help it retain its shape.

To attach the interfacing, follow the manufacturer's instructions. You will need to iron the interfacing, taking care not to iron on the sticky side. Make sure that you lift your iron, rather than glide it so that the interfacing does not get dragged out of place.

Step 2 : putting it together.



Put together the stitched design and the lining fabric, right sides touching, and machine stitch the 2 edges around the flap of your scissor case. You need to stitch as close to the backstitch line as possible, on the outside, so that the backstitch line doesn't get trapped inside the lining. Then trim off all 4 corners, so that you avoid unsightly lumps of fabrics later on.

(!) If you do not have a sewing machine, you can do this by hand, of course. Or if you have a particular aversion to sewing, you can also opt for a felt square (same size as your stitched design) that you can glue onto the inside of the scissor case, having folded the hems under the felt to hide them.

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Turn your square inside out (or the right way round, actually). Two of the sides are stitched up. Neaten up the hemming fabric in the corner so that it stays as flat as possible. Fold and iron the other 2 sides in

position and trim off the lining fabric that will be at the tip of the scissor case. Use pinking-shears, so that your fabric doesn't fray.



Hand-stitch the linen fabric and the lining together with tiny invisible stitches along the edge of the fabric. (Don't stitch over the backstitch line – you will need it later)



You now have a fully lined stitched square. You need to give the scissor case its shape by stitching together (as you would a biscornu*) the 2 sides that you hand-stitched earlier. Don't forget to add any beads

or stitches that need to go over the seam.

Step 3 : adding the finishing touches.



You can keep stitching until the very tip of the scissor case, but it'll put a lot of stress on the last few stitches that will be very stretched. Personally, I prefer stopping a few stitches from the tip, and "plugging" the hole with a nice bead.

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Stitch the press stud button on, for the fastening.
You may want to add a few beads to the flap, to finish your scissor case nicely.

Technical tips:



* *Biscornu Method:*

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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