



Desk Tidy Tutorial

You will need:

- ▶ 2 stitched designs (22cm x 22cm)
- ▶ 8 x 20cm of matching 10mm-wide ribbon
- ▶ 2 squares of interfacing (21.5cm x 21.5cm)

Step 1 : getting ready.



Cut the interfacing pieces to the required size: 2 squares of 21.5cm x 21.5cm. Leave a 1cm border around the stitched designs, and trim off the excess linen. Trim all corners.

And measure out the ribbon into 8 strips of 20cm each.



Give one end of the ribbon a slanted finish, and leave the other end square. Using a naked flame, seal each end of the ribbon (for no more than 1 second each) so that it doesn't fray with use.

Step 2 : putting it together.



Position the ribbons on the good side of the outer design (see the pictures on the left), and pin them into place.

Stitch the ribbons and remove the pins.

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Fold all the edges (the ribbons are now facing outwards), and whip stitch** all 4 sides together.



If you have a sewing machine, stitch along the folding lines as indicated by the blue arrows (using white thread, so it doesn't show).

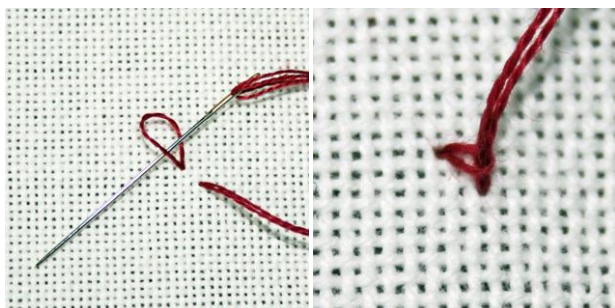
If you don't have a sewing machine, you can hand-stitch this using a simple running stitch (weaving the needle in and out of both layers of fabric).

Step 3 : adding the finishing touches.



You can now tie the ribbons together to shape the corners of the basket, and fold back the flap for a more sophisticated look.

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

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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).



** 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.

If you enjoyed stitching this basket, you may like the following designs:



Ref. CCN210-BKT



Ref. WDR210-BSKT

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