



## Glasses Case Tutorial

You will need:

- ▶ your stitched designs
- ▶ interfacing (to the same dimensions as the stitched designs)
- ▶ some matching fabric
- ▶ Velcro or a press stud button

Step 1 : getting ready.



Prepare everything you will need, and make sure that the interfacing pieces cover the back of the designs, but don't go over the hems. To attach the interfacing, follow the manufacturer's instructions. Take care not to iron on the sticky side, and 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 each stitched design and its lining fabric, right sides together, and machine stitch 3 of the edges (leave the bottom edge unstitched). 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 the corners, so that you avoid unsightly lumps of fabrics later on.

[Tip: if you do not have a sewing machine, you can do this by hand, of course. Or glue a felt area (same size as your stitched design) onto the inside of the glasses case, having folded back the hems under the felt.]



Fold and iron both openings, making sure that the stitched fabric shows slightly under the lining fabric. Turn both pieces right side out. Neaten up the hemming fabric in the corners so that it stays as flat as possible. Iron each piece flat.

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Stitch up the stitched fabric and the lining together with little stitches along the edge of the fabric.

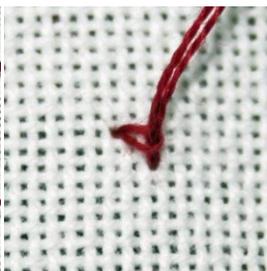
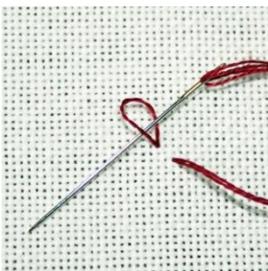
(Don't stitch over the backstitch line – you will need access to it later)



Stitch a Velcro square (or a press stud button) for the fastening.

Now you can whip stitch both sides of the glasses case together, starting with one of the corners.

## Technical tips:



## Loop Method:

This is very useful to start your whip stitch.

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).



## 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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