

Needle Wrap

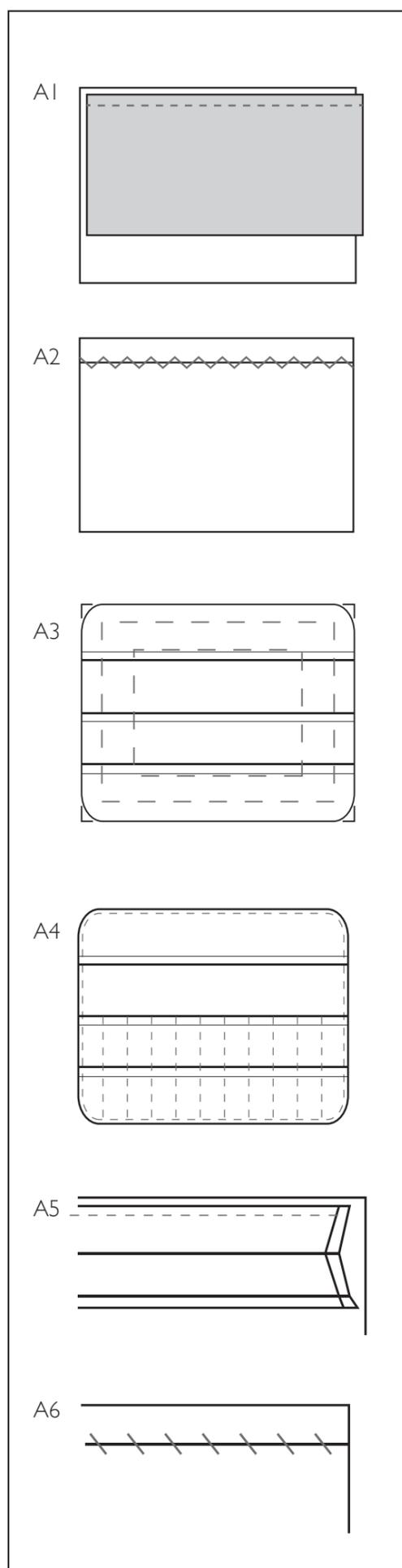
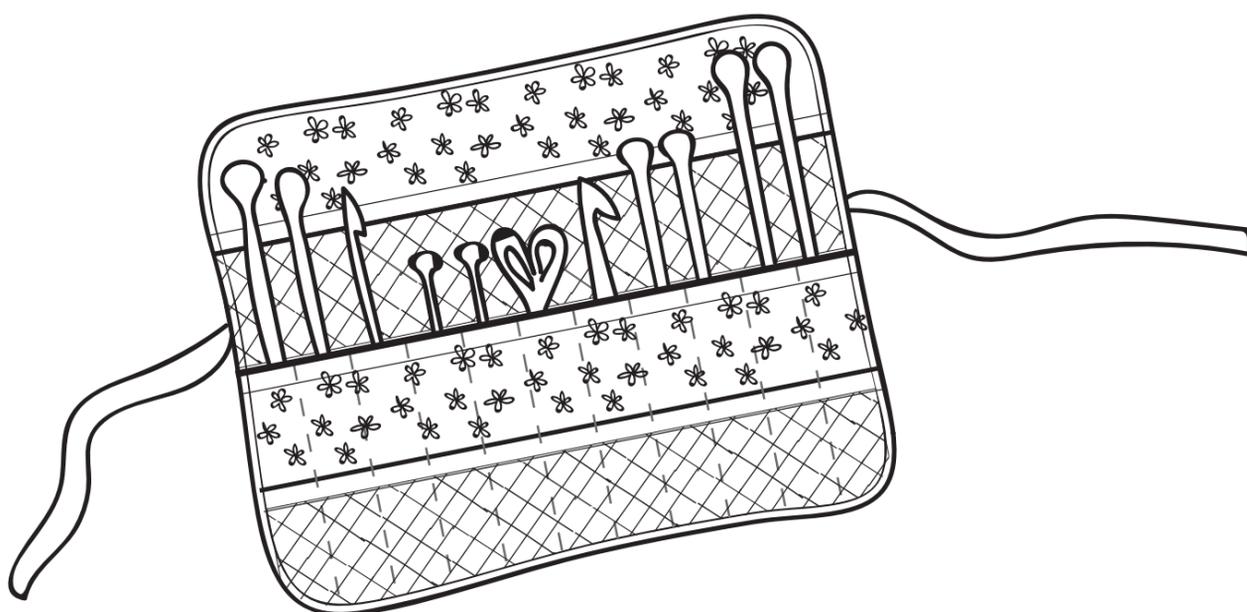
If you're ready to go one step further with your new sewing skills, this needle wrap is the perfect challenge. It may look impressive, but by following the simple instructions below you'll be surprised how easily you can create your own. The wrap looks great with contrasting fabrics used for the outside and inside. Learn how to use bias binding and discover how to use simple stitched lines to create mini compartments to keep all your tools neat.

What's more, this handy organiser rolls up and ties together (another great use of bias binding!) so you can take your sewing stash with you everywhere you go.

You will need...

Fabric fat quarters
Fusible fleece
Tailor's chalk
Bias binding
Sewing machine (optional)
Needle and thread
Scissors and pins
Iron & ironing board

1. Cut out your fabric pieces using the templates. As this pattern has several pieces, it's a good idea to label them all so you don't get them mixed up.
2. Cut another outer piece from fusible fleece. Lay the fusible fleece with the adhesive side up and place your outer panel piece on top, wrong side down. Press gently with an iron on medium heat until the fabrics have fused together.
3. The fleece will sit inside the fabrics to give the needle wrap the padded effect seen in quilted items. Flip your fused piece over and place the inner panel on top, wrong side down. Pin all three layers together to create a base piece.
4. Pin the small pocket front and small pocket lining together right sides facing. Sew lengthways along one side only, approximately 1cm from the raw edge. (A1)
5. Repeat step 4 with the large pocket front and lining. Press the seams open on both pockets. Fold the pockets wrong side facing and match the two long edges. Press. Topstitch along the seams, using a decorative stitch such as zigzag. (A2)
6. Take the flap piece and fold in half lengthways. Press the fold. Topstitch 2cm from the fold with a decorative stitch as you did with the pockets.
7. Lay the base piece in front of you, with the inner fabric facing up. Position and pin the flap piece at the top, aligning all the fabric edges.
8. Pin the large pocket on top of the base piece, aligning with the bottom edges and sides. Pin the small pocket on top of the large pocket, again aligning with the bottom edge and sides. Baste through all layers, securing everything into place. Use scissors to round off the corners. (A3)
9. Determine the centre of the base piece. Draw the centre quilt line of the compartments with tailor's chalk (you can use pencil if you don't have tailor's chalk). Draw lines either side of the centre line, at 2.5cm intervals, to the edge of the wrap.
10. Sew over each of the lines you've drawn, starting in the centre and topstitching each marked line. Don't be tempted to turn the fabric and sew – each line must be sewn in the same direction. Keep an eye on the fabric to make sure it hasn't shifted. Make sure all sides are straight and even, and trim if necessary. (A4)
11. Now your compartments are complete, you need to add the bias binding around the edge. You may find it easier to edgestitch all around the outside of the panel and remove the basting stitches before you do so.
12. Measure your project, and cut the bias binding an inch or so longer than you need. Fold and press the tape lengthways. Cut one end at a 45-degree angle and fold the raw edge inside 0.5cm. Press. Because you have rounded the corners, you can simply ease the tape round the wrap - open it out and pin to the edge of your fabric, on the inner side.
13. Sew along the first crease line, then fold the tape over, enclosing the fabric edge. By hand, use slipstitch to attach the bias binding all around the outer edge. Overlap the ends when they meet, trim the excess and backstitch to secure. (A5 + A6)
14. Take another length of bias binding and fold it in half lengthways. Press. Fold each end inside 1cm, press again, then sew down the length to create a tie for your wrap. Find the centre and hand-stitch securely to the centre of the outside of the wrap.



Needle wrap
Small pocket lining

Needle wrap
Small pocket front



Cut this template
for your needle wrap

Needle wrap
Outside & inner
(over 2 pages)



Match up the dotted lines

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Needle wrap Top flap



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Needle wrap Large pocket lining



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Needle wrap Large pocket front



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