

Thread Whimsy Wallet



Material Requirements:

3 x felted wool charm squares (approx 20cm x 20cm each)

A piece of iron on interfacing the same size as a charm square

A strip of heavy duty interfacing, bag batting or plastic approx 20cm x 2 cm

50 cm elastic

Aurifil Cotton Mako' Ne 28 for piecing & as a bobbin thread for the Lana embroidery

Aurifil Lana thread for blanket stitch in a colour to compliment the charm squares

Additional Aurifil Lana thread to make the decorative crochet flowers

Beads & Ribbon

Construction:

1. Choose a piece of felted wool for:

- The inside lining,
- the back of the wallet &
- the pocket lining and front flap



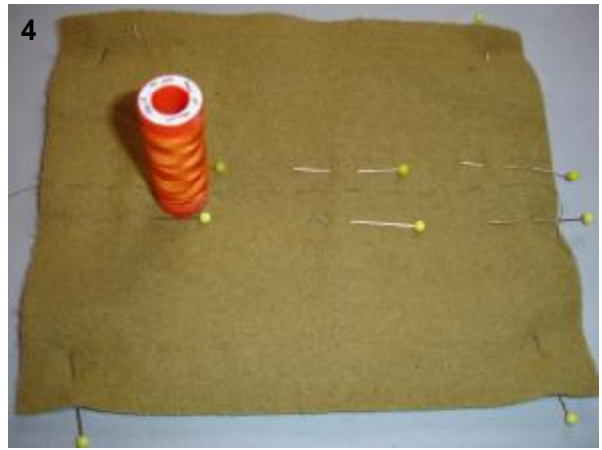
2. Baste the piece of interfacing to the back of the inside lining fabric.

Do NOT press into place at this point

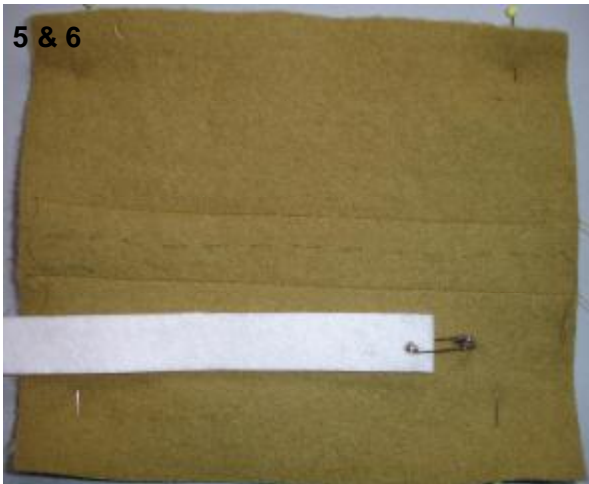
3. Find the centre of every charm square & baste a line to mark this position



4. Audition the spools to work out the minimum size for the base of the wallet. eg: The Aurifil mini spools need a 2cm base.



5. Machine stitch a channel to hold the base stiffening, positioning a line of stitching 1cm either side of the centre basting line.



6. Feed the base stiffener through the channel that the stitching has created between the felted wool & interfacing. The interfacing may be pressed onto place at this point

7. Cut two pieces of elastic approximately 3 cm longer than the width of the lining

8. Mark the spool positions onto the elastic with a pencil. Mark 3 spaces on 1 piece of elastic and 4 space on the other.

9. Position the elastic spool restraints approximately mid way between the base stitching lines & the edges of the fabric.

10. Zig Zag, or satin stitch, the elastic into place on the pencil guide lines.



See layout guide on last page.

11. Position the "flap" fabric over the back of the top half of the lining. From the lining side, stitch a row of decorative stitching along the top edge to hold the 2 felted wool pieces together.

12. Position the Back outer fabric in place so that it covers half the "flap" fabric and ALL the wrong side of the lining fabric.



13. Machine blanket stitch the three edges of the wallet where the lining and back are touching BUT hand applique any of the edges where there is only ONE layer of felted wool (see photos over page)

14. Add press studs, or velcro, to fasten the corners of the spool wallet and in the centre of back pocket. Add a ribbon to the outside base, to tie the wallet closed.

15. Embellish the front flap with miniature crochet flowers made with Lana wool thread, embroidery stitchery or applique of your choose.



The multi-layering of the charm squares creates a pocket on the back to hold needles & scissors

Use these images of the back pocket & inside thread loops to help you work out the pattern and the position of the blanket stitching.

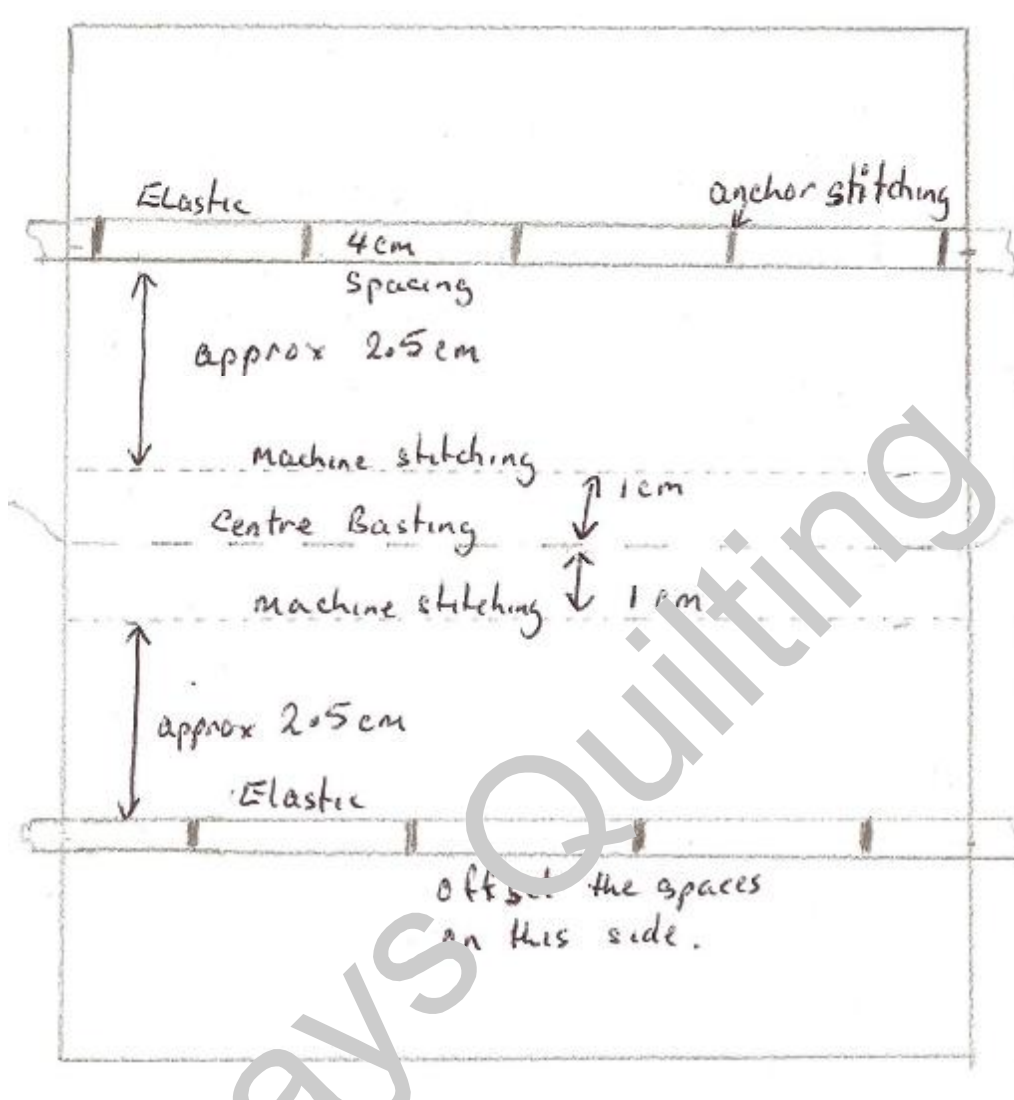


Add press studs or velcro to hold the wallet closed

The spools are offset so that they lock into place when the wallet is closed

A hand drawn layout guide for setting up the centre of the thread wallet.

NOTE: Drawing not to scale and measurements are a guide only as your fabric pieces may be a different size.



A Miniature Fantasy Crochet Flower using Lana Wool blend & a 1.25 crochet hook
 Green Flower is worked with two strands of Lana. (I used a light & a dark green)
 Make a smaller flower centre by repeating the design with one strand of Lana



Base Ring: 6ch, join with a slip stitch

Round 1: 1 ch, 24 dc into ring, sl st into 1st dc

Round 2: 5 ch (counted as 1 tr & 2 ch), 1tr into next dc, [1ch, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into next dc, 2ch, 1 tr into next dc] repeat 6 times, 1 ch, skip dc, sl st into 3rd of 5 ch.

Round 3: Sl st into first 2 ch space, 2 ch (counted as 1htr), *[1htr, 2ch, 2htr] into same 2 chain space, 1 dc into next chain space, repeat from * 6 more times, sl st into top of 2ch

Round 4: Sl st into next htr and into next 2 chain space, 3 ch, [2tr, 1ch, 3tr] into same 2 chain space, 1dc on each side of next dc, *[3tr, 1ch, 3tr] into next 2 chain space, 1dc on either side of next dc, repeat from * 6 time, sl st into top of 3 ch. Cast off

You can create a multitude of miniature flowers by simply substituting Aurifil Lana for the yarn recommended for any of your favourite motif designs.

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