

Knitting Needle Wrap

Okay folks. Just because Stitch'n'Time is taking a break doesn't mean we can't get stitching. In fact, now is an ideal opportunity to get all those sewing projects completed. Here is a little project to get you started. Don't worry if you haven't got a sewing machine everything can be done with hand stitching.

We all have a spare tea towel hiding at the back of a drawer. Get it out and let's get started.



Photo 1 – today's project

Today we are making a Knitting Needle Holder, although it can easily be adapted to hold other items. Or why not make one to give away? When you're finished, your needles will be in a handy roll like the one shown in Photo 1.

All you need is; one tea towel, thread to match and a length of tape or ribbon.

Step 1

Lay the tea towel flat, the wrong side uppermost and decide where you are going to fold in the two shorter edges. The position of these folds will determine the size of the pockets. My tea towel is 60cm x 42cm and I have decided to fold one short edge over to form a flap 14cm wide and then make another fold along the other short edge, to form a further flap 7cm wide, as you can see in Photo 2. The workpiece is now 39cm x 42cm – a good fit for my knitting needles. Once I was happy that the folds were straight and in the right place, I ironed them to make sure they stayed in position, ready for sewing.

Photo 2 shows what the workpiece looks like at this stage. Towards the top of the picture, you can see the dark coloured knitting needle that I used to make sure my needles would actually fit in the finished wrap!



Photo 2 – the flaps folded over and ironed in place

Stage 2

Sew the larger flap in position with a seam at each end close to the edge to form the pocket that will hold your knitting needles. Then stitch along the shorter flap, quite close to the edge, to emphasise the fold. The dotted lines in figure 2 show how these lines of stitching are positioned.

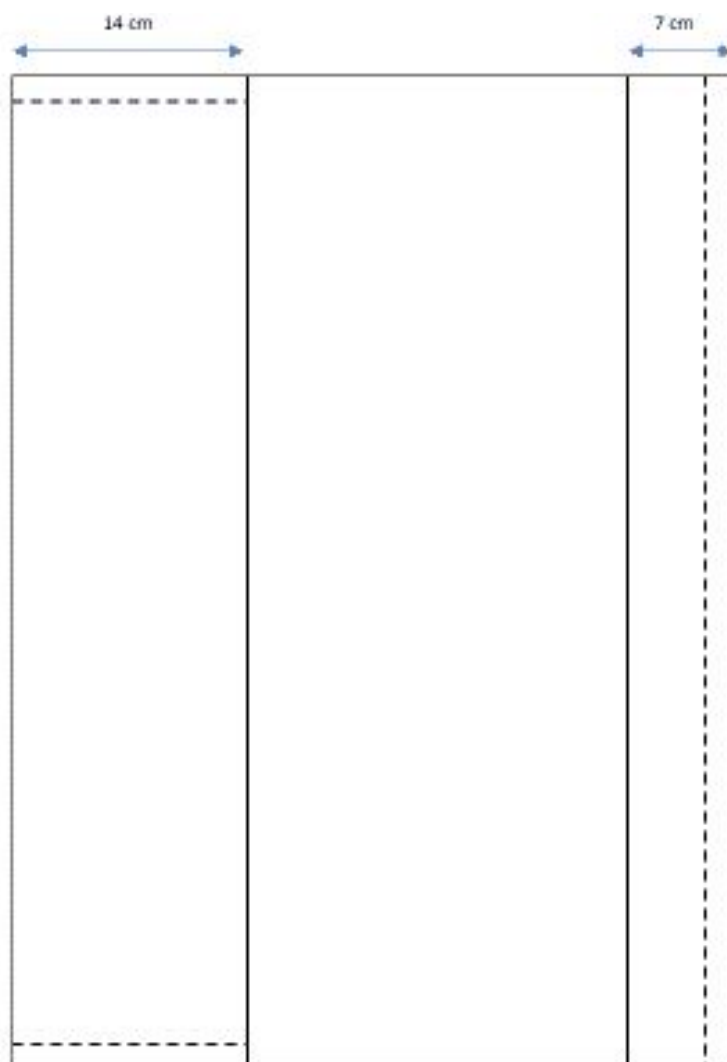


figure 1

Stage 3

Now we are ready to make the individual pockets for the needles. Draw fine lines from the edge fold to the top of the pocket, roughly 4 cm apart as shown in Photo 3. Then pin to secure.

Stitch along the marked lines, to make the pockets. Remember to backstitch at the top end to add a bit of strength to the pocket.



Photo 3 – individual pockets marked out and pinned

Stage 4

All that is left to do now is to make sure your wrap stays neatly rolled up once your knitting needles are stored in it. Take a length of tape or ribbon about 90 cm long. At each end, fold the tape over 5mm and then again another 5mm and stitch to prevent fraying. Fold the tape in half to find its midpoint and with the wrap laid pocket side down, lay the tape along its length, about halfway up, as shown in Photo 4. Now pin the midpoint of the tape half way up one edge. Sew a rectangle 2 cm x 3 cm to secure the tape and then remove any pins.



Photo 4 –positioning the tape

Stage 5

To complete your project, pack up your needle roll with your knitting needles, flap over the top section, roll up towards the end to which the tape is attached and tie a pretty bow. Project complete.

Well done!

You can add any embellishments you like, why not add a few buttons or bows. You could even embroider the needle sizes



Photo 5 –packed up and ready to go