Adaptation of Petite Project, “My Mini Sampler,” into a needle and scissor case.

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Materials as listed in Petite Project, however we will be working it horizontal. I used 2 strands of floss throughout. I used one color. Consider using multiple colors. It would also work well on 32 ct linen or 14 ct evenweave.

Also: 8 x 5 inch 28ct linen (or fabric of your choice.)

11x 8 inch Lining fabric

Muslin

Fusible interfacing

2 x 3 inch felt

To Begin:

Hold fabric with the long sides on the top and bottom, find the center and work a backstitched line 69 stitches long over 2 threads. Count over 100 threads and repeat the backstitched line. Count over 100 threads in the opposite direction and repeat the back stitched line again.

Starting on the left side, count down 4 threads and work Long Arm Cross found on page 8.

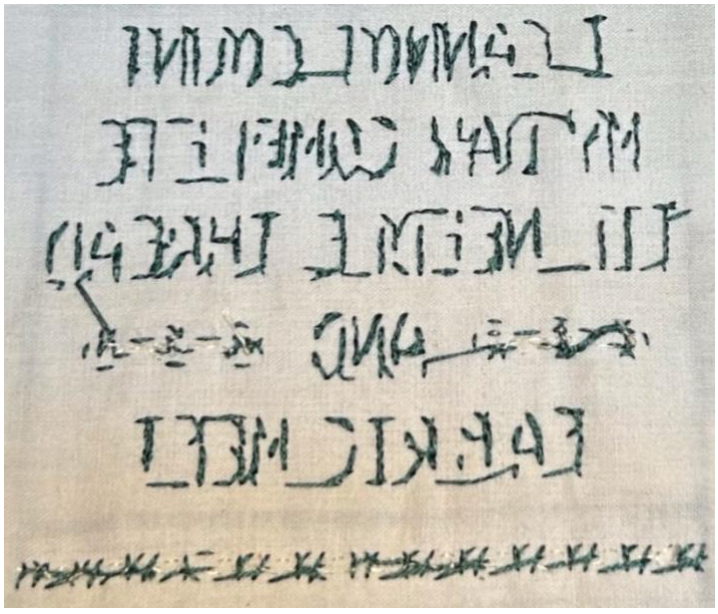
Let's take a break and talk about Shadows. Shadows occur when you carry your working thread across the back of the work. This line sometimes shows on the front. It can be where you travel from one letter to the next or from motif to motif.

Example of shadows:



This can be avoided a couple ways. Note on Bands 6 and 11, I added a backstitched line across the bottom to give my thread a place to go.

Another way I would suggest when working the letters is to cut a piece of muslin the size of your ground fabric. Hold it on the back of your work and stitch through it. I put them together into a hoop. Back of work stitched through muslin:

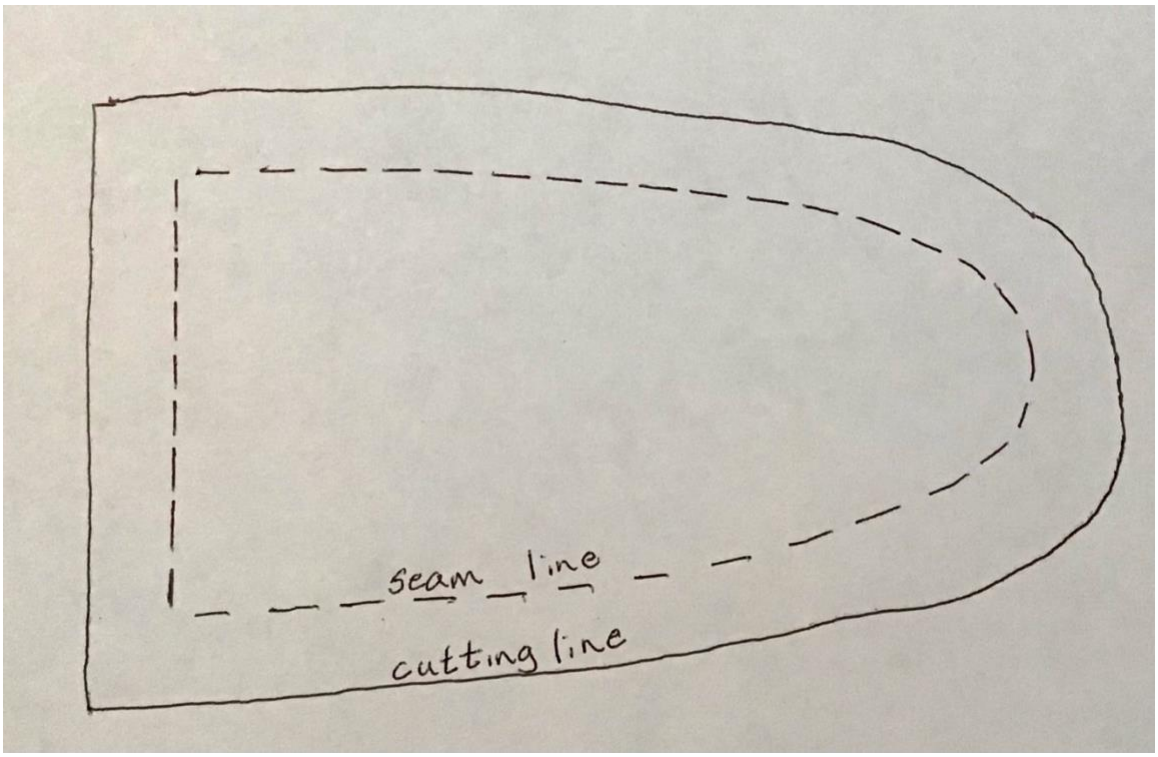


Returning to your work continue through Band 13.

On the right-hand side, count down 6 threads. Work Band 1 and continue down through Band 4 ending with Long Arm Cross.

Scissor Pocket

8 x 5 inch 28 ct linen. Trace the scissor pocket pattern lightly. Work a band of your choice 1 ¼ inches down from the top, beginning and ending on the stitching line. Trim piece along cutting line. With right sides together sew onto a piece of muslin leaving a gap for turning. Turn right side out and press.



Finishing

Cut your stitched linen ¾ inch away from stitching. Cut lining the same size. Decide where the felt for needle should be and sew into place.

Fuse interfacing to wrong side of your stitching.

Layer worked piece and lining right sides together and sew around leaving a gap for turning. Trim interfacing close to seam. Turn right side out and press.

Attach snap to lining for the scissor pocket. Attach other side of the snap to the back of the pocket. Whip stitch the pocket in place.

Attach snap to inside of needle book.

Option: Use ribbons or buttons/button loops instead of snaps.

Finally, using one strand of floss, work running stitch through the backstitches of the spine to firmly attach the lining to the stitching.

