

ETUI—Sewing Kit

1. Trace pattern pieces onto the dull side of freezer paper, then cut apart.
2. Iron the freezer paper pattern pieces onto your wool and cut carefully on the lines. Set aside.
3. On piece A, the outside of the etui, fold up the thimble pocket tab that is on the bottom edge, so that the bottom edge makes a straight line. Press in a crease and unfold it.
4. Referring to the pattern pieces, fold the etui following the dotted lines and press carefully. Make sure the sides are being pressed toward the thimble pocket.
5. Do this same procedure with the white lining piece (the one without the tab). Crease the flap of the thimble pocket (piece C), press well.
6. Stitch the flap onto the lining. To determine the placement, lay the lining on top of piece A, making sure all the creases fold up. Fold the thimble pocket up over the lining and place the flap with the creased edge on the lining so the flap comes down over the pocket piece. Make sure the flap piece is centered over the piece that will become the pocket. Pin the creased edge of the flap to the lining and take it to the sewing machine (without the piece A) and stitch in the pressed crease.
7. Using a 15" piece of satin ribbon, find the center by matching the ends and creasing the middle. Stitch it to the lining where the X is marked on the pattern. This will hold your scissors.
8. Piece D is the needle keep and should be stitched to the lining as indicated on the pattern near the top of the center lining section. Appliqué using blanket or whip stitch.
9. The pin keep (E) is stitched to the right hand side of the lining, as indicated on the pattern.
10. Refer to the pictures and pattern pieces to position and appliqué the flowers and leaves. The flowers can be embellished with stitches, French knots, and beads to personalize your etui.
11. To finish, lay the lining (right side up) with the thimble pocket flap up, and place the front of the etui (wrong side down) with the thimble pocket on top of the lining just below the pocket flap. (the pocket flap should fit down over the top of the thimble pocket when it's folded down.)
12. Pin the thimble pocket in place and stitch 1/8th inch from the side edges, starting and stopping at dots.
13. Fold the front (A) up to meet the top edge of piece A to piece B, pinning along the curved edge.
14. Sew the two layers together along the side creases (the creases on either side of the center section) with matching thread.
15. Fold over the scissors pocket from the front over the lining and pin it close to the crease. Trim it if necessary, then sew another line of stitching 1/8th of inch away from the stitching in the crease, making sure you catch the raw edge of the scissors pocket in this seam.
16. Do the same thing with the flap on the other side.
17. Blanket stitch the top edges together.
18. Take a 10 inch piece of grosgrain ribbon, turn under one end twice and place it 2 1/2" up from the bottom of the etui (on the outside) on the crease in the spot marked with the X. Using matching floss, attach it to the etui with 3 or 4 French knots.
19. Attach the other piece on the opposite side at the edge, so it will be in line with the first grosgrain ribbon.
20. Trace pattern F onto card stock, cut out, score on dotted line; fold in half lengthwise. Tape the edge, then apply a dot or two of fabric glue and insert it into the scissors pocket to keep the points from making a hole in the wool.
21. Fold etui in thirds and tie the grosgrain ribbons, trimming if needed. Lay it on a terry towel and press lightly with steam to set the creases. Turn over and repeat.