

don't lose that page!

A cute project for kids to make as a gift or for themselves, and a great way to practise their blanket-stitching!



Measurements

Finished size of each: 3.5cm x 23cm
(1 1/2in x 9in)

Materials

- Pre-cut rectangles of felt in colours of your choice
- Stranded embroidery cotton in colours to match the felt
- No 9 crewel needle
- Beads of your choice
- Pins
- Scissors
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Ruler

Stitches used

Blanket stitch, backstitch

Method

Using a pencil and ruler, lightly mark out two 3.5cm x 23cm rectangles on the felt to make the bookmark, then cut them out neatly along the lines with sharp scissors, ensuring the corners are square.

Trace the templates for the bookmark you have chosen to make from the pattern sheet onto tracing paper with a lead pencil.

Cut out the shapes from the tracing paper, then pin them onto the felt of your chosen colour. Cut around each shape carefully, cutting as many

of the pieces as required (refer to the photographs of the bookmarks and to the pattern sheet for details about each design).

Decide on the positioning of each felt shape, then carefully pin them in place on one of the bookmark rectangles. Blanket-stitch a shape to the rectangle with three strands of matching embroidery cotton. Repeat this step until all the required pieces have been stitched to the rectangle.

Blanket-stitch the two bookmark rectangles together with three strands of a contrasting colour.

To make the fringe, stop blanket-stitching 3.5cm from each end and backstitch across this mark. Sharon added beads to the thread as she stitched. Then cut the unstitched ends into strips, 5mm apart.

Embellish the bookmarks with beads if you choose to make your designs more individual. ●

