

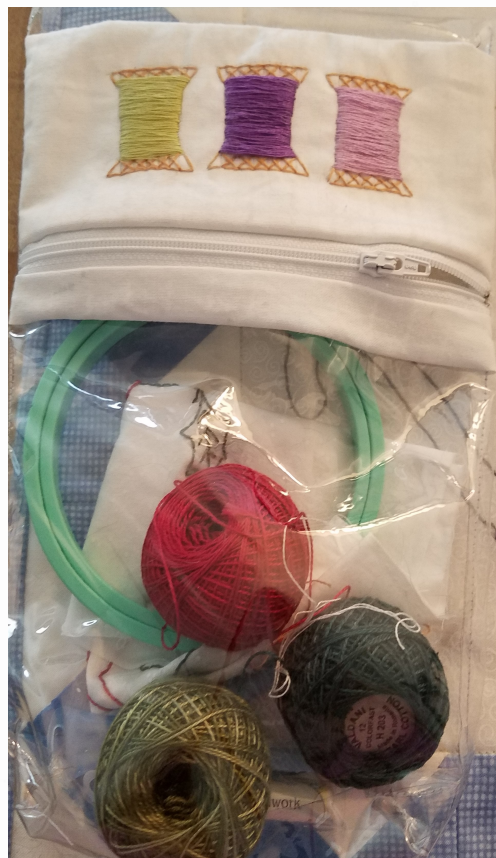


Puppy Girl Designs
Stitching for the Modern Soul

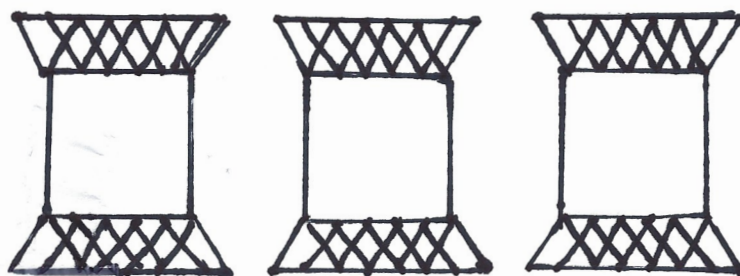
Spool of Threads Project Case ©

Materials:- 7" x 18" clear light weight vinyl (thickness of your choice), 6" zipper, 8" x 14" background fabric (want to make sure this fabric fits your hoop, go larger if needed for comfort), 8" x 8" batting, DMC Floss - #3836 (lavender), #208 (purple), #472 (green), #434 (tan), choose colors you like!

Directions: Stitched portion – Using photo for orientation, 2" down from the 8" side, lightly draw a 3-3/4" x 6- 3/4" rectangle using a mechanical pencil or disappearing pen. Transfer the pattern in the center of that rectangle. I like a slightly dimensional look, so I centered the 8" x 8" piece of batting under the traced pattern. Using a back stitch, stitch the outline of the top and bottom of each thread spool. Then fill in the "x"s. For the "thread" portion, I used a long stitch, coming up on one side and going down across the way, in a straight line. Make the stitches very close together as the purpose is to completely cover the background fabric. If there are spots where the fabric is seen, go back and repeat the stitch to fill in. Having the batting is also very good for the long stitch as it provides stability, or bulk, to keep the threads in place. When done, trim the piece on the marked rectangle. Sew the spool unit to same size piece of background fabric, rights sides together, leaving a 2" opening on the bottom. Turn it right side out, poke out the corners, turn in the open seam and press lightly. From remaining background fabric, cut 2 pieces at 1-1/2" x 6-3/4", sew the rights sides together, poke out the corners, turn in the open seam and press lightly. Insert the zipper between the two finished pieces (Google for demo). Sew the 7" end of vinyl (right sides together) to the spool top. Sew the other 7" end of vinyl to bottom of lower background piece. Open the zipper 2". Leave



1" of vinyl above thread piece, sew sides. To create bottom pleat, measure 3/4" in from point, mark and sew. Repeat other side. Turn unit right side out. If happy with pleat, trim excess point. Enjoy!



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