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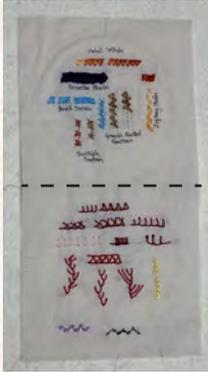


Embroidery Sampler Roll

In the 16th century, sampler rolls, or embroidery bands, were a means of recording and sharing stitches between embroiderers. Today, a sampler roll is a useful tool for learning, experimenting, creating and saving stitches for designs and projects. They are simple to make and a great reference tool.

NOTES: $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Press seams open. Cut 7" x 7" squares of fabric with a pinking rotary blade or pinking shears for the embroidery sample pages.

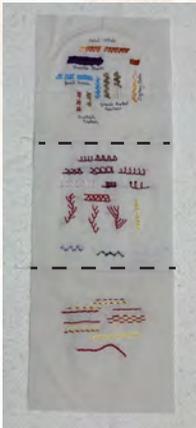
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1. Embroider sample stitches and techniques on fabric pages. These pages are a perfect size for a 5" embroidery hoop. The fabric may be a length of fabric or randomly pieced fabrics. Use cotton, linen, wool, or silk.

2. Once the embroidered samples are finished, trim to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

3. Place two embroidered sample pages right sides together. Stitch. Press seam open.

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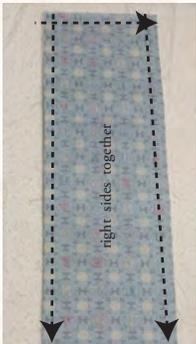
4. Place a third embroidered sample page to the bottom of the second page, right sides together. Stitch. Press seams open.

5. Continue stitching pages to the bottom of the previous embroidered page, right sides together. Press seams open.

6. Measure the length of the embroidered pages. Cut a piece of backing fabric $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x the measured length. If necessary, piece the backing.

7. Place the embroidered pages and the backing fabric right sides together. Pin. Stitch together across the top edge. Next stitch down the length on both sides, top to bottom. Leave the bottom edge open. *

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8. Turn right side out. With the backing facing up, press seams flat.

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9. Cut an $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard piece of $\frac{5}{8}$ " cotton bias tape or ribbon. Fold in half to $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 27". Measure $1\frac{1}{4}$ " from fold. Center on the top edge of the Roll with fold pointing towards the length of the Roll. Stitch back and forth several times across the tape or ribbon close to the edge of the Roll.

10. Roll the embroidered pages from bottom to top. Wrap the ribbon around the Roll and tie together to hold the Roll in place.

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* Adding Additional Embroidered Pages:

Open both side seams 2" up from the bottom. Add embroidered pages to the bottom of the roll following step 5. Measure the length of the additional pages and cut a backing this length. Stitch to the bottom of the original backing piece. Place the new embroidered pages right sides together with backing. Stitch down the length of both sides. Turn right side out. Press flat from the backing side.

Continue adding groups of new embroidered sample pages. As of this writing, my Sampler Roll is over 6' long and growing!