

INSPIRATION



there is so much more than 'just stitching'

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Bookmark 1.art

2.78x6.39 inches; 4,495 stitches

10 thread changes; 9 colors

Color Changes

1. Machine Stop Color 1

2. Machine Stop Color 2

3. Metallic Gold

4. Purple

5. White

6. Charcoal

7. Black

8. Brown Dark

9. Green Moss

10. Charcoal

Please note that I do not work according to certain brands of thread - hence you will not find color codes or brand names here - rather a description.

'Machine stop colors' are only there to make the machine stop to enable you to perform certain tasks. You can thread any color suitable.

ALWAYS read the **COMPLETE** instructions before you start to make sure you have everything you need for the project on hand.

Materials needed:

17x8 cm / 6.8x3.2 in cork fabric (cut 2)

7x5cm / 2.8x2 in cork fabric (cut 1)

Hot fix crystals (optional)

Mylar (optional)

WSS (water soluble stabilizer)

505 Spray

Note: The cork fabric used for our projects is available from amazon.com.

https://www.amazon.com/LaRibbons-Natural-Color-Ribbon-Fabric/dp/B06XXWLBNN/ref=sr_1_3?crid=2K79CCQZ6OEDF&keywords=cork+fabric+for+sewing&qid=1559456742&s=gateway&srefix=cork+fabric+for+sewing%2Caps%2C494&sr=8-3

You will enjoy working with cork. It is rather soft to the touch and has one big advantage: it does not fray! It is vegan, so no animal product = peace of mind there too. AND: It takes well to embroidery! You can even iron it – not hot-hot but it takes a medium set iron. Keep all off cuts. Can be used for charms, tassels, loops, handles etc.



Method:

Tightly hoop your WSS and stitch first color. Spray the inner area of the shape with a little 505 and position cork right side up. Position as accurately as possible. Finger press and stitch in place with 2nd color.





If you plan to use Mylar place it now followed by 1 layer of WSS. Don't use 505 – rather cello tape to keep it in place.





Do the stitching until 2 colors are left to do.



Carefully remove Mylar from underneath the WSS.



Stitch 2nd last color.



Cut away as much WSS as possible. If you plan to use hot fix crystals place them now.



Next prepare the fringe using the small cork fabric piece. Draw a line on the wrong side of the cork 1cm away from 1 longer edge. Create 'fringes' with your rotary cutter.



Place hoop wrong side up and spray the lower area of the book mark with 505. Position the fringes wrong side up as shown. Edges match up with the outer edges of the book mark.



Again use 505 (this time over the entire area) and accurately place the 2nd piece of cork fabric right side up.

Turn hoop around and finger press inside.



Stitch last color.



Carefully neaten sides, upper curve and lower area with a bent sharp pair of scissors. Be careful not to damage the fringes. Soak a sponge with warm water and dab away the remaining WSS. Cork can handle water to a certain extend. But don't soak the whole bookmark. Press a towel over the wet area. Then use a hairdryer for a quick dry.



