

Vanilla Latte' Thread Catcher

Cutting:

4 1/2" (to finish at 4") quilt block

Lining fabric - 9x16 bag lining, 1 3/4 x 3 scissor tab, 4 1/2 square pincushion back

Main Fabric - 9x16 bag, 3 1/2 x 5 hanging tab

Muslin - two 4 1/4" squares

1/2" wide Nylon strapping - 17"

3" square metal weight

Crushed walnut shells to stuff lining bag

1. Fold hanging tab in half right sides together to make a 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 rectangle, stitch the 3 1/2" side with a 1/4" seam. Press seam open, turn right side out, center seam in back and press.
2. Fold scissor tab in half wrong sides together to make a 1 3/4 x 1 1/2 rectangle, press. Open and fold short raw edges to the center, re-press. You should now have a 1 3/4 x 3/4 rectangle with raw edges on the short ends. Topstitch 1/8" from folded edges. Turn under a scant 1/4" on both short raw edges. Center on front of hanging tab (side without seam) about 1 1/4" from top and stitch folded short sides to tab with a 1/8" away from fold topstitch.
3. Center hanging tab on one side of the 4 1/2" quilt block with scissor tab facing block and stitch with a 1/4" seam.
4. Fold hanging tab so that it is entirely within the seam allowance that will be sewn around the quilt block and place the 4 1/2" square of lining right sides together with the quilt block. Stitch a 1/4" seam around 3 sides of the block and to within 1/4" of the hanging tab on each side. Leave open a 3" section where the hanging tab is, be sure to backstitch at beginning and end. Clip corners and before turning, press 1/4" of the open raw edge of the lining piece to the wrong side. Turn right side out and press.
5. Fold bag right sides together to make a 9x8 rectangle. Sew a 1/4" seam on the 9" side. Press seam open and center on the back of the bag. Press to make a fold mark partially up the sides. Stitch a 1/4" seam across the bottom, finger press this seam to one side. Make box corners in the bottom of the bag, matching pressed fold line with seam and sewing a line 1 1/4" from the point. Trim off corners.
6. Make lining the same way, **leaving an opening about 3" long in the first seam.**
7. Turn lining right side out. Place hanging tab (with quilt block pin cushion attached) right sides together, raw edges even and centering on the seam of the lining. Make sure the scissor tab faces the lining right side.
7. Place the lining piece with hanging tab inside of the bag (still wrong side out), matching up seam line, right sides together. Stitch a 1/4" seam around the top of the bag, catching in the hanging tab.
8. Turn right side out through the opening in the bag lining. Use your fingernail to press the seam toward the bag - away from the lining. Fold the lining into the bag and press the top edge.
9. Insert the strapping in-between the lining and the bag and push it up to the top edge. It should overlap about 1/2 - 1". Pin just below the strapping, pushing it tight to the top of the bag. Stitch just below the strapping to hold it in place.
10. Pull the lining out of the bag and stitch the opening closed by topstitching about 1/16" from the folded edges. Or hand stitch if desired.
11. Make a bag for the walnut shells from the two squares of muslin. Stitch around the edges, leaving a 1 1/2" opening and backstitching at beginning and end. Use a smaller stitch length - about 1.8mm. No need to turn right side out. Fill with crushed walnut shells and hand stitch the opening closed.
12. Insert lining bag of walnut shells and a 3x3 metal weight into the pincushion. Hand stitch the opening closed.

